

# **2011 SMITH CLAN POTPOURRI**

[Created especially for the 2011 Smith Clan Reunion]

**Dedicated to the memory of our most common ancestors:**

**Alvin Smith, 1827—1868**

**William Franklin Smith, 1865-1921**

**John Alvin Smith, 1868-1953**

**Without Alvin, Frank, and John, none of us would be here today**

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## **UNIT 2---FOREWORD**

The first *Smith Clan Potpourri* book was written in 2008 especially for our first Smith Clan Reunion in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The 2008 OKC Reunion itself was highly successful and a second OKC Smith Clan Reunion took place in 2010. It was also very successful.

The second *Smith Clan Potpourri* book has been written to commemorate the June 2011 Smith Clan Reunion which headquartered in Vernal, Utah. The theme of this reunion was a pilgrimage to old homesteads and visits to the graves of our ancestors in northwestern Colorado---paying our respects to those ancestors who lived, struggled, and even died while trying to make life a better place for themselves as well as for future generations.

The idea for a Smith Clan Reunion evolved during my research into the hereditary hearing loss that runs rampant within the Smith Clan. Roughly one-half of the descendants of Alvin and Julia McConnell Smith have a hereditary hearing loss. Therefore, many of us are bound together by our common handicap—deafness.

At the 2008 OKC Smith Clan Reunion when most of us met our other Smith Cousins for the first time , there was an immediate feeling of belonging. It was rather like magic—we recognized each other as family, as opposed to feeling like the total strangers that we actually were. It was amazing.

While pursuing my hereditary hearing loss research on various clan members, both living and dead, they became so real to me that I felt as though I knew each one personally. When I met many of my living relatives for the first time at the 2008 OKC Smith Clan Reunion, they were exactly as I had believed them to be—just delightful. I feel that if I were to meet my deceased ancestors that I would feel the same way about them—they would seem more like long-lost friends instead of strangers.

The first Smith Clan Reunion, held in OKC in 2008, was created for the descendants of William Franklin [Frank] Smith [1865-1921] and his wife Sarah Frances Buchanan Smith [1864-1937]. Shortly before this reunion took place, we discovered some descendants of Frank's only full brother, John Alvin [1868-1953], and added them to the group. In 2010, by the time that the second OKC Smith Clan Reunion occurred, we had encountered several more of Brother John Alvin's descendants. We were

thrilled to add them to our ever-expanding Smith Clan data base. We changed our Smith Clan Patriarch from William Franklin Smith to his father, Alvin Smith [1827-1868]. Thusly, we were able to include both Frank and John's descendants. We refer to the descendants of Frank as "our Frank cousins" and the descendants of John as "our John cousins."

Many pages of the 2011 Smith Clan Potpourri book are similar to those in the 2008 Potpourri book. These pages contain Smith Clan history and are a necessary portion of both books.

I claim to be neither genealogist nor historian. Much of my information is based on legends and old family memories. While some of the work contained herein is documented information, much of it is simply old family stories handed down to me about ancestors who are now long dead.

Although very few paper copies of the 2008 Potpourri book exist, you can still find the *2008 Smith Clan Potpourri*, *2011 Smith Clan Potpourri*, and *The Smith Family Curse* [hereditary hearing loss research] online at <http://www.hildenbrandt.com/simms>

This web site has been provided by Cynthia Hildenbrandt. [ALVIN-FRANK-TOM-FRANCES-GLADYS-CYNTHIA]

I hope you enjoy reading my books as much as I have enjoyed researching them.

**Mary R Simms**

[ALVIN-FRANK-TOM-FRANCES-MARY]

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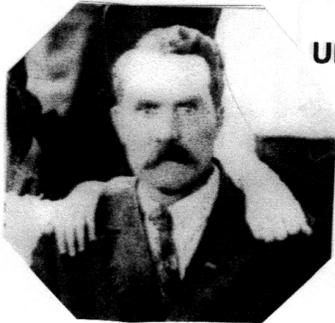
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**John Smith**

**THE 2011 SMITH CLAN REUNION WAS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
ALVIN SMITH, FRANK SMITH & JOHN SMITH  
OUR MOST COMMON ANCESTORS**

**ALVIN [A] SMITH---1827--1868 [Patriarch of the Smith Clan]**

Alvin Smith, the son of an Irish immigrant and a Cherokee Indian mother, died at age 41 from an accidental gunshot wound while on duty as a Texas Ranger. He was survived by his 21-year-old widow, Julia McConnell Smith, and their two young sons: William Franklin, age 2 years, and John Alvin, age 3 weeks.

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN [Frank] SMITH---1865--1921 [Alvin's older son]**

In 1893 Frank participated in the Great OK Land Race and won a homestead in Noble OK. He later owned other homesteads in Weatherford OK, Sentinel OK, and in Moffat County CO. In 1921, Frank, age 56, along with his son, Jim, age 28, were shot and killed from ambush by an angry tenant farmer during a disagreement over a few bags of potatoes. Frank left a widow, Sarah Frances Buchanan Smith, along with their five remaining children: Tom, Ernest, Lillian, Rosie, and Julia.

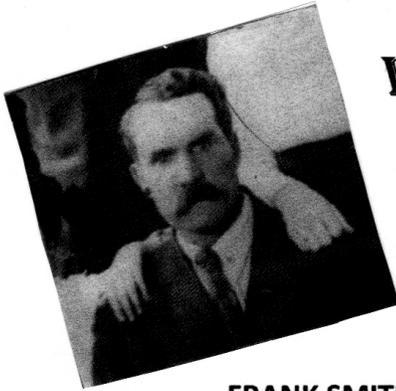
**JOHN ALVIN [AL] SMITH---1868--1953 [Alvin's younger son]**

John [Al] was a pioneer homesteader near Noble OK. In 1953, at the age of 84, John, died a peaceful death in Los Angeles CA. He was survived by his widow, Minnie Mae Culwell Smith, and seven of their nine children: Nolan, Addie, Dovie, Annie, Jimmie, Edgar, and Frank. John was predeceased by two of his sons, William and Otis.

*Bless them all!*

UNIT 5

**WANTED**



**FRANK SMITH**



**JOHN SMITH**

**ALL DESCENDANTS OF ALVIN SMITH--FRANK SMITH—JOHN SMITH**

**REWARD---** Invitation to 2011 Smith Clan Reunion!

**DESCRIPTIONS:**

**ALVIN SMITH (1827-1868)—Known to be former Texas Ranger and father of Frank & John**

**FRANK SMITH (1865-1921)--Known to be a former Texas Ranger and brother of John**

**JOHN SMITH (1868-1953)—Known to be son of Alvin Smith & brother to Frank**

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANYONE SUSPECTED OF HAVING THE FOLLOWING ANCESTORS:**

**TOM SMITH---ERNEST SMITH---ROSA CRAIN---JULIA BARTON**

**DOVIE REYNOLDS—ADDIE AUWEN**

**Also: Ola Smith May---Frank Smith---Ollie Smith---Frances Smith Russell---William Smith---**

**Marion Smith Miller---Ada Smith Spencer---Bell Smith Rawson---Verna Smith Choate---**

**John Wesley Smith---Rosie Fairchild Farrell--Amy Fairchild Boyer---Jack Crain---**

**Floyd Crain---Betty Barton Gaston---Juanda Barton Middick---**

**Rose Barton Hunn---Til Barton, Jr.--Marilyn Reynolds**

**Gleason, Frank Auwen, Alton Auwen**

**ALL PERSONS ANSWERING THIS DESCRIPTION ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE BIG  
2011 SMITH CLAN REUNION TO BE HELD JUNE 17, 18, & 19 IN VERNAL, UTAH.**

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE FITTING THIS DESCRIPTION, PLEASE NOTIFY A COORDINATOR  
FOR REWARD INFORMATION, PHONE**

**Mary Simms at 803-996-3567-----Nancy Miller at 513-702-2692**

UNIT 6  
WIFE OF ALVIN SMITH & HER SECOND HUSBAND  
c1870 WEDDING PHOTO



**UNIT 7---WILLIAM FRANKLIN SMITH & FAMILY---1909**

**Standing: Ernest, Tom, Lillian, Jim, Rosie**  
**Seated: Frank, Julia, Sarah**

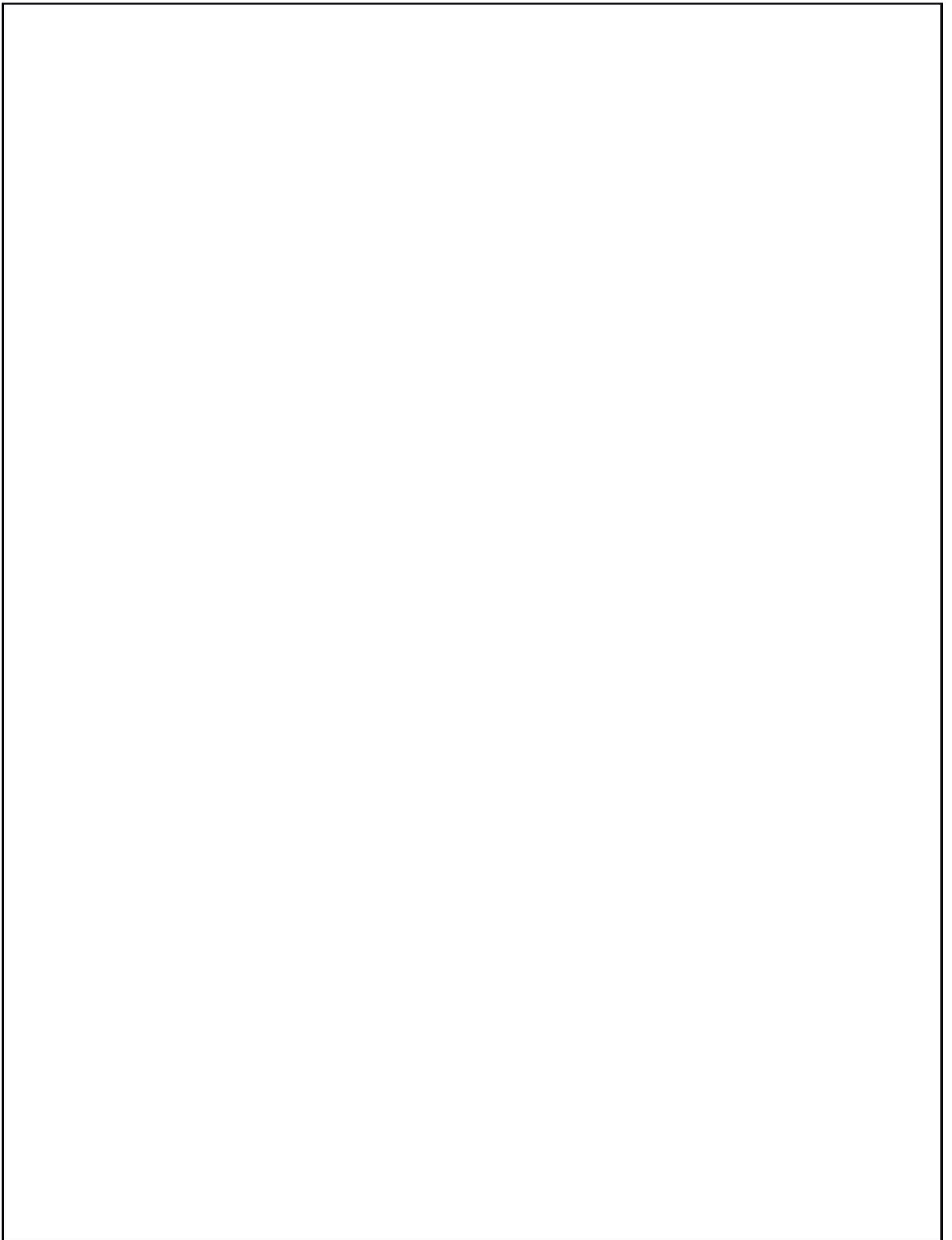


**UNIT 8---WILLIAM FRANKLIN SMITH & FAMILY---1918**

**Standing: Julia, Jim, Lillian, Tom, Rosie, Ernest**

**Seated: Frank, Sarah**





**UNIT 9---JOHN ALVIN SMITH & FAMILY---1910**

**Standing: Annie, Dovie, Addie, Nannie.**  
**Seated: Nolen, Edgar, Annie, Frank, John**



**UNIT 10---JOHN ALVIN SMITH & FAMILY---1939**

**Standing: Annie, Edgar, Dovie, Frank, Nannie**

**Seated: Addie, John, Minnie, Nolen**

Smith family reunion in California 1939 - front row l - r, Julia Addeline "Addie", John Alvin Smith & Minnie May, Nolen Binkley. Back row, Annie Veria, John Edgar, Adah Dovie, Frank, & Jimmie Nannie May



**UNIT 11---1920 LAND PATENT---JAMES SMITH**

4-1068.

Glenwood Springs 010731.

**The United States of America,**

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at **Glenwood Springs, Colorado,**

has been deposited in the General Land Office, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862, "To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of **James W. Smith**

has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the **southeast quarter, the east half of the southwest quarter and the south half of the northeast quarter of Section two in Township five north of Range one hundred one west of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, containing three hundred twenty acres,**

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor-General:

NOW KNOW YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said claimant the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said claimant and to the heirs and assigns of the said claimant forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, **Woodrow Wilson,**

President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, in the District of Columbia, the **THIRTIETH** day of **NOVEMBER** in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **TWENTY** and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and **FORTY-FIFTH.**

By the President: *Woodrow Wilson*

By *M. O. Lee* Secretary.

*J. B. Samar*  
Recorder of the General Land Office.

RECORDED: Patent Number **784690**

Document courtesy of Tilford Barton, Jr.

## UNIT 12--ALVIN SMITH CLAN--CHRONOLOGICAL ROOTS 180 years---1827 through 2007

By Mary R Simms

Alvin Smith serves as our most common ancestor. He is the foundation stone of our Smith Clan. His name was formerly believed to be Julian Alvin Smith but has since been corrected to Alvin Smith.

