

11. The children and grandchildren of Benjamin Benton Smith Sr and his two wives Lucretia Ann Gilliland and Mary Margaret Wilson

11. Benjamin Benton Smith Sr 11 SEP 1867 • Pleasanton, TX - 4 NOV 1939 • Silver City, Grant, NM
 Lucretia Ann Gilliland 31 OCT 1876 • Kimble County, TX - 11 FEB 1962 • Newberg, Yamhill, Oregon
 Marriage: 30 Mar 1892 • Dona Ana, New Mexico – Divorce 16 Apr 1909
 Mary Margaret Wilson 23 JAN 1872 • Bosque County, TX - 19 FEB 1939 • Silver City, NM



Photos of Benjamin, Lucretia, and Ben and Mary's gravestone borrowed from FamilySearch.

One of the final two children of Jesse and Elizabeth was Benjamin Benton, the twin brother of Jesse. We don't have birth certificates to know who came first, but they arrived in Pleasanton 12 years before the family's move north to the San Angelo area. I think I stated it wrong earlier, but it appears as though they moved to Runnels County in 1879 and then in 1880 at the time of the Census, they moved to nearby Tom Green County and bought a ranch. Not knowing where they would be when the Census counter arrived, they were actually counted in both places. I guess if you are a twin you need to be double counted.

74. Lucy Grace Smith 13 JUL 1899 • Cloudcroft, NM - 12 AUG 1983 • Benson, Cochise, AZ
 Freeland Moody 7 APR 1898 • Thatcher, AZ - 13 DEC 1972 • Thatcher, AZ
 Marriage: 25 Mar 1921 • Clifton, Greenlee, AZ



A lovely picture of Lucy and Freeland posted by their granddaughter Diane Signs on FamilySearch.

I go into this section with some trepidation as there appear to be many family members from the Moody family that are very active in genealogy and have a much better knowledge of their family than I will ever be able to deduce from my record searches, but hopefully I am doing justice to your loved ones and if you encounter this, please feel free to contact me with corrections and additions.

Lucy was the 5th child of Benjamin and Lucretia and the youngest daughter though she would have a younger half-sister after her father remarried. Her early history is like her siblings in that she was born before the turn of the century in 1899 and would have been in the 1900 Census, but doesn't appear until we find the 1910 Census after Ben and Lucretia have split and then she is with her divorced (from her 2nd husband) mother in 1920 with brothers Richard and Albert. Shortly after the 1920 Census, she married Freeland Moody. They obtained their license and were married on 25 Mar 1921 in Clifton, AZ per records on FamilySearch. Their service was performed by JP J. E. Fox in the presence of Ben C. Fehrmann and Jesus Cruz.

Children of Lucy Grace Smith and Freeland Moody

249	Lillie Moody	1922	2012	Lucy and Freeland's Child#1
250	Ruby Lorraine Moody	1923	2018	Lucy and Freeland's Child#2
251	Theodore Frank Moody	1925	2010	Lucy and Freeland's Child#3
252	Roy Gililland Moody	1927	1930	Lucy and Freeland's Child#4
253	Gracie Mae Moody	1928	1961	Lucy and Freeland's Child#5
254	Thelma Ann Moody	1930		Lucy and Freeland's Child#6
255	Freda Rose Moody	1933	1998	Lucy and Freeland's Child#7
256	Ellen Lucille Moody	1939		Lucy and Freeland's Child#8
257	Thomas Edward Moody	1941		Lucy and Freeland's Child#9

249. Lillie Moody - 9 MAR 1922 • Duncan, AZ - 13 SEP 2012 • Pima, AZ

#1 Clarence Ray Herbert - 2 SEP 1917 • Leaf, GA - 15 FEB 1982 • Graham County, AZ

Marriage: 1 Oct 1937 • Graham, AZ – Divorced

#2 Harold Mack Samuel Olsen - 28 MAR 1904 • Layton, AZ - 10 MAR 1984 • Safford, AZ

Marriage: 1949 AZ – per Lillie's obit

#3 Lee Paul Green 19 JUNE 1904 • Vale, TN = 25 SEP 1978 • Arizona

Marriage: 1970 - Arizona



Photos from FamilySearch (enhanced)

Lucy and Freeland kicked off their family with the arrival of Lillie in Duncan, AZ in the spring of 1922. She was quickly followed by Ruby Lorraine Moody 1923, Theodore Frank Moody 1925, Roy Gililland Moody 1927, and Gracie Mae Moody 1928 so for her first census in 1930, there was already a household. They were living in Pima and her father was farming. In 1937, when she was a mere 15, she married Clarence Herbert, a young man 5 years older who was born in Georgia in 1912 where he was the oldest of 9 with 4 younger sisters and 4 younger brothers. He was still in Georgia in 1935, but somehow made his way to Arizona to marry Lillie. They were both living in Ashurst, AZ at the time of their marriage. They were married by the JP T. B. Reed. They were blessed with their first child Lillie Lorene Hebert on 1 July 1938 in Ashurst. Ashurst is a very small town north of Pima, AZ. The 1940 Census found Clarence, Lillie and baby Lillie in Ashurst and Clarence was classified as a new worker. As was the rule, on 1 Oct 1940 (which was their 2nd wedding anniversary) Clarence registered for the WW2 Draft which found them in Ashurst and he was working for Roy Layton in Thatcher, AZ which is a little bigger town south of Ashurst. He was 5'-7"-180lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. His father was his point of contact in nearby Geronimo, AZ. I have not found any evidence that he served. Based on the birth record of their child, it doesn't look like he was away because following Lillie, they were blessed with Robert F. Herbert in 1943, Betty Jane Hebert in 1944, and Clarence Joe Herbert in 1945. At some point between 1945 and 1949, Clarence and Lillie divorced and in 1949 per her obituary, she married Harold "Mack" Olsen.

This marriage causes a bit of confusion because I started looking for the children's birth certificates and found at least one from 1938 indicating that Mack was the father. In looking deeper, I discovered from Lillie's obituary that Mack adopted her 4 children that she had with Clarence and the birth certificates were updated in 1954. I only found one for the oldest daughter, but I believe that all of those 4 children used the Olsen surname after 1954 even though their birth name was Herbert. We will explore this further when I explore their children. Anyway, the 1950 Census found newly married Lorene and her 4 children with her

new husband Harold living 5 mile south of Thatcher, AZ where Harold appears to be working at a golf course and Lorene was working at a laundry. At this point, the children are all still going by their birth surnames.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		Graham, Arizona										
Olsen	Harold S	Head	White	Male	46	1904	Married	Arizona		60	Golf Commer	Car Keeper
Olsen	Lillie	Wife	White	Female	28	1922	Married	Arizona		44	Laundry Worker	
Herbert	Lillie L	Stepdaughter (Step	White	Female	11	1939	Never Married	Arizona				
Herbert	Robt F	Stepson (Step Son)	White	Male	7	1943	Never Married	Arizona				
Herbert	Betty Jane	Stepdaughter (Step	White	Female	5	1945	Never Married	Arizona				
Herbert	Clarence Jo	Stepson (Step Son)	White	Male	4	1946	Never Married	Arizona				

Mack was one of 9 children born to Oscar and Rachel Weech Olsen both from Utah. He had a twin brother Harry. That must have been confusing with Harold and Harry. He had two older brothers and an older sister and one younger brother and 3 younger sisters. One of his sisters, Lola, only lived 2 years from 1906 to 1908. Their birthdates ranged from 1895 to 1916. His father died in 1925 and Mack seems to have been the son that stayed home looking after his widowed mother who never remarried until her death in 1959. On 14 Feb 1942, he registered for the WW2 Draft when he was 37. He was 5'-9"-175lbs-blue eyes-blond (though bald)-ruddy complexion. He lived in Safford, AZ with his mother who was his point of contact and worked for himself. The 1940 Census does not show his occupation. He seems to have enlisted in the Navy on 27 May 1942 in San Diego with service number 5555585. Searching military records, he seems to have spent the war at Armed Guard Center (Pac) Treasure Island San Francisco. He was discharged on 23 Dec 1945. I guess he got tired of looking after his mother and wanted a little adventure. Returning to Arizona, he married Lillie in 1949 according to her obituary and adopted her 4 children. He was 45 and Lillie was 27. He and Lillie proceeded to have one additional child, Rex Mack Olsen in 1953 when he was 49 and Lillie was 31. As usual, records get scarce after 1950 so I will resort to obituaries and research on children to fill in the blanks. I will note that his oldest brother died in 1935 from TB and his youngest sister died shortly after his marriage in a car wreck. Harold being much older died in 1984 and his obituary reads:

Harold S. "Mac" Olsen

SAFFORD- Harold S. "Mac" Olsen, 79, a retired Safford city employee, died March 10, 1984, in Pima. Mr. Olsen, a Safford native, served in the Navy in World War II.

Survivors include his daughter, Betty Cluff; sons, Bob, Joe and Rex; two sisters and three brothers; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Caldwell's Chapel of the Valley. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday.