Little is known about Alvin Smith's early years. It is believed that he was born in Missouri Territory in 1827; that his father was an immigrant from Cork, Ireland, also named Alvin Smith; and his mother was a Cherokee Indian. . It is currently believed that Alvin Smith was a Confederate Cavalry soldier during the Civil War. An Alvin D. Smith from Texas is listed on the military rolls; however, we have not yet ascertained if this is indeed our own Alvin Smith. More research will be needed to confirm or deny this portion of Alvin's life.

Alvin was age 37 in c1864 when he married 17-year old Julia Addeline McConnell. Their marriage did not last long as Alvin accidentally shot himself in the stomach while on duty as a Texas Ranger. The family legend says that Alvin was involved in a skirmish on the Texas/Oklahoma border when the fatal accident occurred

Alvin and Julia married in about 1864 and became parents of son Frank in 1865. They became parents of son John in 1868. Frank was 2 years old, and John was only 3 weeks old when their father died of accidental, self inflicted gunshot wounds. Gut shot with his own long rifle. Alvin's widow remarried shortly after Alvin was killed. She had three more children by her second husband who did not get along with his step-son, Frank.

At the age of 11, Frank could take no more of his step father's abuse and left home permanently. He worked on farms and later as a Texas Ranger like his father before him. After marrying, he established homesteads in Noble OK, Weatherford OK, Sentinel OK, and Moffat County CO.

Frank's life was not an easy one; however, he met life's challenges head on. It is believed that he was born with a serious hearing impairment, lost his father at the age of 2, lost four of his 10 children, and at age 56, Frank and one of his sons lost their lives during the infamous potato feud. Frank suffered many tragedies. Those who knew Frank spoke of him with great respect and admiration.

Frank's attempt to create an empire in Moffat County, Colorado, ended in disaster. In about 1914, Frank's two oldest sons, Tom and Jim, arrived in Moffat County and staked out homesteads for the Clan. Frank and family arrived in Moffat County in 1916. Within 8 short years of Frank and his family's arrival in Moffat County, the last remnants of the Smith Clan had pulled up stakes and left in defeat. By the end of November 1924, after 8 years of hardship and bad luck, the final 10 remaining members of the Smith Clan had departed from Moffat County in abject failure, leaving 3 of their family members buried on the mountain---Frank, Jim, and Nora. The loss of their leader sealed the fate of the remaining Clan members. Within 3 years of Frank's death, his descendants had scattered, and everything he had hoped for was lost.

Alvin's son John seems to have led a far more gentle life than his brother Frank. John remained living with his mother and step father, three half siblings, and three step siblings. When John became a man he chose one of his step sisters to be his wife. He and Annie Culwell remained married the rest of their lives and begat nine children.

John established a homestead near Noble OK and remained there to raise his seven children. Two of his nine children died in childhood. John died in 1953 and was buried in Los Angeles, California.

[My sincere apologies for not knowing more about John Alvin Smith's history. Perhaps at a later date we will have more information about John Alvin Smith's life.

Here then, once over lightly, in chronological order, are some pertinent facts about our Alvin Smith Clan.

## **SMITH CLAN MILESTONES**

**[Note:** When known, births and deaths have been listed for Alvin Smith, his children, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren.]

**1827**---Alvin Smith was born in Missouri Territory, and according to legend, was the son of a full-blooded Cherokee Indian woman and an Irish immigrant father. He was later a Texas Ranger, husband of Julia McConnell, and the father of Frank and John.

**1847**---On March 22, Alvin's future wife and mother of his two sons, Julia Addeline McConnell, was born.

**c1864**---Alvin Smith [age 37] married Julia Addeline McConnell [age 17]

**1864**---On January 1, Frank's future wife, Sarah Frances Buchanan, was born in St. Paul, Madison County, Arkansas.

**1865**---On November 15, William Franklin [Frank] was born to Alvin and Julia in Springtown, Parker County, Texas. It is believed that Frank was born with a serious hearing impairment. [See *Smith Family Curse*]

**1868**---On January 17, Alvin and Julia's second son, John Alvin, was born in Springtown, Parker County, Texas. John's hearing is believed to have been normal.

**1868**---On February 7, when Frank was 2 years old and John was 3 weeks old, their father, Alvin, a Texas Ranger, was accidentally shot and killed during an altercation on the Texas/Oklahoma border. Alvin's widow was 21 years old.

**1869**---When Frank was 4 years old, his mother married John Wesley Culwell. John Culwell and Julia produced 3 children: Lucinda, Joshua, and Hannah. Mr. Culwell, a widower, brought three children to the marriage with him.

**c1876**---Frank was so badly abused by his stepfather that he left home at the age of 11, never to return. He was self-supporting from age 11 until his death 45 years later. He began his independence by working on a farm, living in a barn, and earning 10 cents a day.

**c1885**---When Frank reached adulthood, he worked as a Texas Ranger. Frank was a true pioneer. He always wanted to know what was on the far side of the hill.

**1887**---On December 11, Frank (age 22) married Sarah Frances Buchanan (age 23), his first cousin once removed.

**1889-1908**---Frank fathered 10 children---only 6 of whom lived to adulthood.

**1889**---On August 24, Frank's first son Thomas Alvin was born. [FRANK---TOM]

**1890**---Frank's son William Lee was born. [FRANK---WILLIAM]

**1893**---On May 25, Frank's son James Wesley was born with a severe hearing impairment. [FRANK---JIM]

**1893**---On October 16, John's daughter Addie Smith Auwen was born. [JOHN---ADDIE]

**1893**---On September 16, Frank (28) raced in the Great Oklahoma Land Run. He won a parcel of land near Noble, Oklahoma.

**1893-1909**---Frank, Sarah, and children lived on the Noble homestead. During this time, 7 more children were born, and they lost 3 children.

**1894**---On July 25, Frank purchased a second homestead near Noble, Oklahoma.

**1895**---On August 5, Bennie H was born to Frank and Sarah. [FRANK---BENNIE]

**1896**---On June 22, Frank's son William Lee died. [FRANK---WILLIAM]

**1897**---Frank's first daughter, Lillian Vernetta was born. [FRANK---LILLIAN]

**1898**---Frank's son, Benjamin Lee was born. [FRANK---BENJAMIN LEE]

**1898**---On July 26, John purchased a homestead near Noble, Oklahoma.

**1899**---On December 10, John's son Otis was born. [JOHN---OTIS]

**1900**---On January 29, John's son Otis died. [JOHN---OTIS]

**1902**---On April 8, Frank's son Ernest Franklin was born. [FRANK---ERNEST]

**1903**---Frank's son Benjamin Lee, age 5, died. [FRANK---BENJAMIN LEE]

**1905**---Frank's daughter Rosa Jeanetta was born.

**1906**---Frank's daughter Ola Mae was born. [FRANK---OLA MAE]

**1908**---Frank's daughter Julia Ellen was born.

**1908**--- With the birth of her tenth and final child, Sarah (age 44) suffered her first stroke.

**1908**---On August 16, Frank's son Bennie H died. [FRANK---BENNIE H]

**1909**---Frank and family moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, where yet another child was lost.

**1909**---Frank's daughter Ola Mae died. [FRANK---OLA MAE]

**1911**---Tom's daughter Ola Mae was born. [FRANK---TOM---OLA MAE]

**C1912**---Frank and family moved to Sentinel OK.

**1913**---Tom's son James Franklin [Frank] was born. [FRANK---TOM---FRANK]

**1913**---On October 5, John's daughter Addie married John Auwen.

**c1914**---Frank's 2 oldest sons, Tom (25) and Jim (21), went to Colorado looking for land to homestead. They staked out two homesteads in Bear Valley, Colorado.

**1914---**Addie's daughter, Dollie Mae was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---DOLLIE]

**1915---**Tom's son Ollie was born. [FRANK---TOM---OLLIE]

**1916---**In August, eleven members of the "Smith Clan", Frank (51), Sarah (52), Tom (27), Jim (23), Ernest (14), Rosie (11), Julie (8), Nora (23), Ola (5), Frank (3), and Ollie (3 months)), left Oklahoma by train, and arrived at Craig on Ola's fifth birthday. [It is unknown exactly when Jim's wife, Jessie, arrived in Moffat County or when she left; however, shortly after her arrival, she returned to Oklahoma and divorced Jim. Her whereabouts are unknown.]

**1916-1924---**The Smith Clan made their homes up in the Rocky Mountains in Moffat County, Colorado.

**1917---** Addie's son John William [Buster] was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---JOHN]

**1917---**Dovie's son William Martin was born. [JOHN---DOVIE---WILLIAM]

**1918---**Dovie's son William Martin died. [JOHN---DOVIE---WILLIAM]

**1918---**On September 12, Frances was born in Moffat County to Nora and Tom. [FRANK---TOM---FRANCES]

**1918---**On October 22, Nora (25) died, only 6 weeks after Frances was born. Nora died during the Spanish flu epidemic leaving Tom with 3 young children and a newborn baby. Nora is buried in the cemetery at Craig.

**1919---**In October, Tom (30), married a widow, Chloe Jones (29), who already had an 11-year old son, Frankie Jones. She moved into Tom's cabin and took Nora's place as wife and mother.

**1919---**Addie's daughter Lois Addeline was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---LOIS]

**1919---**Addie's daughter Lois died. [JOHN---ADDIE---LOIS]

**1919---**Addie's son Louis Alvin was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---LOUIS]

**1920**---Dovie's son Gerald [Jerry] was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---GERALD]

**1921**---Addie's son James Harold was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---JAMES]

**1921**---On October 5, Frank (56) and Jim (28) were shot and killed during an argument with a neighbor about a few bags of potatoes. Frank and Jim are buried near Nora in the cemetery at Craig.

**1921**---With the shock of her husband and son's being murdered, Sarah (57) had another stroke and was disabled for the remainder of her life.

**1923**---On June 10, Rosie (18) married Art Fairchild (35), and they moved to Nebraska.

**1923**---Sarah (59) and Julia (15) took the train from Craig to Nebraska where Art and Rosie carried them by auto on to Oklahoma City.

**1923**---On September 1, William Emery Smith was born to Tom and Chloe. [FRANK—TOM—WILLIAM]

**1924**---In July Ernest (22) left Bear Valley with Bob Morris and traveled to Texas.

**1924**---Frank's daughter Rosa and Art returned to the mountain.

**1924**--- On July 23, Rosa Ellen was born to Rosa and Art. [FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA]

**1924**---Addie's daughter Evelyn Annabelle was born. JOHN---ADDIE---EVELYN]

**1924**--- Addie's daughter Evelyn Auwen died. [JOHN---ADDIE---EVELYN]

**1924**---In September, Chloe's son, Frankie Jones (16), ran afoul of the law and was banished from Moffat County. He went to Purcell CO to live with his maternal grandparents.

**1924**---In October, Rosie (19), Art (36), Rosa Ellen (3 months), and Frances (6) left the mountain in 2 automobiles and drove to Purcell where

they left Frances with Chloe's people to await the arrival of her parents. Art, Rosie, and Rosa Ellen continued on to Nebraska.

**1924---**In October/November, Tom (35) moved his family down off the mountain via Rabbit Ears Pass to Purcell, Colorado. They traveled with Tom driving a hay wagon loaded with farm machinery, and Chloe (34) driving a covered wagon containing household goods, both pulled by horses. Ola (13), and Frank (11), rode on horseback behind the wagons and herded Tom's cattle. Ollie (8) and William (1) rode in the covered wagon with Chloe.

**1924---**By the end of November, there were no living members of the Smith Clan left in Moffat County, Colorado. The only Smiths left on the mountain were Nora, Frank, and Jim, who were buried in the cemetery at Craig.

**1925---**Addie's son, Hamilton Johnson was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---HAMILTON]

**1925---**Julia Barton's daughter Betty Jo was born. [FRANK---JULIA---BETTY]

**1925---**Dovie's son Dallas Patrick was born. [JOHN---DOVIE--- PATRICK]

**1926---**Tom's daughter Marion Lillie was born. [FRANK---TOM---MARION]

**1926---**Rosa's daughter Amy was born. [FRANK---ROSIE---AMY]

**1927---**Ernest's daughter Verna Lee was born. [FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA]

**1927---**Julia Barton's daughter Juanda Lou was born. [FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA]

**1928---**Addie's son Alton Joseph was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---ALTON]

**1930---**Ernest's daughter Belle was born. [FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE]

**1931---**Julia Barton's daughter Rose Laverne was born. FRANK---JULIA---ROSE]

**1932**---Addie's son Frank Milton was born. [JOHN---ADDIE---FRANK]

**1932**---Addie's son Hamilton died. [JOHN---ADDIE---HAMILTON]

**1935**---Rosa's son Jack was born. [FRANK---ROSIE---JACK]

**1937**---On April 10, Frank's widow Sarah Frances Buchanan Smith died.

**1937**---Julia Barton's son Til Jr. was born. [FRANK---JULIA---TIL]

**1937**---Rosa's son Floyd was born. [FRANK---ROSIE---FLOYD]

**1937**---Ernest's son John Wesley was born. [FRANK---ERNEST---JOHN]

**1953**---On January 25, John Alvin Smith died in Los Angeles, California.

**1960**---On December 29, Frank's son Thomas Alvin Smith died.  
[FRANK---TOM]

**1962**---Dovie's son Dallas Patrick died. [JOHN---DOVIE---PATRICK]

**1964**---Tom's son Ollie died. [FRANK---TOM---OLLIE]

**1965**---Tom's son James Franklin [Frank] died. [FRANK---TOM---FRANK]

**1971**---On November 4, Frank's daughter Lillian Vernetta Moore died.  
[FRANK---LILLIAN]

**1973**---Addie's son James died. [JOHN---ADDIE---JAMES]

**1976**---John's daughter Julie Addeline [Addie] Smith Auwen died.  
[JOHN---ADDIE]

**1978**---Julia Barton's daughter Rose Laverne died. [FRANK---JULIA---ROSE]

**1980**---On September 26, Frank's son Ernest Franklin Smith died.  
[FRANK---ERNEST]

**1982**---On December 4, Frank's daughter Rosie Jenetta Crain died. [FRANK---ROSIE]

**1983**---On December 8, Frank's daughter Julia Ellen Barton died. [FRANK---JULIA]

**1984**---John's daughter Adah Dovie Smith Reynolds died. [JOHN---DOVIE]

**1984**---John's son John [Buster] Auwen died. [JOHN---BUSTER]

**1988**---Tom's son William Emery died. [FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM]

**1988**---Addie's son Louis Alvin died. [JOHN---ADDIE---LOUIS]

**1990**---Tom's daughter Frances died. [FRANK---TOM---FRANCES]

**1997**---Tom's daughter Ola Mae died. [FRANK---TOM---OLA]

**1998**---Addie's son Louis Auwen died. [JOHN---ADDIE---LOUIS]

**1990**---On May 16, Dovie's son Gerald [Jerry] Smith died. [JOHN---DOVIE---JERRY]

**1996**--- Addie's daughter, Dollie Mae Auwen Langley died. [JOHN---ADDIE---DOLLIE]

**2002**---Tom's daughter Marion Lillie died. [FRANK---TOM---MARION]

**2005**---Julia Barton's daughter Juanda Lou died. [FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA]

**2007**---Julia Barton's daughter Betty Jo died. [FRANK---JULIA---BETTY]

PS—If you noticed anyone missing or anything entered incorrectly, please let me know, and the information will be corrected online as well as in the next Smith Clan Potpourri book.