While not providing a lot of information, it does show that his adopted daughter Betty Herbert Olson was married to someone named Cluff, that adopted daughter Lillie is missing, and sons Robert(Bob), Clarence(Joe), and Rex are still around and that there are 10 grandchildren from that group of children. Let's see what Lillie's obituary from 2012 can tell us. It reads:

Lillie Moody Green

*San Pedro Valley News-Sun (Benson, AZ) - Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Sept. 13, 2012*

Funeral services for Lillie Moody Green, age 90, of Pima, Ariz., were conducted Tuesday morning, Sept. 18, 2012, at the Pima L.D.S. Stake Center, by Bishop Ron Dalene of the Pima Second Ward. Concluding services followed in the Thatcher Cemetery.

Lillie was born March 9, 1922 near Duncan, Ariz., the first child of Freeland and Grace Moody and died in Pima at the age of 90. She and her eight siblings grew up on dairy farms located in the Gila Valley.

Lillie attended Ft. Thomas schools and in 1937 married Clarence Herbert and they became parents of four children, Lorene, Bob, Betty, and Joe. After divorcing Clarence, she married Harold (Mack) Olsen in 1949. Mack legally adopted her four children just after their only son, Rex, was born. The family lived in Safford, where Lillie became a seamstress – sewing, altering, and mending clothing for many valley residents. She later worked for the Gila Valley Dry Cleaning and Laundry Supply and for Crandall's Drug Store.

After divorcing Mack in 1970, Lillie married Lee Paul Green and moved to Benson, where she lived until 1994, when she moved to Thatcher. In 2007, poor health forced her to move to Pima with her daughter Betty.

Her favorite pastimes were reminiscing about her childhood and playing Rummikub with family and friends. She also delighted in her semi-annual brother-sister reunions and bi-annual Moody Thanksgiving reunions.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Freeland and Grace Moody; husbands, Clarence Herbert, Harold (Mack) Olsen and Lee Paul Green; siblings, Roy and Frank (Angie, living) Moody, Gracie (Marion) Farnsworth, Freeda (Ray) Costner and children, Lorene (Clarence) McGrath and Joe (Linda, living) Olsen, and by four great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her siblings, Ruby (Ed, deceased) Brown, Ann (Al) Parker, Ellen O'Bier, and Tom (Barbara) Moody; by her children, Bob (Sheila) Olsen, Betty (Philip) Cluff, and Rex (Julia) Olsen; by 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be offered at viningfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were entrusted to Vining Funeral Home.

This obituary begins with the information that Lillie has a new name and had a third husband, Lee Paul Green who she married in 1970 after divorcing Mack Olsen. We see information about her siblings which will come in handy as we explore them. As far as her children, we see that Lorene had married Clarence McGrath and both seem to have died while son Clarence Joe married someone named Linda. Joe died before 2012, but Linda was still living. Four of her great grandchildren also preceded her in death. We see son Robert (Bob) is married to Sheila, daughter Betty is married to Phillip Cluff, Son Rex is married to Julia and that she had 11 surviving grandchildren up from the 10 mentioned in Mack's obituary. I will not endeavor to chase down the younger kids.

I don't know a lot about her third husband. He seems to have been born in Tennessee in 1904 and he died in 1978. He seems to have been married before as his WW2 Draft Registration refers to his wife, Mrs. Lee Paul Green. At that time, he was living in Silver City, NM and working for Asarco Mining. He seems to have briefly married in Arkansas in 1927, but his wife, Dayne Stubblefield married Wellborne Craig in 1929 and had several more subsequent marriages. I then found another marriage record in Phoenix from 1938 where he married a Martha May McLure who was 36 to his 32 and he had been living in Seattle while she had been living in Muskogee, OK. I have been unable to find either in any census after 1920.

GREEN, Lee P., 74, of Benson, Az., passed away September 25, 1978. Funeral Service September 27, 1978. Survived by wife, Lillie; one brother; two sisters. Visitation Tuesday, September 26, 1978, 7-9 p.m. at Richardson's BENSON MORTUARY, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the Pomerene Church Ward LDS Church, with H. Cecil Kempton officiating. Burial Wednesday 10 a.m. Sept 27, 1978, in Pomerene Cemetery.

Not too much of value here.

Let's move on to the children. Starting with the oldest we find this sad obituary from 1964.

McGRATH, Lillie Lorene, 25, a native of Arizona and a resident of Anaheim for 4 years, living at 1613 E. Sycamore, died Tuesday night at a local hospital. She leaves her husband, Wilford Clarence McGrath; son, Steven Clarence and daughter Shawna Lynn McGrath both at home. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olsen of Safford, Arizona; three brothers, Bob, Joe, and Rex Olsen and a sister, Miss Betty Olsen all of Safford,

Arizona. She was a member of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Funeral arrangements pending at Hilgenfeld Mortuary.

This obituary tells us that she was married to Wilford Clarence McGrath and that they had a son and a daughter, Steven and Shawna. I was able to find that Shawna was born 8 Oct 1963 in Anaheim only 3 months before her mother's death. I have not found Steven's birthdate but my suspicion is that he was born in Arizona before they moved to Anaheim in 1960. I did find that Clarence had won 3rd place in a National



Art competition in Anaheim in 1963. Records are not completely clear, but Clarence appears to have married Florida Vargas in 1973 and there are some other records in Spanish script which I have not totally deciphered suggesting that he may have had a child in Mexico in Nov 1964. He died in 2007. He went on to become a rather famous artist with numerous articles about him in the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Here is an article about him and some of his artwork. I'm uncertain

of the fate of their two children. <https://www.susanlyon.com/blog/134574/clarence-mcgrath>

Efforts to find information about Robert F. Olsen have proven futile. Despite the fact that we know he is married to someone named Sheila and was alive in 2012, I have not found anything about him other than his mention in the two obituaries. I find a Shiela Olsen who was born 28 Aug 1943, but I don't know her maiden name.

I've been a little more successful with Betty. Unfortunately, people have to die before you can find much about them and Betty died in 2021. Her obituary reads:

Obituary for Betty Jane Cluff

Betty Jane Cluff, daughter of Lillie Moody and Harold "Mack" Olsen was born on July 3, 1944. She entered into eternal life September 1, 2021 at the age of 77. Betty was the third of 5 children. She graduated from Safford High School in 1962. After high school she attended Eastern Arizona Junior College where she met her sweetheart, Philip Cloard Cluff. They were married in the Mesa Arizona Temple on March 27, 1964. Philip and Betty had four children, each born in a different state. After Philip retired, they served a mission together in Spain. Betty served as a temple worker in the Mesa, Arizona Temple and The Gila Valley Temple for many years. She had a great love for her family and loved to listen to her children and grandchildren share their musical talents. Some of her hobbies include crocheting, woodworking, and cake decorating. She served in many positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Betty is survived by: her children, Melinda Reidhead (Delbert), Lorene Shiflet (Ron), Michael Cluff (Karen), and Richard Cluff (Stacie); nineteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and her brother, Bob Olsen. Betty was preceded in death by: her husband Philip; her parents; siblings Lorene, Joe and Rex; and five grandchildren. Funeral services for Betty will be conducted Wednesday morning, September 8, 2021, at 10:00am at the Pima Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Bishop Paul Anger of the Pima Second Ward. Concluding services will follow in the Pima Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday morning, September 8, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45am at the Pima Stake Center Relief Society Room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Those who would like to attend the services via Facebook Live can join on Vining Funeral Home's Facebook page, Wednesday morning, September 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. (MST). To plant memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Betty Cluff, please visit our flower store.

As mentioned, her husband predeceased her and his obituary reads:

Philip Cloard Cluff was born May 4, 1941 to Cloard and Elsie (McBride) Cluff in Bisbee, Arizona. He entered into eternal life April 5, 2020, in Pima, at the age of 78.

Philip was the oldest of five children. After graduating from Pima High School in 1959, he served a 2 ½ year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in northern Mexico. Following his missionary service, he met Betty Jane Olsen while attending Eastern Arizona Junior College. They were

married in the Mesa Arizona Temple on March 27, 1964. Philip graduated from the University of Arizona in 1967 and began a career with the USDA Forest Service as a civil engineer. He continued in that capacity for the next 28 years. Philip and Betty had four children, each born in a different state as they moved from forest to forest. Upon retirement, they served a mission together in Spain. For the final 15 years of his life, Philip served as a temple worker, first in the Mesa Arizona Temple and later in the Gila Valley Temple.

Philip was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all of his life, serving in many leadership positions. His hobbies included ranching, gardening, and all things outdoors. Passionate about the Boy Scouts of America, he was a scout and scoutmaster for 66 years. Local Cub Scout units recognized him as the "Chief" in the Arrow of Light ceremonies. Philip has been a positive influence in the lives of thousands. The lessons he taught will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

From these obits, we know that they had 4 children and they are Melinda Cluff Reidhead – 1966 (Delbert), Lorene Cluff Shiflet - 1967 (Ron), Michael Cluff - 1969 (Karen), and Richard Cluff - 1971 (Stacie). I have not researched them further.