Thank you.

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UNIT 13---SCATTERED TO THE FOUR WINDS—  
THE REST OF THE STORY---14 SURVIVORS OF THE MOFFAT  
COUNTY FIASCO

By Mary R. Simms

Whatever happened to the fourteen surviving members of the Smith Clan after they left Moffat County and were scattered to the four winds? We know that they left three of their family members dead and buried in the cemetery at Craig, but what about those who lived and had to pick up the pieces of their lives and start all over again from scratch?

From the oldest family member who lived to come down off the mountain, to the youngest who is still alive today, here is a brief rundown on their lives after they left Bear Valley.

Sarah Frances Buchanan Smith, 1864---1937. Sarah lived for another 16 years after Frank's death. At age 60, she returned to her people in Oklahoma where she suffered poor health for the remainder of her life. Sarah lived with her various children and their families until her death in 1937. She is buried in Noble, Oklahoma, near three of her four children who died young. [FRANK'S WIDOW]

Art Fairchild, 1888---1952. Art, age 36 at the time of leaving Bear Valley in 1924, lived for another 28 years. He moved his small family to Nebraska and later to Purcell, Colorado, where he farmed and later worked as a carpenter. He raised his two daughters as a single parent, and made his home in California and Colorado. He died of cancer in 1952 at the age of 64. He is buried in Colorado. [ALVIN---FRANK---ROSIE] {Art}

Tom Smith, 1889---1960. Tom, age 35 when he left the mountains, lived for another 36 years. He farmed near Purcell, and later moved to Arvada, Colorado, where he worked for a detective agency. He had one more child born after leaving the mountain. Tom became disabled prior to age 60 and died in 1960 at the age of 71. He is buried in Denver. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM]

Chloe Calendar Jones Smith, 1890---1979. Chloe was 34 years old when they left Bear Valley. After their departure from Moffat County, she lived for another 55 years. She gave birth to one more child after leaving the mountain, and remained with Tom until his death in 1960. She then lived with her daughter and later in a nursing home in Denver. She died in 1979 at the age of 89, and is buried in Denver CO. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM] {Chloe}

Ernest Smith, 1902---1980. Ernest left Bear Valley in 1924 at age 22, and lived another 56 years after his departure. He returned to Oklahoma, married Hallie Newcomb, and made his home in Colorado and Oklahoma. He fathered four children, died in 1980 at the age of 78, and is buried in Oklahoma. [ALVIN---FRANK---ERNEST]

Rosie Smith Fairchild Crain, 1905---1983. Rosie, age 19, when she left Bear Valley in 1924, lived for another 59 years. She gave birth to three more children after leaving Moffat County. She divorced Art and married Bill Crain. Rosie made her home in Nebraska, Colorado, and California. She died at the age of 78 in 1983. She is buried in California. {ALVIN---FRANK---ROSIE}

Julia Smith Barton, 1908---1983. Sixteen year old Julia lived for 59 more years after leaving Moffat County. Upon leaving Colorado, she moved to Oklahoma with her mother. Julia met and married Til Barton, and they had four children. She made her home in Oklahoma. Julia died in 1983 at the age of 75. She is buried in Oklahoma. [ALVIN---FRANK---JULIA]

Franklin James (Frankie) Jones, 1908---1932. Frankie was 16 years old when he ran afoul of the law in Bear Valley and was exiled to Purcell, Colorado, to live with his maternal grandparents. He lived with his mother and step-father for eight years until he died of TB in 1932 at the age of 24. Frankie never married. He is buried in Eaton, Colorado. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM] {Chloe---Frankie}

Ola Smith Brosman May, 1911---1995. Ola was 13 years old when she left Bear Valley in 1924, and lived for another 71 years. She lived near Purcell, Colorado, with her parents until she married Bill Brosman. They had five children---four of whom lived to adulthood. Ola made her home in California most of her life. She died in 1995 at the age of age 84. She is buried in California. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM---OLA]

James Franklin (Frank) Smith, 1913---1965. Frank was 11 years old when they left the mountain, and lived for another 41 years. He lived with his parents in Purcell and later in Arvada, Colorado, until he joined the Army during WW II. While in uniform, he was injured and drew disability pay for the remainder of his life. He married Phyllis Fox, and they had three children. Frank lived in Colorado most of his life. In 1965 at the age of 52, Frank was murdered in a motel room in South Dakota. The killer was never found. He is buried in South Dakota. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM---FRANK]

Ollie Thomas Smith, 1916---1964. Ollie was only 9 years old when they moved down from Moffat County. He lived for another 40 years after leaving the mountain. Ollie stayed with his parents in Purcell until about age fourteen when he left home and made his own way. He met and married Shirley Stratton who already had two children. They made their home in Denver where he died from cancer at age 48 in 1964. He is buried in Denver. [FRANK---TOM---OLLIE]

Frances Smith Russell, 1918---1990. Frances was six years old when the Clan left Moffat County, and lived for another 66 years. She stayed with her parents in Purcell until she married Doyle Russell in 1935. She had four children and lived her entire life in Colorado. She died at age 71 in 1990. Frances is buried in Colorado. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM---FRANCES]

William Emery Smith, 1923---1988. William was only one year old when they left the mountain. He lived for another 64 years. He stayed with his parents in Purcell and Arvada, Colorado, until he joined the Army during WW II. William married Harriet, and they had five children. He served as Chief of Police in Aztec, New Mexico, until 1988 when he died from cancer at the age of 65. [ALVIN---FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM]

Rosa Ellen Fairchild Farrell, 1924---present. At 87 years of age, Rosa Ellen is the only one remaining alive out of all of the family members who came down off the mountain. She left Bear Valley as a tiny baby, and has lived for another 87 years since leaving Moffat County. At the time of this writing, Rosa Ellen is still hale and hearty. She first lived in Nebraska with her parents and sister Amy and later in Colorado with her father and sister until she married Marcus Farrell. They had three children. Rosa Ellen

has lived in California most of her adult life where she currently makes her home. [ALVIN---FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA ELLEN]

Bless their hearts.

Hats off to them all!!!!!!!

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## UNIT 14--SMITH CLAN HOMESTEADS IN BEAR VALLEY

a) Take US 40 west from Steamboat Springs CO, through Craig, to Elk Springs.

b) At Elk Springs turn right onto County Road 14 (Bear Valley Road), and travel approximately 17 miles northwest to intersection of County Road 14 and County Road 95\_

c) Distance to sites is measured from the intersection of CR 14 and CR 95. Remain on CR 14 (Bear Valley Road). DO NOT turn onto County Road 95.

Approximate distances to cabins when traveling west on CR 14 from the intersection of CR 14 & CR 95:

Art Fairchild\*-----0.2 mile west of intersection---[plus 0.3 mile south of CR 14]

School-----0.9 mile west of intersection---[north side of CR 14]

Cabins-----2.6 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.4 mile south of CR 14]

Jim & Frank Smith\*-----2.6 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.2 miles south of CR 14]

Bob Morris\*-----2.8 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.8 mile north of CR 14]

Ruppe cabin-----2.9 miles west of intersection--[north side of CR 14]

Faulkner Store-----3.3 miles west of intersection--[north side of CR 14]

House-----3.4 miles west of intersection--[north side of CR 14]

Potato killing-----3.8 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.3 mile south of CR 14]

Tom Smith\*-----3.5 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.2 mile north of CR 14]

House-----3.9 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.1 mile north of CR 14]

Abraham Wilson\*-----4.1 miles west of intersection--[plus 0.8 mile northwest of CR 14]

--Technical location is 109.7125 degrees longitude and 40.4233 latitude at the point midway between Dinosaur National Monument and center of Bob Morris's north property line.

--In June 2011 historical markers were placed at the 5 \* homesteads named above.

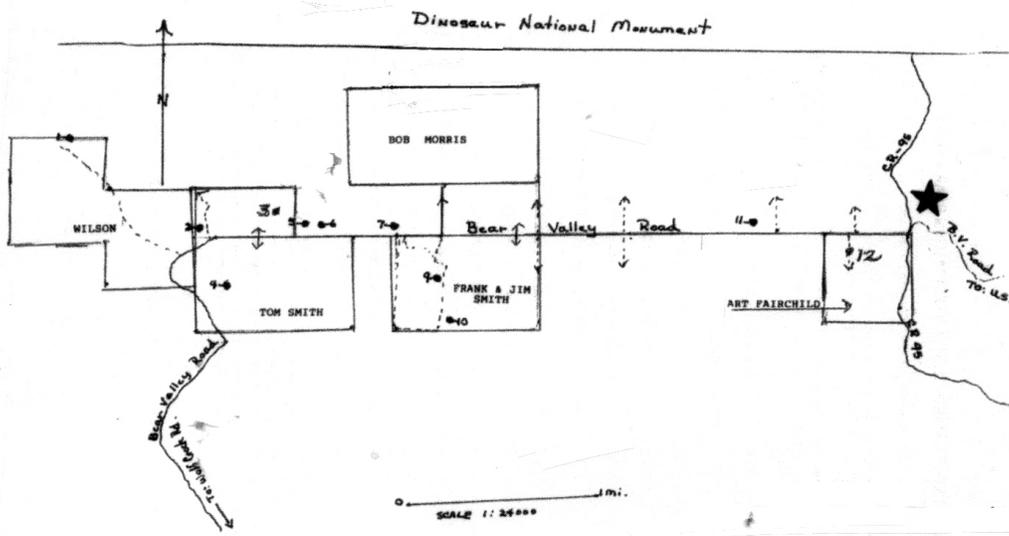
—There are several easier routes to arrive at the CR 14/CR 95 intersection.

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UNIT 15

LINE MAP OF MOFFAT COUNTY HOMESTEADS



## UNIT 16-- *The Press-Enterprise*---

Thursday, April 20, 1989:

### THE OKLAHOMA LAND RUN IS ON!

The following account of the initial opening of the Oklahoma territory is from "The Formation of the State of Oklahoma (1803--1906)" by Roy Gittinger (University of California Press, 1917)

The Oklahoma district, the settlement of which was thus authorized [proclaimed by President Harrison on March 12], was a heart-shaped area in the center of the Indian Territory.

To reach it from Kansas, it was necessary to pass through the Cherokee Outlet. The Chickasaw district separated it from Texas and several reservations lay between it and Arkansas. Its southern and southwestern boundary was the Canadian, a wide, shallow stream flowing from the mountains of New Mexico to join the Arkansas River. Two streams crossed the district from east to west, the Cimarron and the North Fork of the Canadian. The latter was little more than a creek, but the Cimarron closely resembled the main Canadian. A line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad had recently been constructed through the district from north to south a little east of its center, and a stage line ran parallel to the railroad about thirty miles farther west.

The area of the land included in the President's proclamation at this time was a little less than three thousand square miles. In other words, the Oklahoma district was about three-fifths as large as Connecticut.

The line forms here.-- Between the middle of March and the middle of April, several thousand persons gathered in the neighboring states ready to make the race for homesteads or town lots. Before the day set for the opening they were allowed to pass through the intervening Indian country and form on the borders of the district to be opened.

Promptly at noon (on April 22) the settlers were given the signal to start, and the run began. Men raced on horseback, in carriages, and in

wagons. Five trains entered the district from the north. The first of these reached Guthrie, twenty miles south. At one-thirty in the afternoon, but the passengers found that United States deputy marshals, together with settlers who had slipped by the border patrol, had already staked out a town site. Other persons had been busily engaged since noon making entries for adjacent farms. Those who entered in this way before the appointed time were known as "Sooners."

Purcell, where the Santa Fe Railroad crossed the Canadian, was the starting place for most of the settlers entering from the south. Many of these reached Oklahoma station where the Santa Fe crossed the North Fork of the Canadian, midway between Purcell and Guthrie. Rivalry between Guthrie and Oklahoma City began at once. Other towns were staked out and occupied and by nightfall many of the homesteads had one or more claimants.

Their numbers grow.-- Brigadier-General Wesley Meritt, personally in command of the troops in the district reported on April 23 that the settlers who had entered numbered ten to twelve thousand. According to this communication, three thousand of these were at Guthrie, as many at or near Kingfisher, and three or four thousand at Oklahoma City and in the country between Oklahoma City and Purcell. It must be remembered that nearly all of these were men. They represented a much larger prospective population. Meritt's estimate must have been extremely conservative, as other observers tripled or even quadrupled the numbers given by him.

The opening in April 1889 had certain features that were peculiar to it. Congress had adjourned on March 3 without providing for the government of the Oklahoma district apart from the Indian Territory, and the settlers were thus left largely to their own devices.

The failure to establish a government led incidentally to a remarkable situation in the towns. As the sections in the statutes which authorized the plotting of a town sited on public land could be placed in operation only by the action of local and civil officials, it was decided that no towns could be established legally. The farmer could take the first step toward the acquisition of a title to his farm under the homestead law, but the dweller in one of the new towns was unable to acquire a legal claim to settle. The situation was further complicated by a provision that no town site should

contain more than three and twenty acres, an area too small for a city of three thousand or more men.

Boomtown democracy.--The inhabitants of the towns at once organized temporary or provisional governments. The first steps toward organization were taken at Guthrie on the evening of April 22 and shortly afterwards D.B. Dyer was elected mayor.

At Oklahoma City a call was issued on April 26 for a mass meeting on the next day. At this meeting W.L. Couch, the later leader of the boomers, was chosen temporary mayor, and on May 1 he was elected for a term of one year.

Two factions made their appearance after the election. One, the Seminoles, supported couch; the other, the Kickapoos, demanded reorganization. The military authorities had to interfere to preserve order. By the end of April local governments were established in smaller towns.

The settlers at once began to make improvements. Portable houses were brought in on the first afternoon and set up as soon as possible. Guthrie and Oklahoma City grew into typical western town and rapidly as materials for building could be transported.

In November, according to the annual report of the Secretary of the Interior, sixty thousand persons were in the Oklahoma district. Twenty thousand of these lived in the town that had been established. Guthrie was said to contain eight thousand inhabitants. Oklahoma City five thousand; and Kingfisher, including Lisbon, three thousand. The settlers supported twenty-nine schools, thirty-eight churches and twenty-two newspapers.

*[End of article]*

[Courtesy of Pam Russell---Copied from old newspaper article]

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**Author's note---** According to the memoirs written by his granddaughter, Rosa Ellen Fairchild Farrell, William Franklin Smith participated in this land race and won land near Noble OK. This article describes what Oklahoma was like at the time Frank and Sarah were beginning their married life together. One source says that Sarah and three babies waited at home while Frank made his race for the land. Another source claims that Sarah actually joined her husband in the race itself!

Life must have been very challenging back then!

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## **UNIT 17---CRAIG EMPIRE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES---1918-1924 for the communities of Lily and Blue Mountain, Moffat County, Colorado**

*(note: This collection of news articles is not complete. I searched for mention of the Thomas Alvin Smith family)*

**Compiled by Pamela J. Russell. 2010**

December 1918 - Thomas A. Smith of the Craig-Sunbeam stage escaped serious injury Friday when his motor truck skidded over an embankment a short distance this side of Sunbeam. The car turned over and the driver stuck to the steering wheel, which gave him a fierce jab in the chest. Aside from this bruise Mr. Smith was not injured and is again on the job.

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LILY ITEMS Jan. 1, 1919 - The Lily threshing machine returned to the park after about a three months run. C. E. Owen took his cattle to White River some time ago, where he has feed for the winter. Rosa and Julia Smith came down Friday from Craig to visit friends in Lily park. The people of this vicinity enjoyed an entertainment by the school Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Owen made a trip to Craig last week. They took a hog to town.

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LILY NEWS Jan. 8, 1919 - (crowded out last week) R. A. Morris and A. S. Wilson stayed at the White Bear ranch Monday night. They were on their way to Craig. C. C. Weaver was at the W. B. Ranch yesterday. Everyone present at the skating party given by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Barnes enjoyed

the skating and lunch. F. C. Barnes and T. W. Barnes have been working on F. C. Barnes new house. R. A. Morris and S. A. Wilson and E. F. Smith stopped at the White Bear ranch last night. They were on their way to Bear Valley. H. A. Shank has been breaking some horses lately. Mr. Eller was at the White Bear ranch the other day. The Cross Mountain Grangers met at the Cross Mountain hall last Saturday night.

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February 5, 1919 - R. E. Morris and son have been up from their new ranch property in the Blue Mountain district this week. Mr. Morris will buy a tractor outfit this spring and expects to get several hundred acres of the new land in cultivation by fall.

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March 5, 1919 - Thomas A. Smith and Floyd Williams, until recently proprietors of the Craig-Sunbeam stage line, departed the latter part of the week with their families for Lily Park, where both have excellent homesteads. Robert E. Morris came up from his Blue Mountain homestead on business last week. He is preparing to farm on an extensive scale this year and has ordered a tractor outfit for the heavy work.

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LILY NEWS March 12, 1919 - F. Williams, T. A. and J. W. Smith stayed at the White Bear ranch Tuesday night. They were on their way to Bear Valley. Louise Barnes spent the night with Mary Weaver last week. R. E. and B. L. Morris moved the W. F. and T. A. Smith families and Mrs. Williams to Bear Valley Monday.

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April 2, 1919 - Thomas A. Smith came up from his homestead in Blue mountain country, suffering with throat trouble. He has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. Fuller, but yesterday had sufficiently recovered to stand an operation which it is believed will result in permanent relief.

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April 16, 1919 - Thomas A. Smith, who has been in poor health since last fall, was again brought to Craig yesterday from his ranch in Bear Valley. His father, W. F. Smith, will remain here with him.

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YOUGHALL NOTES Sept. 17, 1919 – Messrs. **Bob Morris**, A. Power, and **Frank Smith** are busy cutting logs to build our Youghal school house. **Tom Smith** went up to the Douglas saw mill for school house lumber. Yesterday we had such a good old-fashioned downpour of rain that the cows and farmers are all in the blandest smiles today. Bear Valley now has a new locked mail pouch and everybody is glad to have a post office nearer home. We sometimes forget the name but we'll get used to it – it's Youghal.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Oct. 8, 1919 – (too late for last week) The people of Bear Valley met at **Frank Smith's** home Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and organized a Sunday school, with A. Power as superintendent. By a vote of those present the new school which is under construction is to be called Youghal. Fray Baker is in Craig this week on business. **Jim and Ernest Smith** are haying at Sunbeam this week. Durward Morris started to Price Creek Friday to get a load of grain. **Frank Smith** won two prizes at the Maybell fair. Thursday brought Youghal another fine rain. Farmers are building the school house while farmer's sons are plowing and seeing after their fathers' business in general. John Hewitt went to Maybell Monday. Mr. Power will teach our Youghal school this year. G. W. Graham was in the neighborhood yesterday seeing after cattle. The Rev. A. L. Duncan, who has been visiting his brother Joe Duncan of this community left Monday for his home at Ft. Summer, New Mexico. Mr. Duncan preached several sermons while here, the meetings being held at the different Youghal homes. Messrs. **Morris, Smith**, Power and Duncan are still hammering on the school house which they hope to finish next week. **Tom Smith** is at the Hell Canyon mine this week. **Floyd Williams** had returned to Oklahoma to spend the winter but expects to be back on his homestead in time to plant his garden in the spring.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Oct. 29, 1919 – We are still having Sunday school at the home of **Frank Smith** because the furniture for our school house has not yet arrived. Youghal school opened October 13. **Jim Smith** graciously received the school into his home pending the readiness of the school building. Fray Baker went to Craig on a business trip Saturday. **Bob Morris** came home Tuesday but returned to Mud Springs today with Fray Baker to begin work on the road. John Hewitt is now the mail carrier from Youghall to Lily. **Mrs. Floyd Williams** left Monday for Nolan (*note: probably Noble*),

Okla., where she will join her husband. **Mr. and Mrs. Williams** will return to Youghal in the spring. **Tom Smith** started for Denver Monday on a very special business trip (*note: On October 29, 1919, in Ault, Colorado, Tom Smith married Chloe Belle Callender Jones and brought her back to Bear Valley*). **Mr. Smith** has been breaking land for Mrs. Bosley. Mr. and Mrs. Power took dinner with **Mrs. Frank Smith** Sunday. The singing given by **Mrs. Smith** Sunday evening in honor of **Mrs. Williams'** departure was well attended. **Bernice Morris** is visiting home folks this week. **Jim Smith** is helping push to the limit the interests of the Hell's Canyon Copper Company this week. The homestead of Charlie Wilcox has been closed for the remainder of the year, he having returned with his family to Wichita Falls, Texas. A. V. Spurgin of Havernal ranch made a business trip to Bear Valley springs one day last week. **Ernest Smith** is now in Maybell on business. Durward Morris was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Power Sunday. We Youghal people love to hear the noise of those Hell's Canyon Copper company 5-ton trucks going through our valley. They make us feel like business is picking up.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Nov. 12, 1919 – Our school house is now completed and furnished and actually being used as a school house although it has seemed so long in materializing that sometimes we thought it “only a dream” More patronage is coming to our new post office from time to time as people within reach realize what a great convenience it is to get their mail nearer home. When the snow gets deeper and we want to send out for Santa Claus on a pair of overshoes we'll appreciate our post office more than ever. We are pleased with the promptness and general efficiency of our postmaster **R. E. Morris**. **Ernest Smith** went to Lily Sunday. Fray Baker was over at Bear Valley springs Monday on business. **R. E. Morris** is making a trip to Meeker this week to take his horses and cattle nearer feed. School is progressing nicely now, every child in our community who is of school age being enrolled. **Bernice Morris** is going to remain at home and attend school this term. Joe Duncan went to Massadona Tuesday. While there he had his post office address changed to Youghal. Jack Stuart was up at Youghal Tuesday for mail. Mrs. Power substituted at school for Mr. Power Monday, he having been hurriedly called away by the trowel to the north side of the school house. **Jim Smith** is at the mine again this week. We now have Sunday school literature on hand and cordially invite all who are within reach to come and help us with our lessons.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Nov. 26, 1919 – (too late for last week) **Tom Smith** has consummated his business at Purcell, Colo., and we are daily expecting him to arrive with his **bride**. Mr. Power, our Sunday school superintendent, was not with us Sunday as he was suffering from a cold. One noticeable thing about our Sunday school is that the helpers are at once ready and willing to become teachers or superintendents as the necessity demands. **Jim Smith** is at home again from the mine. G. W. Graham of Lily was at Youghal Monday rounding up his cattle. Last Friday brought a snow storm. **Mrs. Robert Morris** is sick this week. **Bernice Morris** is doing some plowing for A. Bower. **Frank Smith** made a trip up to the Hell Canyon mine Saturday. Joe Duncan is carrying the mail for Mr. Hewitt this week. **Frank Jr.** and **Ola Smith** are visiting Brandeford and Nahl Power this week. The Youghal school was closed Tuesday for that we might join the world in the celebration of the Great Peace.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Dec.10, 1919 – (too late for last week) We are now having real “Indian Summer” here in the valley, whereas all new comers expected to be snowed under before this date. Our school is progressing quite nicely not withstanding the fact that our furniture is not yet at hand. Henry Wassen is bringing horses into this community for winter pasture. G. W. Graham of Lily has now removed his cattle from Youghal. He and **Ernest Smith** started for Meeker with them last week. It is said that Mr. Graham will reside at Meeker during the remainder of this winter. The Youghal mail now makes connection with that of Cross Mountain and since this change Youghal has its mail only once per week. **Bernice** and **Durward Morris** are at work at the Hell Canyon mine this week. A. V. Spurgeon was in our community Tuesday looking after livestock. **Tom** and **Jim Smith** are in Craig today on business. Our Sunday school is steadily growing under the direction of A. Power as superintendent. We have received our 1919 song books recently and now have singing immediately after Sunday school. **R. E. Morris** is cutting posts for Mr. Eskridge this week. The reception given by **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith** in honor of their son **Tom** and his **wife** was heartily enjoyed by all present.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Dec. 31, 1919 – Dry farmers of this community are elated over the deep snow they are having to buck. It means more feed

next year. A. S. Wilson is now overseer at the Hell Canyon Copper Mine. **Jim Smith** and **Bernice Morris** went to Cross Mountain Friday for the mail. They got back Tuesday. Some trip that! School is still in progress notwithstanding the frozen heels and ears of some of the pupils. **Thurman Morris** and his "big" brother **Bernice** were out hunting Saturday when **Thurman** was so nearly overcome by the cold that he had to be carried in. He has sufficiently recovered to be in school again, however. A. Power made a business trip to Lily last week. Many cattle are dying in this part of the district on account of the severity of the last storm – and no feed. Messrs. A. Power and **Thos. A. Smith** started to Maybell today via Lily and Cross Mountain. No wagons can run here in Bear Valley now on account of the depth of the snow. All traffic is by way of the one bobsled of Youghal.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Jan. 14, 1920 – **Tom Smith** and A. Power returned from Maybell too late for the big Christmas dinner given by **Mrs. Tom Smith**. However, all the rest of the "Youghalites" were present and certainly enjoyed the day. Misses Mary Weaver of Lily and **Rosa** and **Julia Smith** of Youghal are visiting Mrs. A. Power this week. **R. E. Morris** went to Cross Mountain on business this week. **Ernest Smith** and **Bernice Morris** started to the Wolf Creek country yesterday but are expected to return in time to re-enter school Monday. Will White of the White Bear Ranch was at the home of A. Power last week. Fray Baker and Bill Edward were in this community last week gathering up cattle. The occasion of the week was a New Year's dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Power. The day was spent pleasantly by every one present. The older people spent the afternoon in singing while the young folks were out sledding or trying their new skis. Joe Duncan has gone to Vernal, Utah, this week on business. Our Sunday school elected new officers last Sunday except that A. Power was retained as superintendent and Joe Duncan was re-elected secretary. **Tom Smith** was elected as instructor and leader of our singing.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Feb. 28, 1920 – We are hopefully expecting that the Youghal-Cross Mountain mail line will be given a regular government mail carrier March 1<sup>st</sup>. All bids are in. Mr. Milheim and son returned to their homestead this week. Mrs. A. S. Wilson of Youghal is now at Lily awaiting transportation to her home. Her friends here have been anxiously awaiting her return. We are expecting a fair crop this year as we have had mountains of snow which is now melting and soaking into the land nicely.