I haven't found a lot of information about Joe Olsen apart from the fact that he died in a plane accident in 1989. There was no obituary so I don't know about any family. It seems that he may have married Linda Jean Johnson in Lubbock in 1981 and this confirms the mention of Linda in obituaries above. There are indications that Linda may have died in 2020, but I cannot confirm this.

A Willcox man died when his single-engine Cessna lost power and fell about 200 feet in a rural area 10 miles south of Safford, the Graham County sheriff said yesterday. Joe Olsen, 43, was flying his plane just above the homes of relatives when the accident occurred at about 1:45 p.m., Sheriff Richard Mack said. Olsen took off at Willcox. A witness to the crash told investigators he tried to rescue Olsen, who appeared to have been killed by the impact, Mack said. The craft then burst into flames before the witness could get the body out.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were at the crash site, Mack said. They were called from an investigation at Mount Graham, where the charred remains of a Brentwood, Calif., man, Sheldon Pollack, and his twin-engine Cessna were found Friday afternoon, Mack said.

Finally, the youngest son Rex died in 2017 and his obituary reads:

Rex Mack Olsen died Wednesday, July 26, 2017 in Warrenton, VA.

He was born January 27, 1953 to the late Harold and Lillie Olsen in Safford, AZ. Rex is survived by his wife of 39 years, Julia Olsen of Reva, VA; his son Hans Bruesch-Olsen of Washington, DC; his son Colin Bruesch-Olsen and Colin's wife Mariel Epstein Olsen of Asheville, NC. Rex is also survived by his brother Bobby (Sheila) Olsen of Safford, AZ; and his sister Betty (Philip) Cluff of Pima, AZ. Rex's siblings Lorene and Joe preceded him in death. Rex is also survived by many beloved relatives, friends and co-workers across the country. Rex and Julia met on the campus of Arizona State University and married in 1977. During their married life, they lived in Flagstaff, Tempe and Safford, AZ; Santa Cruz, CA; Manassas, VA; and finally, 20 years in Reva, VA.

Rex grew up in Safford in the shadow of Mt. Graham, one of his favorite places. He had many good memories of Safford with his friends and family. It was his good fortune to reconnect with a few of his childhood friends via Facebook after many years away from Safford. A few years ago, a group of Safford friends gathered to hike Aravaipa Canyon, resulting in renewed connections with Tony, Steve, Janet, Lisa, Karin and Janie, to mention just a few. The Aravaipa trip and others that followed gave Rex great pleasure. Hans and Colin were two of the great joys of Rex's life. He began an annual tradition of taking his sons camping when Hans was just four years old and Colin was added to the trip as soon as he was old enough. They camped all over the US and into Canada and made many wonderful memories during their adventures.

At the time of his death, Rex had worked as a retail manager for CVS Pharmacy for 25 years. Through his time with CVS, he made many friends and was a favorite of many of his co-workers. During moves from one location to another, several of his employees would request to make the transfer with him. Rex had an admired work ethic and always strove to do his best, no matter the obstacles.

Rex had a few favorite passions in life. He loved being outdoors and appreciating the natural environment. He inherited his mother's legendary green thumb and especially enjoyed gardening. The home in Reva enabled Rex to indulge his gardening habit full tilt and to set up a bluebird trail with home crafted bird houses. He appreciated good books, classic rock music, the Blues Brothers, chili verde, running half marathons, Mexican beer, arguing with Republicans and religious folks, a well mowed lawn, chilled red wine (yes, chilled), baseball, Kelly's Heroes, the Andy Griffith Show (yes, really), mid-shelf whiskey, O Brother Where Art Thou, and embarrassing his kids in public settings.

A few Rex quotes:

- ☐ *I love talking politics. Don't ask me to get over that. Plus, tomatoes. I love talking about tomatoes. Definitely, don't ask me to get over talking tomatoes!*
- ☐ *Reminds me of my dad and his brother, my Uncle Harry. I remember loud, heated arguments when Goldwater and Johnson were facing off. Yet they loved each other, helped each other out, spent leisure time with each other. Think that's how I learned you can and should be friends with those you may strongly disagree with on different issues.*
- ☐ *I thoroughly enjoy making my own decisions.*
- ☐ *Heaven is right here, right now. Make the best of it and enjoy it every day.*
- ☐ *Be a good person, follow your conscience, and don't let a bunch of old men tell you how to run your life.*

Above all, Rex loved his family and his friends. He was a good man and we miss him more than we can express. We feel the best way to honor Rex's memory is enjoy and cherish our natural surroundings.

The family will be holding memorial gatherings in Reva and Safford.

<https://www.bakerpostfh.com/memorials/Olsen-Rex/3001712/obituary.php>

I wonder if I ever ran across him in my many years of building CVS's. If so, I do not recall.

Children of Lillie and her three husbands (though only children with two)

606	Lillie Lorene Herbert Olsen	1938	1964	Lillie and Clarence's Child#1
607	Robert F Herbert Olsen	1943		Lillie and Clarence's Child#2
608	Betty Jane Herbert Olsen	1944	2021	Lillie and Clarence's Child#3
609	Clarence Joseph Herbert Olsen	1945	1989	Lillie and Clarence's Child#4
610	Rex Mack Olsen	1953	2017	Lillie and Harold's Child#1

The first four children were adopted by Lillie's 2nd husband and took his surname.

250. Ruby Lorraine Moody 2 JUL 1923 • Miami, AZ - 30 JUL 2018 • Thatcher, AZ

Edward M. Brown 13 MAR 1917 • Fort Thomas, AZ - 2 JUL 1999 • Thatcher, AZ

Marriage: 8 Oct 1943 • Mesa, AZ



Freeland and Lucy's 2nd child was not long in coming. She arrived 16 months after her big sister and just before the 4th of July 1923 in Miami, AZ. She appears at home in the 1930 and 1940 Censuses though by 1940, her older sister had married and was off starting her own family. Ruby held out a little longer and didn't marry until Oct 1943, not long after her 21st birthday. They were married in Mesa, AZ a city just east of Phoenix. At the time, Ruby lived in Ashurst and Ed lived in nearby Fort Thomas.

A little background on Ed. I should point out that both Ed and Ruby have an abundance of documentation about their lives that is available in the Memories on FamilySearch, that my efforts here will at best be a meager summary. There seems to be so much to be explored. To begin, Ed was the 8th of 10 children born to Lorenzo Brown Jr. and Mary Eager. He had 4 older brothers and 3 older sisters and a younger sister and brother born between 1902 and 1921. His father was killed in 1922 while riding in a car that inexplicably was run over by a train leaving his mother a widow at age 41 with 8 children ranging in age from 1 to 19. She never remarried. (His oldest brother died when he was 2 and his oldest sister married a year before her father's death) Of interest is that his grandmother, Lorenzo Brown Sr's wife, Selina Young was the grandniece of Brigham Young, the well-known Mormon leader. He was at home in the 1930 and 1940 Census and on 16 Oct 1940 when he was 23 and living in Fort Thomas, he registered for the WW2 Draft with his mother as his point of contact. It appears that he was still at home helping his mother with the family farm. He was 6'-0"-170lbs-gray eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. Ed was 6 years older than Ruby having been born in 1917. Ruby and Ed got married on 8 Oct and 18 days later on 26 Oct 1943, he enlisted in the Army in Phoenix with serial number 39863506. While I have not been able to personally find his military records, there is strong evidence that he was with the 47 Field Artillery assigned to the 5th Infantry Division that fought their way through Europe. Its exploits are detailed here.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Infantry_Division_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))

The 1950 Census found Ed back from the war and living in the country outside Thatcher, AZ with Ruby, and the first three of their eventual 7 children. I have been unable to find many newspaper clippings about the Browns, so I will use some obituaries and articles posted on FamilySearch to detail their lives.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	San Carlos	Apache Indian Reservation, Graham, Arizona										
Brown	Edward M	Head	White	Male	33	1917	Married	Arizona		70	Farmer	Farm
Brown	Ruby L	Wife	White	Female	26	1924	Married	Arizona				
Brown	Sandra J	Daughter	White	Female	5	1945	Never Married	(Arizona				
Brown	Nancy J	Daughter	White	Female	3	1947	Never Married	(Arizona				
Brown	Mark E	Son	White	Male			Never Married	(Arizona				

Ed died first in 1999 and this article tells much of his life. While this is not an obituary it is as close to one as I could find.

*Most people begin to think about retiring and collecting Social Security at 65, but that was not the case for **Ed Brown**, of Thatcher, who did not retire until he was 76. At that age, he was still working full time running a ranch and "loved every minute of it." Just prior to moving to Thatcher, he was out checking the cattle and observed signs of a mountain lion; his hunting dogs trapped the lion in a tree and Brown was the one who made sure the animal did not survive to kill any more cattle. With only a hunting knife he climbed the tree and took care of the job. "I miss riding," said Brown. "There is just something about being a cowboy that goes deep inside me. I still hear the hills calling and just can't seem to get it to go away."*

Brown was born and raised in Fort Thomas. His father died when he was 4; and he and his nine brothers and sisters were raised by his mother, who never remarried.