**Julia Smith** has been out of school for several days on account of sickness. H. Wassen is sufficiently recovered to be out about his work again. **Tom Smith** returned from a business trip to Craig rather late Sunday.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Mar. 17, 1920 – **Jim Smith** started to Meeker Sunday. He and **Bernice Morris** will bring the **Smith-Morris** livestock back to Bear Valley next week. The thaw is apparently on out here now though light snows continue to fall. Saturday F. A. Baker, who has been engaged at the Hells Canyon Copper Mine, was called home at Lily park by the serious illness of his father. **Mrs. R. E. Morris** and little daughter **Thelma** are visitors at Meeker this week. Mrs. Estridge of Johnson's draw spent last week visiting **Mrs. Frank Smith**. Our Sunday school met at the home of Mr. Power last Sunday owing to the fact that every member happened to visit there that day. **Durward Morris** made a trip to Cross Mountain as mail carrier last Friday. Mr. Manning of Badger Flat was over at Mr. Hewitt's Tuesday on business. Mr. Power has gone to Lily park today on a matter of business. Mrs. Henry Wassen was at Youghal Thursday for the mail.

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YOUGHAL NOTES May 12, 1920 – We are still having snow out here and many are beginning to wonder if crops can be made between spring snows and autumn frost bites. Cheer up neighbors and be thankful for the bright prospects of a garden. Seven months of our school have been taught with only the loss of one day on account of bad weather, notwithstanding the fact that at times it was unthinkably cold. Our Sabbath school has been dismissed only for one Sunday during the winter, although the attendance was registered at only a few degrees above zero – a few faithful members saved the say when the snow was too deep for others to buck. Mrs. Powers denies the "honor" of being a nurse – but happily visited Mrs. White of Lily last week. Harie Estridge and wife are staying with the **R. E. Morris** family pending the arrival of the Estridge household wares from Cross Mountain. **Durward Morris** made a trip to Lily last week, going on to Cross Mountain for the mail. **R. E. Morris**, in company with three homeseekers, started for Craig this morning. **Messrs. Tom and Jim Smith** are on the road to Maybell today. **Tom Smith** has been appointed road overseer for this district from Cross Mountain to Utah. He will gather up his road working implements as he returns from Maybell and make ready to begin his road work soon. Harie Estridge is suffering from snow blindness

since his trip over to Wolf Creek Friday. Joe Duncan was a caller at Mr. Power's Thursday. Mr. Power went to Lily park Saturday.

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YOUGHAL NOTES Jun. 23, 1920 – Farmers of this community have about finished planting. Most gardens are up and looking fine. **Mrs. Frank Smith** is on the sick list this week. Mr. Power has just finished fencing an 80-acre plot. Nick M. Patterson has returned to his homestead and is now moving his house toward the south side of his land. Mr. Patterson's many friends welcome his return, doubly so since he brings his bride with him. Mr. Miller, who has filed on the "Pot Hole" land, came in yesterday to begin the ordeal of homesteading. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wilson returned home today from Craig where they have been to meet their little daughter, Mary. Mary spent the winter in an academy at Denver. Fray Baker was over looking after his farming interests here Friday. People are all returning to their homesteads here now. It looks quite prosperous now with so many fine rye patches.

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*(Note: from June of 1920 through December 1922 there were no news entries from Youghal. Perhaps the person who provided the news tidbits moved away.)*

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BLUE MOUNTAIN AND HELL CREEK BASIN Sep. 14, 1921 – **Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith** of Bear Valley visited at Mrs. F. A. Fuller's two days last week.

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Craig Empire Newspaper – Front Page October 12, 1921 **W. F. SMITH AND SON SHOT TO DEATH; NEIGHBOR HELD ON MURDER CHARGE. Eye Witnesses Say A. S. Wilson Killed Bear Valley Pioneers After Bloody Quarrel. MEN HAVE HOT WORDS AND FIST FIGHT.**

**Frank Smith**, pioneer Blue Mountain ranchman, and his son **James Smith** lie buried in one grave. Their former neighbor and friend, A. S. Wilson, is in jail in Craig charged with their murder. Eye witnesses say Wilson shot the two men following a fight with the elder **Smith**.

A double killing in which father and son met death is the tragedy which shocked Moffat County last week. That **Smith** and **his son** came to

their death “from a gunshot wound inflicted by A. S. Wilson with felonious intent” was the finding of the coroner’s jury. Eye witnesses told of the killing but no adequate motive to justify such a tragedy had been advanced.

A few words over the disposal of some potatoes, the suggestion that the elder **Smith** was indignant over land matters, other motives for the quarrel which led to the fatal shooting have been advanced. Yet the fact remains that no person has given an adequate reason why a man should kill his neighbor and the neighbor’s unarmed son. This is a mystery for which a solution will be sought at Wilson’s trial in district court.

Testimony given at the coroner’s inquest held before J. E. Duvall Friday showed that the two **Smiths** were killed by Wilson following a bloody fight between Wilson and the elder **Smith**.

J. T. Elliot Sr., a renter living on the **Tom Smith** ranch in Bear Valley, testified that Wilson had been helping him harvest his potato crop. A portion of the crop belonged to **Tom Smith** for rent. Elliot stated the elder **Smith** came over to Elliot’s field to arrange about the disposition of his son’s potatoes. When Elliot suggested that they be left in his (Elliot’s) cellar, **Smith** said, “Wilson would steal them if they were left there.”

This remark was the only reason Elliot gave for the fight which followed. He testified that the fight was a rough one in which the two old men rolled over and over on the ground, pummeling each other and using any weapon which came handy. Elliot said that Wilson struck **Smith** three or four times with a hammer before the fighters could be separated.

Then, Elliot said, **Smith** picked up a baseball bat and endeavored to renew hostilities but was prevented from following Wilson into the Elliot home. **Smith** then said he was going for his gun and told Elliot, the latter testified, “If you don’t want to see that old devil killed you had better get him off your place.” Elliot said he gave this information to Wilson who finished his work and walked home.

Later the elder **Smith** returned accompanied by his son James. The elder man had a baseball bat in one hand. The younger man was unarmed, Elliot said. **Jim Smith** was quoted as saying, “Where’s that s... o...b...? We want him.” And **Frank** is said to have added, “Yes, we want him. He can’t stay on this place.”

When Wilson appeared, armed with a 38-55 rifle, Elliot says he shot young **Smith** first and then shot the father afterwards, walking away.

T. J. Elliot, Jr. followed his father on the witness stand and told practically the same story but added to the details of the fight which preceded the killing the information that **Smith** hit Wilson with a potato rake. He also said that **Smith** made the prophetic statement that "one of us is going to be hauled off in a coffin if he (Wilson) puts foot on this land again."

Dr. J. E. Downs testified that he had examined the bodies of the two **Smiths** after they were brought to Craig. He told of finding evidence of the bloody battle which preceded the shooting on **Smith's** face and head. The face and forehead were badly bruised and the skull had been fractured. Doctor Downs said the fractures could have been made with a hammer. He evinced surprise that the elder **Smith** could have returned to the scene of the battle in so short a time after receiving the head wounds. The fracture itself might have brought death to some men, he stated.

D. E. Shaw, school teacher, and **R. E. Morris**, neighbor, testified that they removed the bodies of the two dead men after the killing and afterwards undressed them. No weapons except the potato rake and baseball bat which were found near **Frank Smith's** body were found.

A. S. Wilson is being held in jail on a murder charge. He will be tried at the December term of court. Wilson came to Moffat County from Fort Worth in the fall of 1918 and filed on a homestead in Bear Valley. He is married and a step-child, Mary Wilson, 13, lives with him and his wife. He is about 60 years of age.

**William Franklin Smith**, or **Frank Smith**, as he was generally known, and his family came to Moffat County in August, 1916. **The Smiths** were the first settlers in Bear Valley.

**Mr. Smith** came to Moffat County because he had the pioneer's yearning to be on the frontier. He was born in Springtown, Tex., 56 years ago when Texas was real "Wild West." His boyhood was spent in an atmosphere of Indian raids and the hardships which the pioneers of Texas in '65 were forced to undergo.

**He** lived the life of a cowboy on the Texas plains and several times rode with the huge trail herds from the Rio Grande to Kansas City. When Texas began to settle up he moved to the Indian territory and helped make history in what is now the state of Oklahoma when there were not a hundred white people in the whole territory. For a time he was a cowboy on the 101 ranch, and in 1893 he filed on a homestead near Noble, Okla. He and his family remained there until 1908 when again the “call of the silent places” was heard and he came to Bear Valley, then entirely unsettled.

His sons filed on the homesteads and the elder **Smith** stayed with them and assisted them.

**James Wesley Smith**, who was killed with his father, was 28 years old. He was born in Agnes, Tex.

**Mrs. Smith** and two sons, **Thomas and Ernest**, and three daughters, **Mrs. Floyd Williams**, and **Rose** 17, and **Julia** 13, survive. **Mrs. R. E. Morris** is a half-sister of **Frank Smith**.

The two bodies were buried in one grave in the Craig cemetery Sunday. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A Toothaker, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

Both **Tom Smith** and **R. E. Morris** doubt the idea of a feud between Wilson and the **Smith** family. **Tom Smith** says that as far as he knows the two families have always been on the best of terms and that there had been no friction up until the time he left to work at Milner some months ago. He says that the two families have visited back and forth and have always been neighborly. During the winter of 1918 Wilson lived in **Tom Smith's** house, rent free, **Tom Smith** says.

**Tom Smith** says he had heard more to the effect that Wilson had threatened a contest against the homestead entry of **Smith's** son-in-law, **Floyd Williams**, but knows nothing of the details.

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Craig Empire Newspaper – Front Page October 19, 1921 RANCHER IS SHOT **Arthur Fairchild's** Lung Penetrated By Bullet From Revolver Accidentally Discharged. LIFTS AUTO SEAT – GUN FIRES.

**Arthur Fairchild**, 32, a Youghal homesteader, was seriously injured by the accidental discharge of a 45-calibre revolver Saturday morning. The bullet passed entirely through the upper portion of his body, puncturing the right lung. Doctors say he will recover.

**Fairchild** was at the Cross Mountain postoffice on the M. H. Gordon ranch Saturday morning. He left the house and went to the mail car standing in front of the gate. He attempted to raise the front seat cushion which stuck slightly. He gave a sharp tug and the revolver, which was lying under the cushion, was discharged.

The first news to reach Craig of the accident was to the effect that **Fairchild** had been fatally shot. Dr. R. A. Seydel made a hurried trip to Cross Mountain taking Doctors Downs and Davenport with him. The latter stated that unless complications set in **Fairchild** will live.

**Fairchild** came to Moffat County last March and has resided here since. He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges in his former home in Nebraska. **W. C. Fairchild**, father of the injured man, arrived in Craig Monday night and went to Cross Mountain yesterday to remain with his son.

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Craig Empire Newspaper Dec. 7, 1921 – WILSON MURDER TRIAL STARTED Blue Mountain Ranchman Charged With Slaying Two Neighbors Goes To Trial as District Court Session Begins. TWELVE JURYMEN SELECTED. Thompson "Tea Wagon" Case and Malicious Mischief Charge Coming Next – Martin and Dykes Forget to Pay Fine.

Abraham S. Wilson is on trial in the district court today for the murder of **Frank Smith**. It is expected by court officials that testimony in this trial will be completed today.

A jury was empanelled to try the case yesterday. Little difficulty was experienced in securing the required twelve jurymen, who are Howard Thompson, Thomas S. Iles, E. W. Leggett, Clyde Hart, W. A. Jeffcoat, Clyde Maxey, Lloyd Willis, Roy D. Mills, Earl T. Jackson, E. O. Allen, Carol Wild, Frank Smay.

A. S. Wilson is charged with killing **Frank Smith** and his son, **James Smith**, neighbors, following a quarrel on October 5, 1921. Two charges of murder have been filed against Wilson, and if he is freed on the **Frank Smith** case he may still be forced to answer to the charge of killing **James Smith**. Wilson is represented by M. H. Gordon, J. F. Meador and E. W. Snoddy of Alva, Okla.

The Wilson murder cases are the only ones of importance to come before the court this term. It is expected that all court business will be finished this week.

One other case which has attracted considerable attention is the R. B. Thompson "tea wagon" case. Thompson is charged with taking two second-hand tea wagons from the Denver & Salt Lake railroad. Thompson claims that the wagons belonged to him and that carrying them away was the only way he could secure his property. This will probably come to trial tomorrow.

James Wells, charged with malicious mischief, will also be tried at this term. Warren Cogdill charges that Wells broke up and damaged an automobile. Both parties live on Snake River.

Warrants were issued by Judge Walker yesterday, for the arrest of M. B. Martin and Charles Dykes. Both men, charged with gambling, were released at the last term of court when they promised to pay their fines. Martin paid \$50 of his \$300 fine and was to make payments of \$25 a month on the unpaid balance. He has never made a payment. Dykes promised to "hurry back to court" with his \$50 fine if he was released, but he hasn't shown up yet.

The civil docket is also light and the court session should end within the week.

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Craig Empire Newspaper – Front Page December 14, 1921 ALL FREED BY DISTRICT COURT. Wilson Freed of **Frank Smith** Murder Charge; To Be Tried for Killing **Son** at the Next Term of Court. "TEA WAGON" THOMPSON FREED. James Wells Also Gets Acquitted In Snake River Mischief Case; Court Adjourns Without Taking Up Civil Docket.

“The ‘not guilties’ have it. Carried Unanimously.”

This might have been Judge Walker’s statement for closing the Moffat County District Court session yesterday. For only three cases were tried and every one resulted in a verdict of not guilty. From murder to malicious mischief the jury was with the men on trial and each defendant went free.

A. S. Wilson, charged with murdering Frank Smith, was acquitted on the first ballot. R. B. Thompson came free of the charge of larceny of tea wagons from the Moffat railroad. And yesterday afternoon James Wells was freed of malicious mischief charges.

It took only one ballot to acquit A. S. Wilson of the charge of murdering **Frank Smith**, a Blue Mountain neighbor. The trial was hard fought by both the prosecution and the defense. Wilson was represented by M. H. Gordon, J. F. Meador, and E. W. Snoddy of Alva, Okla.