He attended elementary school at the Fort and by the time he was a freshman, the high school was built. There were only five seniors in his class. It was his father who cleared and farmed the ground where the Fort Thomas High School is today.

Brown attended Gila Junior College (now Eastern Arizona College) one year before being called on a LDS mission to Minnesota, Montana and Canada. He dated his wife, Ruby, "a little" before leaving and married her when he returned. Their honeymoon was short though, as he was drafted into the Army during World War II, just 30 days after being married. It was while he was fighting on the battle field in France that he received word of the birth of his first child. She was 14 months old before he ever saw her.

After the war, Brown went back in farming and won a farm in Idaho. "All the veterans that were

interested put their name in a drawing for the farm and my name was chosen," explained Brown.

The family returned to Arizona in 1970 and ran a ranch near Globe.

In 1993 they moved to Thatcher. "We like living here," said Brown. Being in town is good for Ruby, who no longer worries as she did when her husband saddled up each day on the ranch.

Ed and Ruby have been married for 55 years. They have six children, 28 grandchildren and 14 1/2 great-grandchildren.

This article mentions 6 children. They in fact had a daughter who died in 1979, so at the time this was written, she was not in the picture. I will cover the children briefly later.

Ruby lived 19 years longer than Ed and her obituary from 2018 reads:

Ruby Lorraine Moody Brown passed away Monday, July 30, 2018 at her home in Thatcher, Arizona at the age of 95.

Ruby was born July 2, 1923 in Miami, Arizona, to Freeland Moody and Lucy Grace Smith Moody. She was the second of nine children. She was raised in the Gila Valley; attended school in Glenbar, Ashurst, and Fort Thomas. Ruby had many fond memories of her childhood, even though she lived during the depression. Her father, who was ill, spent time away in the Veterans hospital. Ruby's mother supported the family by milking cows and selling the cream. She also raised a large garden. She was a much beloved mother. The children in the Moody family learned to work. They milked the cows, morning and evening, before and after school, by hand. Ruby was also assigned to do the ironing, which, in those days, included everything.

Ruby loved music and sports. She was an excellent student. Her high school days in Fort Thomas included many great teachers and activities; such as minstrel shows, singing on the radio, creating costumes in Home Economics class, band competitions, traveling for volleyball and softball games, and dating Ed Brown her senior year. Ed left to serve a mission in June and Ruby spent her summer canning and cleaning, caring for the family because her mother was "down" with a difficult pregnancy. The ninth child, a baby boy, was born in August.

In the fall, Ruby started to attend Gila Junior College. She loved college, but in November Pearl Harbor was attacked and all the male students enlisted. There were six boys left in school. Ruby graduated in the spring of 1943. Ed returned from his mission and they began to date in earnest. On 8 October 1943, in the Mesa LDS Temple, she married Edward M. Brown. He was soon drafted and left in November 1943.

Ed and Ruby were blessed with seven children. Their first child, Sandra, was born in 1944, while Ed was in Europe. Nancy was born in 1946, Mark in 1949, Don in 1952, Carolyn in 1955, Kay in 1960, and Bruce in 1965.

Ed and Ruby made their first home in fort Thomas after WWII, farming and dairying. In 1958, they moved to Paul, Idaho, when Ed was selected in a veteran draw for a farm in the Minidoka Project. They lived and farmed in Paul until 1969 when they returned to Arizona to ranch around the Globe area. They served a LOS mission in Florida in 1986 and 1987, then retired to Thatcher in 1993.

Ruby was a lady of many talents. She was devout in her faith. She was a nurturer and a server. She was a cook and a baker, a seamstress and a quilter, a gardener and a canner. Her strawberry batch and her roses were a haven for all to enjoy. Her manners were impeccable. Her grammar was perfect. She had the most beautiful hair. She was dearly loved by all who knew her.

Ruby is preceded in death by: her parents; her sisters, Lillie Green, Gracie May Farnsworth and Freeda Costner; and her brothers, Frank Moody and Roy Moody. Ed passed away in 1999 and daughter, Carolyn Barnes, in 1979; sons-in-law, Bruce Olsen and David Barnes; a granddaughter, Kenlie Brown; a grandson, Kollin Nielson; and two great-granddaughters, Janica and Shawnie Freeman.

Ruby is survived by: her sisters, Ann Parker and Ellen O'Bier, of California; her brother, Tom Moody (Babs), of Wickenburg; a sister-in-law, Angie Moody, of Phoenix; her daughters, Sandra Olsen, of Sula,

Montana, Nancy Nielson (Keith), of Adrian, Oregon and Kay Rios (Ruben), of Solomon; her sons, Mark Brown (Marilyn), of Hansen, Idaho; Don Brown (Linda) of Show Low, and Bruce Brown (Lisa), of Globe. She is the grandmother of thirty-six and the great-grandmother of fifty-seven.

This obituary is a treasure trove of information about her immediate family and her extended family. It gives me information about her siblings that will be useful as I progress through this branch of the family and information about her children who I note have added 8 more children since the article about Ed and a bunch of grandchildren.

Let me share what little I can find about her children. The oldest, Sandra, who was born while Ed was off at war was born in 1944. She married Bruce Olsen in 1970. They seem to have lived mainly in Montana. Bruce was a few years younger than Sandra as he was born in 1948 and died in 2010. His obituary reads: *SULA - Bruce S. Olsen, 62, of Sula, passed away Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at his home.*

Bruce was born March 21, 1948, in Logan, Utah, to George and June Skiby Olsen. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; and son, Russell. Services are pending and will be announced by the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. Condolences for the family may be left at www.dalyleachchapel.com. Bruce was the 2nd of 3 boys and 1 girl born to his parents who were from Logan, Utah. I found an article about the birth of their son Russell in Salt Lake in Feb 1973. I believe that Sandra is still living.

Daughter Nancy was born in Oct 1946 in Arizona after her father returned from the war. She married Marion K. Nielson before 1977 and they had a son Kollin Shad Nielson who was born in 1977 and was unfortunately killed in 2007 when he was run over by a drunk driver while working on road construction. His death report and obituary read: *Williams told State Patrol troopers that he had dropped his cell phone and reached down to pick it up when his vehicle drove past bright orange barrels marking a three-lane construction zone in the northbound lanes of Interstate 405. He struck DOT contract workers **Kollin Nielson, 30**, and Brandon Overland, according to investigators. Nielson was thrown into the open freeway lane, was hit by another vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. Overland was taken to a nearby hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.*

According to a detective's affidavit in the case, Williams admitted to troopers that he had drunk three gin and tonics. His blood alcohol level was found to be 0.20, well above the legal intoxication threshold of 0.08. If convicted of homicide, Williams faces 21/2 to 31/2 years in prison. What a tragedy.

***Kollin Shad Nielson** passed away June 22, 2007. He was born May 14, 1977 in Nampa, ID to M. Keith and Nancy (Brown) Nielson. He spent his early years in Adrian, OR and later moved with his family to Basin City, WA. Kollin served a LDS mission to Cleveland, OH. He graduated from Rick's College with an Associate's Degree and went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree at Brigham Young University in Construction Management. After graduating, he began working at his dream job, building roads for Peter Kiewit.*

Kollin is survived by his wife, Sara Meg (Ogden) Nielson and his son, Luke Shad Nielson. He is also survived by his parents and his siblings: Kristin Nielson, Tricia (Eric) Freeman, Bret (Jen) Nielson, Erica (Doug) Jensen, Mijken (Ryan) Telford, Kiley (Jason) Bagley, and by his grandfather, Jay (Irene) Nielson, and his grandmother Ruby Brown.

He is also survived by Sara's parents and siblings: Rod and Gerry (Price) Ogden, Cheryl (Jerry) Hunter, Carrie (Sean) Myers, Amy Ogden, Michael (Carlie) Ogden, Jennie (Curtis) Cannon, and Stephen Ogden.

Kollin was still a little boy at heart. He loved racing, big machines and chocolate chip cookies. His happiest moment was his wedding day and his proudest moment was when he became a dad. Kollin was a strong and optimistic person who made life better for everyone he knew. We will miss him always.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at an open house on Monday, June 25 from 6-8 pm at the Skyway LDS Church building. Located at 8220 So. 126th St., Seattle, WA 98178. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 26 at the Basin City LDS Church building Located at: 160 Bailie Blvd., Basin

City, WA 99343. There will be a viewing from 11:30am-12:30pm, followed by a service at 1:00 pm. Interment will be on Thursday, June 28 at 1:00 pm in the Delta City Cemetery in Delta, UT. The family invites you to sign their online guest book at www.muellersfuneralhomes.com.

This sadly adds an abundance of information about Nancy and her family as well as his own family and son. Summarizing, it seems that Nancy and Marion must have had the following children. Kristin Nielson, Tricia Nielsen Freeman (Eric), Bret Nielson (Jen), Erica Nielsen Jensen (Doug), Mijken Nielsen Telford (Ryan), Kiley Nielsen Bagley (Jason). I've managed to find most of these children and they seem to live between Idaho and Washington. Nancy Brown Nielsen is very active on FamilySearch and Ancestry as is her daughter Kristen Nielsen.

Mark Brown was born on 2 June 1949 in Safford, AZ. He married Larene Searle in Burley, Idaho in 1969 and they seem to have had a daughter in 1970. My records show that he is probably still in Idaho with a different wife as Larene married Harley Edward Sprague Jr in 1985 and Johnny Cooler in 1994. Here is a little background of Mark at the time of his first marriage.

SEARLE-BROWN

*Larene Searle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J Smith Searle Route 3. Burley, will marry **Mark E. Brown**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Brown. Paul, on July 25 Announcement of the approaching nuptials is made by the parents of the bride-elect, who is a graduate of Burley High School and the Lady Catherine Beauty College in Boise. She is now employed at. Carol's Coiffures in Burley.*

Her fiancé was graduated from Minico High School in 1967. and attended the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. They will make their home in Burley following the marriage.

I did find that they divorced in 1982. Alvy suggests that he married Marylin Anders after his divorce, but I have found no evidence.

I have not found much information about son Don. In Ruby's obituary, Don is mentioned as being married to Linda and living in Show Low, AZ. Alvy suggests that he married Katheryn Eileen Walton. I cannot find any evidence of this, or who Linda might be.

Daughter Carole died in 1979 and her obituary reads: **Carolyn Barnes**

FORT THOMAS - Services for Carolyn J. Barnes, 23, a National Honor Society member and 1973 graduate from Fort Thomas High School, will be at 4 p.m. in Fort Thomas Ward Chapel Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Mrs. Barnes, who was born in Safford, died May 12, 1979, in Tucson Medical Center after a short illness. She is survived by her husband David; children, Jennie, Janna, John and David Barnes. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown; three brothers and three sisters and her grandmother, Grace Moody.

From this we see that she graduated in 1973 and must have married right out of high school as she and David had 4 children between 1973 and 1979. My best guess from looking at residency records are that these children were born 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979 just months before Carolyn's death. Her husband was David Blaine Barnes and he was born 1951 in Silver City and after Carolyn's death, he married someone named Petra who went by Lillie and then he died in 1993 at age 41. His obituary reads:

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served one week in military boot camp

David Blaine Barnes, 41, of Thatcher, a truck driver, died Oct 16, 1993. He was born in Silver City, N.M., and was a Marine Corps veteran. Survivors include his wife, Petra "Lilly"; daughters, Myra Lanell, Jenni Lynn, Janna Kay and Britannia Ruth; sons, Leon Kunze, David B. and John B., mother, Ruth; sisters, Lora Lee Burnett and Lisa Byers; brother, Ronald; and one grandchild. Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, David's Safford Funeral Home, Safford. Services: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Daley Estates Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Central, with additional visitation an hour before services.

From this we can garner that he either had children with Petra (Myra, Briannia Ruth, and Leon Kunze) or more likely, Petra was previously married and had children when they married. I have not resolved this.

Daughter Mary Kay has been equally elusive. She is mentioned in her mother's obituary as being married to Ruben Rios and living in Solomon, AZ. In 2018. That is all I can find about her.

Son Bruce Brown married Anne Katherine Brown. They appear to have had a daughter, Kelie in 1994 who died in Arizona in 2004 when she was 9 from diabetes. In his mother's obituary he is mentioned as being married to Lisa and living in Globe, AZ in 2018. I have not identified Lisa.

Children of Ruby Moody and Edward Brown

611	Sandra Jean Brown	1944	Ruby and Edward Child#1
612	Nancy Joyce Brown	1946	Ruby and Edward Child#2
613	Mark Edward Brown	1949	Ruby and Edward Child#3
614	Donald Neil Brown	1952	Ruby and Edward Child#4
615	Carolyn Joan Brown	1955 1979	Ruby and Edward Child#5
616	Mary Kay Brown	1957	Ruby and Edward Child#6
617	Bruce Elton Bown	1961	Ruby and Edward Child#7

251. Theodore Frank Moody 17 FEB 1925 • Thatcher, AZ - 15 JAN 2010 • Phoenix, AZ

Angeline Romero Moody 10 DEC 1934 • Stark, OH = Living

Marriage: 9 Sep 1953 • Stark, Ohio, USA



Theodore's photo from his obituary

I think that he mainly went by Frank and that is how he appears in various records after the 1930 census where he first appears as Theordore F at home with his parents and Lilly, Ruby, Roy and Grace. By 1940 he was Frank and had been joined by Thelma, Freeda, and Ellen while Lillie had gotten married. The 1950 Census found him away at school at the University of Arizona in Tucson at age 25. On 13 May 1946, he filled out his WW2 Draft Card which had the note, not employed, just released from the US Navy. He was 5'-10"-150lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. He was 21 and his father was his point of contact. Other records show that he served from 26 Feb 1943 - 6 May 1946. Navy Muster records show him training in California in 1943 and 1945 as an Armed Guard and then being assigned to an organization called Port Director. On 11 Jan 1944 he was aboard the R C Brennan heading from Glasgow, Scotland to NYC serving as an armed guard. The Brennan seems to have been a cargo ship so I suspect that he was serving aboard ships ferrying supplies to the European Theater. In 1947, he was a freshman at East Arizona University in Thatcher and must have transferred to the University of Arizona before 1950. I found him there in 1949 and 1950 associated with a fraternity band and playing the clarinet.

Something took Frank to Ohio in 1953 where he married Angeline Romero in Sep 1953. Angelina's family gets a little complicated. Her mother was Evelyn Miller from Pennsylvania who married Oliver Bacher in 1917 and had 5 sons before his death in 1925. She then married John Romero who was born in Mexico in 1902 and immigrated to America about 1923. He later died in 1973 in Mexico. Evelyn and John had 7 daughters between 1927 and 1937 to include Angeline in 1934. Sometime before 1950, John and Eveyln split and she married Carl Richardson and all we know about him is that he was born in 1905 in West Virginia. Angeline appears in the 1940 Census with her parents and in 1950 with her mother and stepfather and her next older sister Joanne. Frank was 25 and Angeline 18 when they married.

Records seem to indicate that Frank and Angeline had the following children. Robin Moody 1954, Dawn Moody 1956, Kim Alissa Moody 1958, and Jack Kennedy Moody 1961. I have found birth records in Ohio for the two oldest girls, but they must have moved back to Phoenix before Kim's birth in 1958.

As usual, records after 1956 birth records become scarce so I will need to look at Frank's 2010 obituary for clues.

Moody, Frank

84 of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on January 15, 2010. Frank was born in Thatcher, Arizona, February 17, 1925 and was a proud native who loved his family. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in WW II. He loved to travel, garden and spend time at his cabin in Strawberry. He is a retired Pharmacist who is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Angie; children Robin (John) Belisle, Dawn (Doug) Brieese, Kim (Rick) Eaton and Jack (Julie) Moody; grandchildren Joy, Donnie, Jaime, John, Eric, Vanessa, Alison, Adrienne, Rachelle and Christina; great grandchildren Natalie, Owen and Brett; brother Tom; sisters Lilly, Ruby, Ann and Ellen. Funeral service will be at 9:30 am, Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Hansen Mortuary, 8314 N. 7th St. Burial will follow at 11 am at the National Memorial Cemetery of AZ, 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd.

We learn from this that he worked as a pharmacist, probably in Phoenix and retired to Strawberry, AZ which is a very small-town NE of Phoenix. We learn that he and Angie had been married for 56 years which confirms the 1953 marriage records. We learn the names of his children and the names of their spouses in 2010. We learn that they had 10 grandchildren. We learn that 5 of his siblings were still alive in 2010. Let me see if the children shed any more light on their parents.

Beginning with the oldest, Robin. We know that she was born in Ohio in 1954 and was a senior at Sunnyslope HS in Phoenix in 1971. Knowing her husband's name, I was able to find this marriage announcement from Dec 1973.

Robin Moody

BELISLE – MOODY Robin Moody and John Belisle wedding vows recently in the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody of Phoenix are the bride's parents. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Belisle, also of Phoenix. Kim Moody was maid of honor and Daniel Belisle was best man. Bridesmaids were Peggy, Jeanne, Patty and Mrs. Duffy Belisle and Joy Tapp. Ushers included Jack Moody, Andy Lambert, Tom and Paul Boyle and Bryan Mullan.

The bride attended the University of Arizona and Glendale Community College. The bridegroom is attending Glendale Community College. Phoenix will be their home.