As soon as the attorneys’ arguments were finished the jury retired and took a ballot, even before the instructions were read. All twelve votes were for acquittal. The jury did not report until some hours afterward, however.

The defense attorneys built up a case of self-defense. They brought forth evidence to show that Wilson had been heckled and threatened for a long time and that when the two **Smiths** came forward to him he thought his life in danger.

Wilson is still charged with the murder of **Jim Smith**. The defense attorneys attempted to have this case tried at the present term of court. It was put over until the next term, however. Wilson is not at liberty under a \$2,000 bond.....

*(note: this article continues with the story of the other cases before the court but that concludes the information about the Smith murders.)*

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CROSS MOUNTAIN July 19, 1922 - **Tom Smith** is now on the job of carrying the mail from Cross Mountain to Youghal.

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CROSS MOUNTAIN Dec. 27, 1922 – **Tom Smith** of Blue Mountain made a business trip to Craig last week bringing home a big load of supplies for the Youghal store. He stopped over night at the Mesa home on his return.

January 26, 1923 – YOUGHAL - Friday evening, January 26, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver of the Youghal Community, gave a box social, which was attended by 29 people. Those present were Miss Ethel Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Earl Kelly, Misses Stella and Mary Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Sugar, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Show and daughter Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Ernest Smith, Misses Rose and Julia Smith, Mrs. Wilcox and her two sons, Mr. Davidson, Curley Davidson, Walter Goldsmith, W. H. Faulkner, Mrs. Baker, Fray Baker, Robert Hamilton, and Albert Power. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games. All stayed until daylight. Tom Smith gave a party in honor of his wife's birthday, and 35 people were present. It was one of the coldest nights at Youghal, but it did not keep people away. Mr. and Mrs. Owens and Miss Lindsey showed their grit by riding 18 miles in the cold. Those present were Mrs. Fannie Smith, Ernest Smith, Misses Rose and Julia Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Owens, Miss Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Spurgeon and son Hubert, Mr. and Mrs. Sugar, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Baker, Fray Baker, Mrs. Wilcox, Albert Power, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver, Misses Ruth, Esther, and Gladys Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Show and daughter, Robert Hamilton, Earl Carver, Roy Carver, Misses Helen and Louise Barnes. Lunch was served at midnight. Music was furnished by Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Baker, and Mr. Hamilton. All stayed until broad daylight.

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Feb. 7, 1923 - YOUGHAL – Youghal enjoyed a few days of nice weather last week. Mrs. A. V. Spurgeon has been on the sick list but is better at this writing. Youghal has come to life this winter. There has been a party or dance every two weeks since the Christmas entertainment and dance at the school house. Friday evening, January 26, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver, gave a box social, which was attended by 39 people. Those present were Miss Ethel Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Earl Kelly, Misses Stella and Mary Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Sugar, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw and daughter Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Ernest Smith, Misses Rose and Julia Smith, Mrs. Wilcox and her two sons, Mr. Davidson, Curley Davidson, Walter Goldsmith, W. H. Faulkner, Mrs. Baker, Fray Baker, Robert Hamilton, and Albert Power. The evening was spent in dancing and

playing games, and there was lots of fun. When supper time came each man drew a number which decided his partner. Mrs. Sugar assisted Mr. and Mrs. Carver in serving. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Baker and Mr. Hamiltong furnished the music, changing off so that all could enjoy themselves. All stayed until daylight when those going afar were again served with hot coffee and cake. Everybody reported a delightful time and hope that there will be something else going on before long to keep things lively and pass these long winter nights. **Tom Smith**, our mail carrier, is making his semi-weekly trips on horseback. We have been pretty lucky so far this winter, always getting our mail on time. The road is drifted full of snow in some places while in others there is no snow at all. Mrs. Arthur Power came over Friday evening to spend Saturday at home. She returned to her school on Sunday. Mr. Neiland has gone down to Lily park to work for Bill Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Sugar and Mr. and Mrs. Myers walked seven miles in order to attend the box supper at Carver's. So you see some of us have some spirit and backbone.

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March 7, 1923 – YOUGHAL – (too late for last week) **Tom Smith** and family spent Sunday down at his mother's. Roy Carver spent Monday evening with the **Tom Smith** children. Howell Power was a guest of Roy Carver one day last week. **Ernest Smith** and **Misses Rose and Julia Smith** took in the masquerade dance at Cross Mountain. Henry Wasson and Curly Davidson also took in that masquerade, and all reported a good time. They must have had lots of fun to ride 30 miles there in a snowstorm and back half the way horseback and nearly frozen when they got home. Such is life in the Far West. Youghal was visited on February 12 by one of the worst blizzards of the season. The mail was unable to go on account of the storm. The next trip the mail carrier, **Tom Smith**, and his brother **Ernest** took four horses to break the road. It now takes three days to make the trip, but we are thankful to get mail that often. Mrs. Charles Wilcox came over from Hell Canyon on her snowshoes last Wednesday and spent the night with Mrs. E. D. Carver. She started with a horse but soon saw that the horse could not make it to Youghal. She returned home on Thursday, accompanied by Arthur Power, on skis. Mr. Power came back the next Tuesday and reported lots of snow over in Hell Canyon. N. Wieland came home from Lily parl last Friday night to visit his family. Earl Carver and **Ernest Smith** got up a hard times dance at Carver's Saturday night, February 24. Owing to the short notice only 33 persons were present. Everybody reported a delightful time. Earl Kelly rode up to

Youghal to take in the hard times dance at Carver's. He came around by Mrs. M. A. Baker's and accompanied her and her son Fray Baker, and Charlie Mantle. Misses Louise and Helen Barnes rode up from Lily park Friday evening and visited with **Mrs. Fannie Smith** and family and took in the hard times dance. They returned home Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Earl Kelly. Mr. Davidson and Curly Davidson were over from Wolf Creek to attend the hard times dance. Mrs. Charlie Wilcox came over from Hell Canyon to do some trading and take in the dance.

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March 26, 1923 – YOUGHAL – (Too late for last week)

We had all our nice weather in February, but March has brought more snow. There was snow and wind all day Saturday, but the snow was fine and didn't pile up very fast. Ralph Reeve came over from his home on Wolf creek and spent Sunday night with Fray Baker and his mother, so as to be ready to go out on the Youghal express to Craig early Monday morning. W. H. Faulkner, Ralph Reeve and Tom Smith were summoned as witnesses in the Nick Weiland case. Fray Baker is acting as mail carrier while Tom Smith is in Craig. E. D. Carver took Messrs Faulkner, Reeve and Smith to Craig on the Youghal express. They left ahead of the mail man, but he caught up with them several times and had to pull the car out of the snow drifts. They got as far as Maybell the first night, and the following day had some trouble getting through the sand hills. Franklin Jones has been sick for the past two weeks with neuralgia of the stomach, but is getting better now. Mr. and Mrs. Jack South and Charlie Mantle came up from Skull creek Wednesday and spent the night with Mrs. M. A. and Fray Baker. They returned home Thursday. Mrs. E. D. Carver and children stayed at Faulkner's store and post office while he was in Craig. Roy Carver was obliged to miss three days of school this week because of a bad cold. This is the first time he has missed during this term. Mrs. M. A. Baker has been suffering from a gathering in her head, but is some better at present.

Mr. Hovett expects to start Sunday school in our neighborhood about the first of April. Everybody is asked to come out and do what they can to make this a successful Sunday school this year. The exact date of the first meeting will be put on the blackboard at the Youghal postoffice.

Johnny Milheim returned to his homestead on Wolf creek last Saturday. He had been at work in Denver all winter. He came out from Craig on horseback. Mrs. Palmer visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Spurgin Sunday and Monday, returning home Tuesday.

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April 4, 1923 – YOUGHAL – One of the worst blizzards in many a year arrived March 20 and 21 on Blue Mountain. It lasted 30 hours. Tom Smith, the mail carrier and his brother Ernest and Earl Carver had just left Youghal to break a road through to Cross Mountain as provisions were getting low. They got as far as Wild Horse Corral in Calico Valley the first night, driving four head of horses to a bob sled. They finally reached Mrs. Owen's home the next day on foot as their horses had played out, and spent the night. The Youghal folk feared the boys had perished in the storm and a search party consisting of E. D. Carver and Frank Estes went out getting to the A. V. Spurgin place the first night on the 26th, from which Mr. Carver had to return home, while Mr. Estes went on to Cross Mountain. The boys got through but got snowblind. Many homesteaders have lost a lot of horses and cattle due to the hard winter.

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April 11, 1923 – Mrs. Arthur Power came home from Youghal Saturday to visit her family over Easter Sunday. She left the Hell Canon at 8 a.m. and didn't arrive home until nearly midnight. The day being warm and the snow soft made it hard traveling on skis.

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April 18, 1923 – YOUGHAL – Last Thursday N. Wieland, E. D. Carver, Earl Carver, Albert Power and Ernest Smith put in the day shoveling out a drift at the entrance to Bear Valley and another near Miss Lampe's, so the mail man could get through without getting his horses down. The mail is coming in by Lily Park on pack horses. The road by way of Elk Springs to Youghal is still blocked by snow. Curly Davidson broke the trail over from the Davidson place to Youghal Sunday with a team of mules, and had quite a time. Nobody has been over from Wolf Creek on horses since the blizzard of March 20.

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April, 1923 – YOUGHAL – Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver of Youghal gave a dance Friday night, April 20. Music was furnished by Shaw's orchestra consisting of four pieces. After supper was served little Loretta Shaw, age 4, entertained the crowd by singing several selections. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shaw and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Fannie Smith, Ernest Smith, Misses Rosa and Julia Smith, Miss Helen Barnes, Albert Power, R. Hamilton, Henry Wasson,

Fray Baker, Charley Mantle, John Milheim, Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Shugar, Misses Ola and Frances Smith, Frank and Ollie Smith. They danced until daylight.

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June 1923 – YOUGHAL – Earl Carver made two flying trips to Craig the last of the week in the truck, bringing back groceries for the Cash store at Youghal. He and his father, E. D. Carver, expect to run a truck line from Youghal to Craig, carrying anything either way. Anyone wanting to send cream can get it carried straight through from (can't read this part) ...everybody having a few cows to milk ought to take advantage of this and have a pay check coming in every week, and also help keep this truck line running as it will be a big thing for this part of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have returned to their homestead at the entrance of Bear Valley after an absence of over a year. Miss Rose Smith returned home Sunday with Earl Carver from Cross Mountain. Mrs. Fannie Smith and Misses Rose and Julia Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien Sunday afternoon. Most everyone around here went to the school election. Ralph Reeves was elected president of the board. Mr. Buck and family have returned to their homestead on Wolf Creek. We are glad to see our neighbors returning. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver, son Earl and little daughter Gladys have gone for a short visit in Denver. Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Stevens and Miss Louisa Barnes accompanied them. Earl Carver, Ruth and Esther Carver, Miss Julia Smith and Ernest Smith took in the Skull Creek dance. V. Spurgeon and Mr. Shugar made a trip to Craig after grain this week. Mrs. Shugar is visiting A. V. Spurgeon for a few days.

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June 6, 1923 – YOUGHAL- A. V. Spurgeon moved camp over to Wolf Creek so as to work the road on that side of Blue Mountain. M. Shugar and N. J. Wieland were helping him this week. Mrs. Fannie Smith visited Mrs. Claude Shaw one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver and son Earl returned home from Denver Sunday in a Reo 6 which they are going to make into a truck for an express line between Youghal and Craig. It is planned to go to Craig one day and back the next. Claude Shaw is putting in some grain on Mrs. Fannie Smith's place. Mrs. Fannie Smith visited Mrs. O. D. Miller one day last week. Mrs. Gladys Harlan came out with the Carvers last Sunday and returned to Craig Monday. Misses Ruth and Esther Carver accompanied her back to Craig. Mrs. C. J. Wilcox had a runaway one day last week from

the top of the divide between Bear Valley and Wolf Creek down to the Youghal post office where the wagon turned over twice. The brakes would not hold and the wagon bumped into the horses frightening them. Fortunately, no serious damage resulted. Mr. Birch and Mr. O'Brien are now shipping their cream to Craig by the Youghal and Craig Express.

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June 27, 1923 – YOUGHAL – The Mantle boys are developing their mines on Blue Mountain this summer. They now have 100 tons of zinc and 20 tons of copper on the dump, and thousands of tons in sight. The lead mine will also be put in order for business this summer. Samples may be seen at the Youghal post office. Clark Shaw, Jim Buck and Frank Estes have been mixing and scattering cricket poison, which is sure killing them. However, there are still lots of crickets going in all directions. Art Fairchild and his brother Wesley arrived here from Palisade, Neb., for a short visit with the former's friends. W. H. Faulkner, postmaster at Youghal, shipped samples of paraffin and asphaltum to New York Monday by parcel post at the request of some New York capitalists who have been exploring in the Blue mountain country. Mr. Jim Buck and children visited with Mrs. E. D. Carver and family Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw, Misses Rose and Julia Smith, Miss Evelyn Tulber, Art and Wesley Fairchild and Ernest Smith were also callers at the Carvers on Sunday afternoon. Art Fairchild and Miss Rose Smith, Wesley Fairchild and Miss Julia Smith made a trip to Craig Saturday, June 16. Wesley Fairchild took the train home to Palisade, Neb., and to kill two birds with one stone, Art Fairchild and Miss Rose Smith got married. They returned to her home Sunday evening. They tried to give people here the slip, but the boys got a crowd of old acquaintances together in a very short time from Hells Canyon, Wolf Creek and Bear Valley, and after dark Monday they tried to see who could make the most noise on steel discs, cans, cowbells and six shooters until they were all invited in and treated, the men to cigars and the ladies to chocolates. After congratulations were said all went to the school house and enjoyed an all-night dance. Lunch was served by the bride and bridegroom. Bidding farewell to all their friends and acquaintances, the young couple left for Palisade, Neb., Thursday afternoon. They will visit relatives on the way. Earl Carver and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw took in the dance at the Hell Canyon school house on Friday, the 15th. There is to be an old time picnic and Fourth of July celebrations at Mrs. Chamberlain's on Wolf Creek. Jack South brought Mr. Davidson, Miss Evelyn Fuller, Frank Fuller and James Harrison out from Craig last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruffe and son Cecil

and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harland returned to Cecil Ruffe's homestead in Bear Valley Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver and family have been staying there all winter looking after things in their absence. The Carvers have moved to their own homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Jack South and eldest boy, who had been in Oklahoma all winter going to school, returned to their Wolf Creek homestead Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fuller and family returned to their homestead Thursday. They arrived at Mrs. Fannie Smith's just in time to help with the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairchild. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild at a wedding supper Tuesday evening. Mrs. Lewin is visiting her mother, Mrs. Estes, and son, Walter, Goldsmith. They came over Saturday and visited Mrs. Fannie Smith and family, returning home Sunday afternoon.

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June, 1923 – A crowd gathered Friday evening at the Bear Valley store and from there went to the Smith ranch where they shivareed Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairchild who were married this week in Craig. Mrs. Fairchild is the former Rose Smith. Curley Davidson, John Milheim and Mrs. Wilcox rode over horseback while the rest of the Hells Canyon folks went in a four-horse wagon. They included Mrs. Anna, Hazel, Gladys, and Leona Brass, Mrs. John Starck and Margaret Starck. Henry Wasson and Merle Carver. They later adjourned to the school house where they enjoyed a dance for the balance of the night. At midnight lunch was served by the bride and groom. John Milheim served breakfast for the Hells Canon crowd.

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July, 1923 – The Fourth of July celebration at Mrs. Chamberlain's was a great success. Quite a crowd gathered from Skull Creek, Bear Valley, Hell Canon, Wolf Creek, and all parts of Blue Mountain. Dinner was spread out under the quaking aspen trees. After dinner there were foot races, jumping, wrestling, tug of war, bucking mule, horse racing and boxing, after which supper was served. Then an all night dance with lunch at midnight. At daybreak everybody departed for their homes, tired and sleepy.

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July, 1923 – The dance given at the Hells Canon school house last Friday night was attended by a large crowd, and the music was furnished by John Milheim. Cake was furnished by the ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw, Ernest Smith, and Henry Wasson accompanied Mrs. Wilcox home for breakfast after the dance.

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July 11, 1923 – YOUGHAL – Mrs. M. A. Baker has returned from a visit with her son, Charlie Baker, and family at Price Creek.

N. J. Weiland has got his team, wagon and harness together and is hauling cottonwood logs from Lily Park to build a house on his homestead on Wolf Creek. Mrs. **Fannie Smith** and daughter **Julia** rode down on the Youghal Express to Cross Mountain last Monday to visit their son and brother, Tom Smith and his family. They returned with Ernest Smith Friday. Fray Baker has just finished plowing 25 acres of land for Albert Powers N. J. Weiland has just made a trade with A. V. Spurgin and got a cow and calf. He and his son went down Sunday and brought them home. Mrs. Shugar was a visitor at Mrs. Carver's last Monday. Miss Esther Carver spent Thursday and Friday with Mrs. Shugar. Mr. Altherton has been on the sick list for some time. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver took a hike last Sunday up to the copper mine, where work has just been started. Steve Mantle and Lou Huggins showed them around through the mine. After eating lunch and resting a while they started for home. On reaching the top of the mountain they came across Mrs. Wilcox, Henry Wasson, Miss Evelyn Fuller, Curly Davidson, Miss Lulu Karren and Johnny Milheim, freezing ice cream in a big snow bank. After snowballing and washing one another's faces in the snow the ice cream was finally frozen and served with lunch, after which all departed for their homes. Mr. Shugar came after his wife last Sunday. She had been looking after Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Spurgis's place while they were both away. Mrs. A. V. Spurgin returned Tuesday from Craig, where she had been for the past six weeks. She returned with a nice little baby girl of her own and two other girls who are going to stay with them while their mother is in Denver. The Fourth of July celebration at Mrs. Chamberlain's was a great success. Quite a crowd gathered from Skull Creek, Bear Valley, Hell Canyon, Wolf Creek and all parts of Blue Mountain. Dinner was spread out under the quaking aspen trees. After dinner there were foot races, jumping, wrestling, tug of war, bucking mule, horse racing and boxing, after which supper was served, also under the trees. Then an all-night dance with lunch at midnight. At daybreak everybody departed for their homes, tired and sleepy, but satisfied having enjoyed a good time.

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July 18, 1923 – CROSS MOUNTAIN – As the former reporter has moved away to Wyoming, she has requested the one who is writing the items this

time to keep the people posted on the happenings in and around Cross Mountain until she can return and take up her duties as reporter. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Diesel had the misfortune to lose their babe last Friday. The little one passed away at the home of Mr. Diesel's parents in Craig. All the community extends sympathy to the bereaved parents. Otis Kelly had the misfortune Sunday to get hit with a ball over the left eye and was painfully hurt. Otis Kelly, Thomas A. Smith and J. J. Stephenson are digging a well at Mud Springs this week. Otis Kelly lost a good work horse this week.

These parts seemed like a funeral the Fourth, as everyone was in Craig. The Mormon crickets have surely fixed things on Cross Mountain, as there will be scarcely any feed grown.

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August 1, 1923 – CROSS MOUNTAIN – (Too late for last week) The farmers are cutting and stacking their rye. The baseball game between Cross Mountain and Price Creek Friday the 12th, on the Cross Mountain diamond, was enjoyed by a large crowd. The score was 24 to 15 in favor of Cross Mountain. After the game all gathered at the schoolhouse and had supper, and enjoyed a dance that night. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shaw of Youghal came up Thursday to play for the dance Friday night, spending Thursday night and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith. Little Jennie Smith is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Smith at Youghal. Frank Wilson is home at present from Denver. Frank L. Jacobs and John Phister were Maybell callers Friday of this week. Mrs. Roy Kelly and Mrs. Grady were callers at the Thomas A. Smith home Thursday. Little Ollie Smith left Friday morning for a week's visit with his grandmother, who is planning on leaving for Sentinel, Oklahoma in the near future. Pete Hackler and family are planning on moving to Vernal for the balance of the summer and the coming winter. S. Kipple and family will leave in a few days for Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kelly were Sunbeam callers Thursday.

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August 15, 1923 – CROSS MOUNTAIN – (Too late for last week) Fall harvesting is about done in this part of the country. Mrs. Roy Diesel is on the sick list this week. Otis Kelly was rounding up cattle this week, intending to sell and move to Missouri in the fall. Walter Barnes and wife spent Sunday and Monday at the home of John F. Johnson. Roy Kelly was binding wheat for Will White this week at the White Bear ranch. J. J.

Stephenson was a caller at the T. A. Smith home Sunday evening. Ernest Smith stayed all night Sunday with his brother Tom while on the way to Craig. The Roy Kellys motored to Sunbeam Saturday evening. Earl Carver spent Monday night at the home of T. A. Smith. Those picnicking on the river Sunday were the T. A. Smith family and the Will Arnold family.

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August 21, 1923 – YOUGHAL - The dance at Bear Valley school house was well attended. Earl Carver brought over a load of people from Wolf creek, including Mrs. Anna Brass and family. Curley Davidson brought a load of people from Skull creek who had been camping out all week down the Yampa river – Mrs. Biles and family, Mrs. Chamberlain, Otis Chamberlain, and Miss Marcella East. There were a good many other people from around this neighborhood. Lunch was served at midnight. Music was furnished by Cecil Ruppe's phonograph. When daylight came all departed for their respective homes. Earl Carver made a flying trip to Denver week before last. He left with his brother Ralph on Saturday and returned on Wednesday. He was accompanied back by Miss Helen Barnes of Lily park and a friend of hers. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Anna Brass and Mr. and Mrs. John Starck on Wolf creek. They had a delightful lunch, served outside under the trees, and afterward went sightseeing. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller brought Mrs. Arthur Powers home last Saturday and returned to Craig Sunday. Mrs. W. J. O'Brien and son James accompanied them to Craig. Mr. O'Brien and the other two children left Monday on the Youghal express. Mrs. Arthur Powers having bought all their stock, machinery and household goods, and Fray Baker took over their place. The O'Briens will return to Missouri where they came from this spring. Ernest Smith was a visitor in Lily park last Sunday and went to Craig Monday, returning home Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Spurgin are enjoying a visit from their daughter and a number of friends from Nebraska. There are 27 people in the crowd. Misses Ruth and Esther Carver left last Wednesday with their father, E. D. Carver, and brother Earl, for Denver, where they expect to attend high school this winter. Mrs. Zilio Barnes came out on the Youghal express from Craig Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruppe of Youghal. Ralph

Reeves and Glenn Brown made a trip to Craig Tuesday, returning Wednesday. Mrs. M. A. Baker has moved onto the W. J. O'Brien place. Mr. Mock went to Vernal Tuesday to put up his hay. W. H. Faulkner was laid up with a severe cold Sunday.

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August 29, 1923 – YOUGHAL – Miss Milly Weiland fell from a horse last Saturday and sprained her elbow. Mrs. M. A. Baker and Miss Mary Weaver of Elk spring were visitors at Mrs. Arthur Power's last Sunday. Mrs. M. A. Baker called on Mrs. E. D. Carver on her way home Sunday evening. Tom Smith, the Youghal-Cross Mountain mail carrier, had bought a racer car to carry the mail in, so now the mail goes out in the morning and back in the evening. Bill Edwards and Clare Kirk camped at Youghal last Monday night on their way out to Vernal. Mr. Kirk returned Saturday, and we understand Mr. Edwards has a position for the winter down there. Rye Wilson and another man drove up from Cross Mountain last Tuesday and took back Tom Smith's big car, which is to be used by the mail carrier between Sunbeam and Cross Mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harlan are enjoying a visit from his youngest brother, from Kansas. Another Kansas man came with him. Ralph Harlan, his brother and friend and Cecil Ruppe took a trip down into Utah to look for work for the winter. E. D. Carver and son Earl returned from Denver on Friday and are back on the job again, making regular trips from Youghal to Craig every Monday. Mr. Wagner and the preacher from Maybell were visitors at Mrs. M. A. and Fray Baker's place over Wednesday.

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August 29, 1923 – CROSS MOUNTAIN – (Too late for last week) The farmers around Cross Mountain are enjoying the showers we are having lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kelly left Thursday for Miller, Mo., to take charge of his father's place. Mr. Dudley took charge of their place here. Chester Kipple and family started to Wyoming Saturday. They took dinner at Tom Smith's on the way out. The dance at Grange hall Friday night was well attended, and everyone reports a good time. Miss Helen Barnes and Earnest Smith took breakfast at the home of T. A. Smith after the dance was over. Mrs. Roy Diesel is able to be out again, after a week of illness. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith made a trip to Maybell Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelly were Sunbeam callers Saturday. Tom Smith is helping Joe Stephenson overhaul his car, as Joe is leaving in a few days to locate his trapline for the winter. The two men went to Maybell on business Sunday.

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October 10, 1923 – YOUGHAL – Well, news around here is scarce as hens' teeth, as several families have moved out for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruppe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harlan and Cecil Ruppe moved to Vernal for the winter. Mrs. Fannie Smith and daughter Julia have gone to Sentinel, Okla. Mrs. Clyde Shaw is teaching school at Dry Lakes. Jim Birch and family, Mrs. Brass and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Starck and Mrs. David Karrens and family have gone to Vernal. Three different bunches of cattle passed through here last week on the way to Craig for shipment to Denver.

Tom Smith moved his family back up to his mother's place this week from Cross Mountain where they had been all summer. Fray Baker returned last Friday from helping drive his and Steve and Hi Mantle's cattle to Craig. Cecil Ruppe and Ralph Harlan came in Saturday morning from Vernal to dig the potatoes on their homesteads here. E. D. Carver made three trips to Craig this week to bring in provisions for W. H. Faulkner's store. Johnny Milheim left for Denver the last of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reeves of Wolf creek were visitors at Mrs. M. A. Baker's last Sunday.

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March 12, 1924 – YOUGHAL - Cecil Ruppe and Ralph Harlan came up from Vernal last Thursday to get the rest of their furniture. They returned on Saturday. Mrs. N. J. Weiland accompanied them to Vernal, where she hopes to get work. Mrs. Power and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver and children. Mr. Godsy has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith. Tom Smith is having his jitney overhauled, so as to be ready to put it on the mail route as soon as the roads have dried up a little more. We certainly had fine weather during February, and now the snow has nearly all disappeared. A community meeting was held Sunday afternoon to see what the people here thought would be best to do with the Weiland children, since their mother has gone. There are seven of them, the youngest only 22 months and the eldest 11 years. A petition was gotten up asking the county to take charge of the children as people here can't help them without depriving their own families. We hope the little ones will be taken care of, as they certainly need it. Fray Baker went to Craig on business Monday.

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April 9, 1924 – YOUGHAL – March was sure a blustery month and not many days passed without a storm. But we haven't the snow here now that we had at this time last year, although there is still plenty. All are hoping

that spring will soon be here. Fray Baker, Lou Huggins, Arthur Atherton and Henry Watson took in the dance given by Mrs. Jack South at Skull creek. Tom Smith returned last Saturday evening from Craig where he was held as a witness in the Weiland case. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver and children were visitors at Mrs. M. A. Baker's Sunday. Miss Alice Rutherford, teacher of the Skull Creek School, and Charlie Mantle were callers at Mrs. A. Power's Wednesday. They spent the night with Mrs. M. A. Baker and son Fray, and returned home Thursday. The school election will be held here this year on May 5. The ladies of the vicinity will serve hot lunch at a reasonable price, both at the school house and at W. H. Faulkner's store, so that people not caring to bring lunch can be accommodated. At night there will be a dance at the Cecil Ruppe home. Tom Smith has asked a radio man to come out and demonstrate his radio to the people here. Other music is engaged in case the weather interferes with the radio music.