In this we note siblings Kim and Jack were in here wedding party while sister Dawn didn't make the cut. This is about all I know about this couple and I don't know which of the children are theirs.

Dawn is then next child and she was born in Ohio in 1956. It appears that she married initially in 1978 to David Keith Cox in Nevada. She then shows up in Frank's obituary married to Doug Brieese. Searching the records for Doug seems to point to the fact that he was a Phoenix Detective, but I cannot find any marriage records. That is all I can find about her.

Daughter Kim was born probably in Phoenix in 1958 and was at the University of Arizona in 1979. I cannot find any marriage records for her, but searching for Rick Eaton, I can only find a Phoenix fireman, but cannot confirm that this is the correct person.

Jack who was born in 1961 probably in Phoenix was found at Sunnyslope HS in 1978 and as a sophomore at the University of Arizona in 1981. The only news articles about Jack suggest that he may have been working with a large home developer in 2002, but again, that cannot be confirmed. I find a Julie Moody working at Bakers Nursery in several articles.

Children of Frank and Angeline Romero Moody

618	Robin Moody	1954	Theodore and Angeline's Child#1
619	Kim Moody	1956	Theodore and Angeline's Child#2
620	Tracie Dawn Moody	1958	Theodore and Angeline's Child#3
621	Jack Moody	1961	Theodore and Angeline's Child#4

252. Roy Gilliland Moody 19 FEB 1927 • Thatcher, AZ - 26 NOV 1930 • Safford, AZ



Young Roy arrived in 1927 and hung around for the 1930 Census before succumbing to bronchial pneumonia in the fall of 1930.

253. Gracie May Moody 7 NOV 1928 • Arizona - 9 MAY 1961 • Arizona

Marion Farnsworth 20 JAN 1929 • Colonia Garcia, Mexico - Death 9 JUL 2007 • Mesilla Park, NM

Marriage: 14 Oct 1948 • Maricopa, AZ



Gracie and Marion from FamilySearch

Gracie followed her three older siblings arriving in Nov 1928. Just after her 2nd birthday, her brother Roy died. She was joined by three younger siblings after her birth. Records show that she attended Gila Junior College as a freshman in 1947 but shortly thereafter, she married Marion Farnsworth. Marion was actually born in Mexico in 1929 to Byron and Maud Cluff Farnsworth. He was the 10th of 13 children. With his 1929 birthdate, he was too young for WW2, but the draft was still around in 1947 when he turned 18 and registered while working on his father's farm in Fruitland, NM. The 1950 Census found Marion farming and Gracie working as a clerk in Waterflow, NM. Subsequent Mormon Censuses show that they quickly grew a family with the following results: Alan M Farnsworth 1951–1959, Scott M Farnsworth 1952, Lane M Farnsworth 1954, Steve M Farnsworth 1956, Lamar M Farnsworth 1957, and twins Jeanenne and Jeanette Farnsworth 1959. Sadly, while pregnant with the twins, Gracie contracted throat cancer and died in May 1961 leaving Marion with 7 kids ranging in age from 10 to 2.

Following Gracie's death, Marion met the widow Elaine Richardson Crum who was born in 1927, married Thomas Crum in 1946 and had 5 children between 1947 and 1957 when Thomas died leaving her a widow with 5 children between 12 and 2. In 1962, these two widowed folks met each other and joined their families together (cheaper by the dozen). Marion had 5 boys and twin girls (although his oldest died in 1959) while Elaine had 3 boys and two girls. Robert Roy Crum 1947–2019, Gayle Ann Crum 1949, Linda Crum 1950, Richard Dennis Crum 1954, and Jay Nelson Crum 1957.

I do not have much information on the children and have chosen at this time not to dig too deeply into their lives. I will end this section with a couple of obituaries and one story. The first will be a story about Gracie from one of her nieces that is posted on FamilySearch.

Aunt Gracie and Farnsworth Cousin memories

Always kept petunias in the front flower box of her home.

One day we came and her front porch was covered with boxes of colored glass, blue, gold, green, brown, red. She crushed the glass into tiny bits and glued it on Masonite shapes detailed with cord that she made into horses, butterflies and a pheasant that hung in Grandpa and Grandma Moody's home.

We came into the yard, under the first big tree and Gracie brought out a new set of toy dishes in a box for me. Their oldest son Alan liked to ride his bike as fast as he could down the road with his head down. One day he was hit by a drunk driver. He had just turned 8 – his dad did his work for him at the

temple. A painting of him was always on the wall. Aunt Gracie put a circle of his marbles in the cement at the foot of his grave. They show very well now.

They had large bean trees around the outside of the yard. The branches were large and strong -- the best trees to climb ever. Steve could always climb higher than me. The boys had a neat treehouse in the backyard, way up. The eggs had to be gathered and I helped. I followed Lamar down on my stomach through the hole between the laying nests and the run. Uncle Marion only allowed "work cats" at his farm.

In 3rd grade Steve sat behind me in class. I told him to hit me when I turned around and started talking again. He did.

Their house burned to the ground twice. Gracie found her wedding ring -- a tiny puddle of gold and the diamond gone -- shattered in the heat, where she had left it in the kitchen.

Gracie traveled to Albuquerque for cancer treatments -- the cancer was in her throat and the back of her tongue where a bee had bit her long before. The boys stayed with us then (you could tell by the intelligent things written on the dressers.) when Gracie came back, she saw baby Fauna all neglected in her bed and brought a little baby cart for her. Fauna kept the action going then, from stirring in the toilet to playing in the food on the table, always one step ahead of Mom.

The 2nd will be that of Robert Roy Crum who died in 2019.

Robert Roy Crum, age 71 of Fruitland passed away April 2, 2019 at SJRMC. "Bob" was a fifty-year resident of San Juan County. He was born July 12, 1947 in Las Cruces, New Mexico to Thomas Roy Crum, Jr and Elaine Richardson. He was the oldest son with two brothers and 2 sisters to follow. In 1959, his father passed away and his widowed mother lived in Animas, New Mexico for the next 3 years. In 1962 Elaine met and married Marion Farnsworth and the family moved to Fruitland and combined with Marion and his 6 children. He attended Middle School and High School in Kirtland and graduated in 1966 in the same class with his younger sister Gaylee. Bob served an LDS mission in the Salinas California Mission for 2 and 1/2 years. In 1969 he met and married Bonnie Harris from Red Mesa. Their son Michael was born in 1979 to complete their family. Bob worked for the county road office in Blanding and Monticello until about 1981 when they moved to Fruitland. Bob was an excellent mechanic and worked for the Central Cons. School district for some years before his retirement. He is survived by his son Michael; 2 sisters, Gay Lee Bond and Linda Dunlap; 6 brothers, Scott Farnsworth, Richard Crum, Lane Farnsworth, Steve Farnsworth, Jay Crum, Lamar Farnsworth, and Brent Farnsworth. Bob was a very humble, quiet man and never wanted to be the center of attention. He loved his son, Michael who was the light of his life. He will be sorely missed by his son and his siblings, nieces and nephews whom he adored. Bob's care is entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute Street in Farmington, NM. (505) 325-8688. You may share condolences with the family on our website.

I share this simply to document the Farnsworth children. The 2nd is Marion's obituary from 2007:

Marion Farnsworth was born in Colonia Garcia, Mexico, the ninth child of 13 children born to Byron and Maude Farnsworth. He is survived by three brothers and five sisters.

His life was blessed with three wonderful companions that were the mothers of a combined 20 children. He is survived by his wife, Lucile Romney Farnsworth of Las Cruces. Preceding him in death were his wife, Gracie Mae Moody Farnsworth, and his second wife, Elaine Crum Farnsworth.

Marion was very active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in numerous positions and callings, including service in the Albuquerque Temple. He provided for his large family as a farmer, dairyman, and as San Juan County Assessor for numerous years.

His life reflected his love for family and the gospel of Jesus Christ. His last years were blessed by the loving companionship of his wife, Lucile, who brought light to his life once again.

*His children are Bob Crum and wife, Bonnie; Larry Romney and wife, Christine; Gaylee Bond and husband, Robert; Linda Dunlap and husband, Larry; Patrice Spencer and husband, Samuel; **Alan M. Farnsworth (deceased)**; Park Romney; Mark Romney and wife, Kathleen; **Scott Farnsworth and wife, Marcie**; Richard Crum and wife, Kristie; **Lane Farnsworth and wife, Nalene**; Chris Romney and wife, Karen; Milton Romney and wife, Janet; **Steve Farnsworth and wife, Margarita**; Jay Crum and wife, Cathy; **Lamar Farnsworth and wife, Melanie**; **Jeanette Farnsworth**; **Jeanenne Farnsworth**; Minyon Smith and husband, Kenny; and Brent Farnsworth and wife, Delwyn. He has 94 grandchildren and 81 great-grandchildren.*

Public viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 13, at Cope Memorial Chapel in Kirtland. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 14, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Kirtland, on U.S. Highway 64. Interment will be at Kirtland/Fruitland Cemetery, in Kirtland. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 16, at the LDS church on Idaho Street in Las Cruces.

With 20 children between 3 wives, I am a bit overwhelmed, but will note his children in our line by bolding their names above. The only one that I am confused about is Brent Farnsworth, but my guess is that he must be the son of Elaine and Marion born after their marriage in 1962. I have been unable to confirm this person.

Children of Gracie Moody and Marion Farnsworth

622	Alan M Farnsworth	1951	1959	Gracie and Marion's Child#1
623	Scott M Farnsworth	1952		Gracie and Marion's Child#2
624	Lane M Farnsworth	1954		Gracie and Marion's Child#3
625	Steve M Farnsworth	1956		Gracie and Marion's Child#4
626	Lamar M Farnsworth	1957		Gracie and Marion's Child#5
627	Jeanenne Farnsworth	1959		Gracie and Marion's Child#6
628	Jeanette Farnsworth	1959		Gracie and Marion's Child#7

254. Thelma Anne Moody 26 JUN 1930 • Glendale, AZ – Living

#1 Kendall Dean Meredith 28 DEC 1925 • Noel, MO - 17 FEB 1988 • Safford, AZ

Marriage: per Alvy 21 Jan 1948 – supported by their appearance in 1950 Census as married



My information about Thelma and Kendall is pretty limited. She arrived too late to make the 1930 Census arriving 2 months later in Jun 1930. She appears at home in that census and then in 1950, she appears married to Kendall Meredith. Kendall was 24 to Thelma's 19 and they lived in Safford, AZ when Kendall was sorting meat in a meat packing plant. I have not been able to find any photos of Thelma, but Kendall died in 1988 and here is his grave marker.

Kendall was the son of John and Ida Clark Meredith who were originally from Missouri, but seemed to move around a bit as he was a carpenter and worked in construction. They had passed through Safford in 1935 on their way to California and were in Upland California in 1950 after Kendall's marriage. They were back in Safford in the early 1950's and seemed to have stayed there until John's death in 1965. Kendall had 5 older brothers and an older and younger sister. His next older brother, John Harold Meredith was killed during the battle for Guam in 1944. Like others, he filled out a draft card in March 1946 after having completed service in the Navy. He was only 20 and had spent three years in the Navy having enlisted in Jan 1943 just after his 18th birthday. His service number was 555 85 40 and in July 1943 he was aboard the USS Kenmore heading for New Caledonia. There are a lot of military muster reports for Kendall but they are a little confusing to follow. It looks like he did some initial training and then was assigned to a Carrier Air Service Unit which repaired Naval aircraft. He seems to have spent most of 1944 and 1945 doing that

before returning to the Naval Station in Klamath Falls, OR at the end of 1944 and early 1945. He was sent to Minneapolis and Oakland in Mar and Aug 1945 for further training. He was reportedly discharged in Feb 1946, but I still find reports of him being at Pearl Harbor in March which contradicts the draft card which clearly has him in Safford in Mar 1946.

Doing newspaper research, I find numerous reports of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Meredith and their children either visiting or being visited by his parents. It looks like shortly after 1953, they moved from Safford to Warren, AZ a small town near the Mexican border. Those reports continue through 1955 and then no more news reports from Arizona until Kendall's death in 1988. I looked at his father's obituary in 1965 and in that report, Kendall had moved to Brownsville, TX. (*He is survived by his wife, Ida; six sons, Roy and Jimmy, both of Safford, George of Phoenix, Robert of Abilene, Tex., Marvin of Pima and **Kendall of Brownsville, TX.**; two daughters, Mrs. Clara Godfrey of Globe and Mrs. Betty Smith of Safford; 24 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren*). Then in 1969, his mother died and Kendall had moved to California. Newspaper searches in those two states did not yield any useful information. (*Survivors include six sons Roy of Safford, George of Phoenix, Robert of Abilene, Texas. Marvin of Thatcher. **Kendall of California** and Jimmy, an adopted grandson now serving in Viet Nam; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Smith of California, and Mrs. Clara Godfrey of Safford. Two sisters, Mrs. Aretha Owens of Arkansas City, Kansas, and Mrs. Ila Sherwood of Anderson, Missouri, 25 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren also survive her.*) Kendall's 1988 obituary does not have a lot of useful information, but it has some. It reads:

Kendall Meredith, 62, Safford, retired merchant seaman, World War II Navy veteran, died Feb. 17. Survived by son, Dennis; daughter; two sisters; brother. Graveside services, full military honors, 4 p.m. Monday, Graham Cemetery, Safford. Safford Funeral Home.

The information that is of use, it confirms that he had a son Dennis and an unnamed daughter. By using this information, I was able to determine that Thelma and Kendall did in fact have twin son and



daughter who were born in 1952. I found them both attending Mesa Junior College in 1972. It appears that Dennis married Mary Cooper before 1982 (she is mentioned as Mary Meredith in her father's 1982 obituary). Mary was born in Oklahoma in 1953 and died in 2007. Her Findagrave site has both her name and Dennis's name and birthdate but no death date so I assume that he is alive. It also indicates that he and Mary had children.

Alvy suggests that Thelma later married Joseph Alan Parker but I cannot confirm this or find anything about such a person. I have not found any death records for Thelma, so is she is still living, she would be 94.

Children of Thelma Moody and Kendall Meredith

629	Dennis Meredith	1952	Thelma and Kendall's Child#1
630	Jamie Meredith	1952	Thelma and Kendall's Child#2

255. Freeda Rose Moody 27 JAN 1933 • Thatcher, AZ - 3 MAR 1998 • Kirtland, NM

Ray Lee Costner 7 MAY 1927 • Pima, Graham, AZ - 20 JAN 2012 • Farmington, NM

Marriage: 17 Jun 1952 • Graham, AZ



Freeda was the 7th child of Lucy and Freeland Moody arriving in Jan 1933 and appearing at home with her parents in 1940 and 1950 Census's. In 1950, she was the oldest child at home and was 17. Younger sister Ellen and brother Thomas were still at home, they being only 10 and 8. I'm not sure why there was such a large age difference between Freeda and Ellen. It leads me to wonder if Lucy lost a child between the birth of these two. I have not found evidence to support this,

but it seems like a big gap, that maybe I addressed earlier. Record and news articles show that in June 1952, she married Ray at the LDS Temple in Graham, AZ.

Ray was the 2nd oldest child of Henderson and Susanna Rogers Costner. He had one older and four younger sisters and two younger brothers ranging in birthdays from 1924 to 1948 with his birthday being in 1927. It appears that they are all deceased except for the youngest, Martha who was born in 1948.

I have not found a WW2 Draft registration for Ray, but I did find a news article about his enlistment in the Navy in April 1945. This was about the time the war end Europe ended, but the Pacific was still threatening. In August 1945, the war ended and it looks like Ray was discharged about Feb 1946 and returned home to Arizona where he met and married Freeda in 1948. I am not going to include it here, but if you go to FamilySearch there is a detailed posting in the memory section for Freeda describing her early life and education and her meeting and marrying Ray in Arizona. I have not been able to completely document their children, but records seem to indicate that they include Kent Costner 1953, Kelly Costner 1954, Melanie Costner 1956, Fauna Costner 1958, Karen Costner 1959, Cliff Costner 1961, and Diana Costner 1964. Those birthdates may not be correct. I kept looking for Kevin Costner of movie fame, but no such luck.

Freeda died in 1998 and I have not found an obituary for her, but Ray died in 2012 and his obituary reads:

Ray Lee Costner
May 7, 1927 - Jan. 20, 2012

Ray Lee Costner, 84, of Kirtland, went to be with his heavenly Father on Friday, Jan. 20, 2012. Ray was born in Pima, Ariz., to H.L. and Susanna Costner.

Ray served in the Navy during World War II. Later, he met and married Freeda Rose Moody. In 1952, they were married for time and all eternity in the Mesa, Arizona, Temple. They were later blessed with seven children.

He worked for the Forest Service, and was a brick layer who helped build the LDS Apache church building. He also worked for Jim Palmer at his dairy.

For most of his life, he was a mechanic. He worked at Montgomery Ward and then at Gene's Frame & Alignment. In 1990, he retired from Gene's.

Ray was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed serving in various callings throughout his life. He also enjoyed serving others.

Ray was a good son, brother, father and grandfather. He always enjoyed teasing others, especially his seven sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bob Costner; and sisters, Marjorie Bryce, Betty Morris, Connie Hamm and Mary Fay Merrell.

He is survived by his seven children and their spouses, Melanie (Carlton) Snyder of Bloomfield, Fauna (Rex) Smith of Provo, Utah, Karen (Michael) Decker of Fruitland, Kent (Christine) Costner of West Valley City, Utah, Kelly (Linda) Costner, Cliff (Laura) Costner and Diana (David) Signs, all of Kirtland. He is also survived by three sisters, Katherine Harmon, Rochelle Poulsen and Martha Francese, all of Arizona, 39 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all who helped take exceptional care of Ray, especially Dr. Burns, Jessica Decker (nurse and granddaughter) and all the staff at Beehive Homes. Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Cope Memorial Kirtland Chapel, 458 County Road 6100 in Kirtland.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the LDS Church in Kirtland, 473 Road 6100, with Bishop Huffman officiating.

Burial will take place at Kirtland/Fruitland Cemetery, following the services.

*Arrangements are with Cope Memorial Kirtland Chapel, 458 County Road 6100, 505-598-9636.
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From this we learn a little about his children. Melanie (Carlton) Snyder of Bloomfield, Fauna (Rex) Smith of Provo, Utah, Karen (Michael) Decker of Fruitland, Kent (Christine) Costner of West Valley City, Utah, Kelly (Linda) Costner, Cliff (Laura) Costner and Diana (David) Signs, all of Kirtland. This matches the names from above so perhaps with spouse and home location, I can expand on the children's information. I was able to confirm a couple of the marriages, but there are still a lot of blanks.

Children of Freeda Moody and Ray Costner

631	Kent Costner	1953	Freeda and Ray's Child#1
632	Kelly Costner	1954	Freeda and Ray's Child#2
633	Melanie Costner	1956	Freeda and Ray's Child#3
634	Fauna Costner	1958	Freeda and Ray's Child#4
635	Karen Costner	1959	Freeda and Ray's Child#5
636	Cliff Costner	1961	Freeda and Ray's Child#6
637	Diana Costner	1964	Freeda and Ray's Child#7

256. Ellen Lucille Moody 2 DEC 1939 • Safford, AZ - Living

Alfred James O'Bier - SEP 1937 • Oklahoma - Living

Marriage: 7 Nov 1957 • Graham, AZ

My research on Ellen and Alfred has been somewhat fruitful mainly thorough newspaper searches. What I have been able to find is that Ellen arrived shortly before Christmas 1939 in Safford so she made the 1940 and 1950 Censuses with her parents. Marriage records then show that in Nov 1957 she married Alfred O'Bier. They ended up living in Phoenix and about all I could find about them is that Alfred graduated from East Arizona JC in 1958. I should mention that he was the younger of two sons born to Alfred and Stella Roger O'Bier. His father was originally from Texas, but in 1950 was working as a bulldozer operator in Arizona. Alfred's older brother was named Homer.

Continuing to scan the papers, I found that Ellen and Alfred had a son on 20 May 1959 but the name was not revealed. Scanning further, they had a daughter on 24 Apr 1964 again not named. I had to resort to looking for links to those birthdates and was able to identify their son as Randall Lee O'Bier and their daughter as Kathleen O'Bier. Randall was then reported to have married Ann Marie Healion in 1982, but two years later she was marrying someone else so that did not last. I then found that he died on 3 Nov 2009 and is buried in Thatcher. I have not found an obituary. I have not found any additional information about Kathleen apart from her appearance in the Arcadia HS Yearbook in 1980 in Phoenix which is the same school her brother was in a few years before. To the best of my knowledge, Alfred and Ellen are still living. Interestingly, while searching Kathleen, it appears that the grave marker for her brother also has her name on it, but it is on Billiongraves which I do not subscribe to so I cannot see it clearly and there is not a picture of it on Findagrave.

Children of Ellen Moody and Alfred O'Bier

638	Randy O'Bier	1959	2009	Ellen and Alfred's Child#1
639	Katleen O'Bier	1964		Ellen and Alfred's Child#2

257. Thomas Edward Moody 6 AUG 1941 • Ashurst, AZ - 22 JULY 2020 • Thatcher, Arizona



Thomas is a bit of a challenge. I will begin by sharing his obituary and then try to fill in the gaps.

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Arizona native, **Thomas Moody**, was the youngest of nine children born to Grace Smith Moody and Freeland Moody on August 6, 1941 at his grandma's home in Thatcher. He was a resident of Wickenburg when he passed from conditions following a stroke.

A short time after high school graduation Tom joined the Army serving in the 8th Armored Cavalry as a tank mechanic. When he noticed a bulletin needing air traffic controllers (ATC) he signed up and was trained at Kessler Air Force Base in MS. He knew then that this was the career he wanted. When he left the Army, the FAA wasn't hiring so he joined the Air Force to stay current with his interest in ATC and worked in California for four years. In 1967 he was transferred to Da Nang Air Force Base, Vietnam. He became a control tower operator at the "busiest airport in the world", at that time. Returning to the States he was assigned to radar approach control in Klamath Falls, Ore. On leaving the Air Force Tom began a long career with the Federal Aviation Administration. He worked four years in Alaska, a place he loved, and was sent to the Oklahoma Academy to teach new recruits for three years when many controllers went on strike. A favorite work location was Santa Barbara, Calif. As ATC manager there in 1989 it was selected as the Outstanding Facility of the Year. When Tom moved to the regional office in Hawthorne, Calif., for four years he and his wife enjoyed living in Hermosa Beach then to Reno for six years where he thought they would retire, but not yet. They moved to Huron, South Dakota where he managed the ATC office for three years and had a grand time with mid-western people.

Tom retired in South Dakota from the FAA in 2003 after 41 years in a job he loved. They moved back to their home in Reno where life and music were good but after a couple years, realizing they missed Arizona, they moved to Wickenburg where they put down roots and lived for 13 years making music and enjoying new friends.

Long before retiring Tom found that he loved singing his favorite country songs while playing his guitar and double bass to entertain. He played in Anchorage, Ely, Elko, and Reno Nevada also in the L.A. area, Santa Barbara and Huron, S.D. by himself or with various bands where he made good friends. During his last working years and all of his retirement Tom entertained at countless nursing homes, senior centers, county fairs, retirements, community events, and with the Nevada Bluegrass Assoc.

His favorite places to play were The Wickenburg Senior Center several times a week and the Chaparral Ice Cream Parlor with fellow musicians from the "Wise Owl Band" or with the band in his truck at the Gold Rush Parade.

Tom met his wife, Babs, at a weekly square dance club in Prescott. They had 30 years of fun adventures together--moving to job locations and vacationing in Tahoe, Mexico, California, Lake Powell, Idaho, Hawaii and always enjoyed being with any of their combined family of seven children, and grandchildren, who reside in four states.

He fondly remembered the years they enjoyed a motor home full of pets and summer life at their cabin in Cascade Idaho--the boating, hiking, rafting, and fun times with visitors, and friends made there. One of his favorite local activities was volunteering for eight years at the Webb Center for Performing Arts. Tom found pleasure being with people, his pets, making music, and driving or showing his treasured 1957 GMC Truck. Friends will remember this lovable man for his music, storytelling, and sense of humor.

Tom always said he never lived in a place he didn't like. And then he found he never entertained in a place he didn't enjoy!

Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Babs; sisters Anne Parker and Ellen O'Bier, sister-in-law, Angie Moody; three daughters Shannan Nealand, Tammy Kluver (Bob), Kim Roer; son, Tom Moody, Jr. (Janice); step-sons, Byron Burkholder (Merlie), Bert Burkholder; step daughter Merrily Wright (John); many grandchildren and an extended family of nieces, nephews and their families. He will be remembered lovingly and with smiles by all of his family.

The Moody Family thanks personal care giver Scotty Taylor of Wickenburg, the staff at Marley Healthcare Home in Surprise, Prime Care Hospice, and especially Shea Hill, care manager and Rebecca Logue NP for their loving and compassionate attention. We are also appreciative for the donation services of Science Care.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held in Wickenburg this fall.

From this we can deduce that Thomas had more than one marriage and children born at various places due to all of his traveling. It would appear that his children are Shannon (married and perhaps divorced to someone named Nealand) Tammy (married to Bob Cluver), Kim (married and perhaps divorced to someone named Roer). And a son Thomas Edward Moody, Jr. (married to Janice). It would also suggest that Babs was previously married to someone named Burkholder and had two sons Byron (married to Merlie) and Bert. She then had a daughter Merrily (married to John Wright)

I have not been successful in unraveling all of this. I do have records of his marriage to Barbara Young Burkholder in 1988 and this must be Babs. On Family Search there is a record of his being married to Patricia Lee Corder in 1960 followed by a marriage and divorce from Gaylene Marie Meyer in 1963 and 1970. Both of these women may have been mothers to some of the children, but I have not been able to pinpoint any of them with any degree of certainty.

Children of Thomas Moody and unknown spouses

640	Shannon Moody	Thomas's Child
641	Tammy Moody	Thomas's Child
642	Kim Moody	Thomas's Child
643	Thomas Moody Jr.	Thomas's Child

This completes the very large family of Lucy Smith and Freeland Moody. This is by far the largest branch in the Smith family line. I am still trying to wrap my brain around Ed Brown who was born about the same time as my parents and ended up with 94 grandchildren and 81 great grandchildren. My parents had 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

I look forward to hearing from you at rbills_houston.com. Any additions, feedback, corrections would be appreciated. Rich