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April 25, 1924 – YOUGHAL - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reeve have returned to their home on Blue mountain, after making a trip to Hayden and Craig. They were the first people to drive a car into Bear Valley this spring and several times thought they would not get through. Charlie Baker and family left for their home at Dry lakes last week. Charley Thistle of Elk Springs came up with Charley Baker to help him move. Lige Estes and Clarence Davidson went with two teams to Craig to get grain. Mrs. Ralph Reeve and daughter Emily visited with Mrs. E. D. Carver and family a while before returning home. Cecil Ruppe came in from Craig Thursday to spend a few days with old friends here. M. J. Nieland has returned to his homestead on Wolfe creek from Utah. Those who knew Miss Julia Smith of Bear Valley will probably be glad to hear that she was married February 25 to Tilford Barton of Butler, Okla.

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May 7, 1924 – YOUGHAL – Mr. Godsy spent Saturday at Tom Smith's working on the latter's car. The two spent Sunday at Carver's and helped E. D. repair his car. V. Spurgin and Roy Hovett made a trip to Craig last week for grain. Mrs. A. Power, Tom Smith and Mr. Godsy spent a few days in Craig last week. Fray Baker carried the mail while Tom Smith was away. Mrs. A. V. Spurgin was on the sick list last week. Mrs. Carver went down and stayed with her while Mr. Spurgin was away. Fray Baker helped Mrs. Power move back to the homestead Monday. Curly Davidson and brother Clarence returned to their homestead on Wolf creek last Friday. They

drove in a "racer" car, but were unable to get any further than the Youghal postoffice on account of the road being in bad condition. We understand that Mrs. Bazzlier has sold her homestead in Blue valley to a Mr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burch and family have returned to their homestead on Wolf creek. It looks like spring is here, to see the green grass and hear the birds sing. E. D. Carver and son Roy drove to Craig Thursday. They got back as far as Elk Springs, when they were over taken by a snow storm and had to leave the car and walk home. Evan Fuller came down from Mt. Harris Wednesday with a party looking for homesteads. They went back Thursday evening.

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May 7, 1924 – CROSS MOUNTAIN – Mrs. Tom Gentry, who has been suffering from broken ribs she received in a fall some time ago, is now having a severe attack of rheumatism and will be taken to Juniper Springs for treatment. G. H. Bashaw and wife and Master Fred returned this week to their homestead on Twelvemile mesa, and will commence putting in crops and breaking more land. Mrs. Frank White and Mrs. Woods rode over to Cross Mountain Monday and called on Mrs. Dudley on the way home. Frank Barnes and wife are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Ray Bennett and Lewis Poling made a business trip to Maybell Monday. Carl Parks of Crooked Wash spent last week in Craig. Henry Weaver was a Craig visitor last week. Pete Hackler has put our roads in good condition. There are lots of tourists on this end of Victory highway nowadays. Tom Smith, the Cross Mountain-Youghal mail carrier, had a breakdown with his flivver Monday and had to make a trip to Maybell for repairs before he could get back to Youghal with the mail. We understand that Roy Gorton, who has been in Missouri for the past two years, is returning to his farm near Cross Mountain.

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May 14, 1924 – YOUGHAL – Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairchild returned from Palisade, Nebr. last Tuesday to their homestead in Bear Valley. Roy Hovett drove to Craig Thursday to take a position there. Mrs. A. V. Spurgin accompanied him. Bransford Power has been visiting with James Harrison for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and Miss Rutherford of Skull creek have been visiting Charlie Mantle and taking in the sights of Yampa river canon before Miss Rutherford returns to Denver. Mrs. M.A. Baker, Fray Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith and children and Mrs. E. D. Carver and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Power and family. The school

election was well attended, there being 54 votes cast. Earl Fallis was elected secretary and Mrs. Wells treasurer. Mrs. A. Power and Fray Baker rode to Skull creek and drove to Craig with Mr. and Mrs. Jack South to attend to some business there on Wednesday. Mrs. Ralph Reeves went to Hayden the fore part of the week to consult a surgeon. Little Emily had a dislocated hip set while there. They returned Saturday on the Youghal stage, which is now making three trips a week. Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairchild, Tom Smith and Franklin Jones had business in Craig Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruppe and Cecil Ruppe returned to the homestead in Bear valley on Saturday. Mrs. M. A. Baker visited Mrs. E. D. Carver on Sunday. Bob Hamilton returned Thursday to his homestead on Blue mountain.

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May 14, 1924 – CROSS MOUNTAIN – Joe Stephenson and Frank Jacobs are riding on White river this week, trying to locate some of Frank's cattle. Arthur Fairchild and wife, formerly Miss Rosa Smith of Blue mountain, returned to their homestead last week after spending the winter at Palisade, Nebr. We understand that Mrs. Joe Stevenson is to return to her home at Cross mountain. Also that Arel and Otis Kelley, with their families, will soon be with us again. A. Butler walked from his home near Elk Springs to Maybell and back one day last week. The school meeting at Lily park last week was quite well attended. George Kemper was a Mesa visitor Thursday morning. Fred Caldwell is visiting in our vicinity this week. Tom Gentry was an Elk Springs visitor Thursday, to see if the new California oil company had come to life yet. But there must be a "short" some place, for if they had the pep those young crickets have, there would be something doing over there right away. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bashaw and son Fred took supper with the Pete Hackler family Wednesday evening. Waller Barnes took Mrs. Tom Gentry to Juniper Springs Sunday. She will take treatments for rheumatism. Bill Allman is assisting Pete Hackler and Roy Dennett with the road work this week. Frank Jacobs and Cliff Caldwell have gone to Vernal on business. Clyde Owens was seen in our neighborhood one day this week.

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June 4, 1924 – YOUGHAL – Cecil Ruppe has returned to Vernal, where he will work during the summer. Sunday school was organized at the Bear Valley school house on May 11. Mr. Hovett was elected superintendent, and Mrs. J. B. Ruppe secretary. Let's keep the Sunday school going and

growing. Everybody come. Art Fairchild made a quick trip to Craig on business one day last week, returning the same day. E. D. Carver made record time on his trips to Craig last week, making the round trip in one day. Mr. and Mrs. O. Miller returned to their homestead at the entrance to Bear valley last week. The Country club had a good turn out at the E. D. Carver home last Saturday night. The evening was spent in visiting and playing games. Mrs. Evan Fuller and son came in Sunday on the way to their homestead in Hell canon. Sunday afternoon we were visited by a good rain, and it has been raining off and on ever since. The ground sure needed it, as it was getting very dry. Postmaster W. H. Faulkner has been putting up shelving on the other side of his store, which he is gradually filling with dry goods.

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June 24, 1924 – YOUGHAL – A. E. Shaw was seriously hurt while disking Friday morning. The pin that holds the doubletree came out and the horses pulled Mr. Shaw from his seat, the lever striking him in the neck. By night his throat was swollen so he could not speak. His son Clark took him at once to a physician, but he gradually grew worse, so it was thought best to send for his wife and children. Mrs. Shaw came from Lincoln, Nebr. and John Shaw from Denver, arriving Thursday. Clyde Shaw also came home from Wyoming, accompanied by his wife, who is teaching school near Maybell. At present Mr. Shaw is slowly recovering. E. D. Carver and son Roy made a trip to Denver last week, returning Saturday. Mr. Carver's daughters, Misses Ruth and Esther, accompanied them home. They had been attending East Denver High school during the winter. Mrs. A. Power went out with the Carvers and will attend the Teachers Normal school at Greeley during the summer vacation. Our community meets are growing more interesting and are productive of lots of fun. Let's keep them going and get together once a week for a good social time. W. H. Faulkner made a trip to Craig Monday with E. D. Carver. Mrs. Carver attended the post office and store while he was away. Our Sunday school is sure growing, 31 being present last Sunday. Homesteaders and oil leasers are now coming into this part of the country. A. Power, A. Mock, and Tom Smith had business in Craig Monday. What's the matter? When we awoke Thursday morning we thought we must have slept for six months, as it looked and felt more like December weather than June. It was really snowing and the ground was white with snow – on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

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July 1, 1924 – YOUGHAL – (Too late for last week.) Albert Power returned to his homestead last Thursday from the Wyoming oil fields. Ernest Smith returned from Oklahoma and Denver last Wednesday, to visit his brother, Tom Smith, and family, and his sister, Mrs. Art Fairchild. Little Hubert Spurgin had the misfortune to have a ladder slip while he was climbing up on a haystack, which resulted in breaking his right arm. The Youghal Sunday school was invited down to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shank's place in Lily park last Sunday to a picnic, which was held under the big cottonwoods. After a brief talk by Rev. Beans the long table was covered with good things to eat. About 20 people went from here. Some were delayed on account of car trouble, but we all got there in time to get our share of ice cream and lemonade, and everything was greatly enjoyed by everybody. Mrs. Charlie Baker and her two children have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Baker. Mrs. Evan Fuller is suffering with a broken arm, caused by a wagon turning over. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allison and family came in Sunday from Laramie to visit a while with Mrs. Allison's mother, Mrs. M. A. Baker. They are on their way to Washington Arthur Power was on the sick list the fore part of the week, but is improving at present. Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairchild and Ernest Smith went to Craig Tuesday to look for work.

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July 7, 1924 – YOUGHAL – Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reeves and little Emily Reeves and Bob Hamilton drove to Hayden last Thursday. Mrs. Reeves and daughter remained to take treatment for a week while Messrs. Reeves and Hamilton returned home Friday. Those who remember Earl Carver, son of E. D. Carver of Youghal, may be interested in hearing that he was united in marriage to Miss Gertie Hardy of Denver, on the evening of June 22. A special school meeting was called last Saturday to decide how to fix up the school here. It was decided to get new flooring, change the windows all to the north side and to ceil the school house. On July 15 everybody is expected to meet at the school house and donate that day's work to fixing the school house, the ladies to provide the eats. Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairchild and Ernest Smith moved to Craig to find work. Mr. and Mrs. Allison and family left for Seattle, Wash., on Monday. Mrs. Allison's mother, Mrs. M. A. Baker, accompanied them. Mrs. Charlie Baker and two children returned to their home at Dry Lakes on Monday. There being no Fourth of July celebration going on around near here, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver invited the community to their place for a basket picnic. It was well attended, there being 35 people present, and all had all the ice cream they

could eat, and ice cold lemonade, orangeade and coffee they could drink, beside heaps of other good things to eat. They departed early in the afternoon on account of several going to attend the dance at Elk springs. Everyone had a fine time and hearts were all made glad by a good little shower of rain which fell just as everybody was leaving for home. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Miller drove to Craig on Wednesday and remained until after the Fourth.

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July 23, 1924 – YOUGHAL – Ralph Reeve drove some cattle he had sold to Jones the cattle buyer to the Sevens ranch. He returned Saturday evening and took in the Community club meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Art Mock's. Mr. Burdett made a quick trip to Craig last Saturday with E. D. Carver. Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Carver arrived on Sunday from Denver to spend a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver. Mrs. Arthur Power returned home from Greeley Sunday, coming from Denver with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carver. Fray Baker got up a picnic party Sunday to go to Harding hole on Yampa river. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carver, Hal Power, Charlie Mantle, Misses Ruth and Esther Carver, Fray Baker, Roy, Gladys, and Mrs. E. D. Carver. All had a fine time wading, bathing and sightseeing. They crossed the river and saw the big cave where Mrs. Meeker and daughter were held captive by the Indians. Bransford Power has been on the sick list this week. The Community club meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. Atherton's place on Wolf creek Friday night, so ... (didn't get this sentence copied properly) ... attend, so they were leaving for their home in Denver Saturday morning. There was quite a crowd out and everybody had a splendid time. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith drove to Craig Saturday to visit relatives over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Diesel of Cross Mountain were Youghal visitors one day last week. Postmaster Faulkner is filling his empty shelves with a nice assortment of gingham, percales, shirting and oil cloth. We are sure glad to see it as we won't have to send away for so much stuff in that line.

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August 20, 1924 – YOUGHAL – (Too late for last week.) Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruppe have moved to Craig, where Mr. Ruppe has found work for himself and team. Ralph Carver came over from Denver and spent a week of his vacation visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver. Henry Wasson's brother came out from Craig and spent a few days with him. E. D. Carver and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith attended the Democratic meeting in

Craig Saturday. Arthur Power and son Brandsford have gone out to hunt for work for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith and son Franklin left last Thursday for a two weeks visit with Mrs. Smith's parents, who live near Ault. Miss Ola Smith and brother Ollie are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Atherton. Ralph Reeve, B. Hamilton, Art Mock, E. D. Carver, Fray Baker and Mr. Miller met and got the school house work started last Tuesday. Mrs. Mock, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Carver furnished the dinner at the Carver home. Last Sunday the Youghal Sunday school met the Skull Creek Sunday School at Jack springs and enjoyed a basket picnic, followed by a short session of Sunday school. Roy Hovett and sister, Mrs. Clark Shaw, now of Craig, visited over Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hovett.

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September 17, 1924 – YOUGHAL – E. D. Carver made a trip to Denver last week taking his daughters Misses Ruth and Esther, Mrs. A. E. Shaw and Gordon Ellis of Maybell. The Carver girls will remain in Denver and attend high school this winter. Mrs. Shaw will visit her sons John and Donald Shaw in Denver for a few days, then go to Lincoln, Nebr. to care for her father, who is an invalid. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Miller have moved to Craig where they will teach this winter. Mrs. A. Power has moved up to the Albert Power house for the winter so as to be able to be closer to school. Otis Chamberlain and his mother returned to their homestead on Wolf creek last Monday. E. D. Carver brought Mrs. Childress and little daughter in from Denver Monday. She visited at the Carver home until Friday when she went to her school at Three Springs. Fray Baker and Mrs. E. D. Carver went in with Mr. Carver Wednesday to take the election returns to Craig. A. E. Shaw and A. V. Spurgin also went as far as Lay, where Mr. Shaw made final proof on his homestead. Eighteen votes were cast here in the primary election. We had a hard rain Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon. It was greatly needed in this section of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith are spending a few days in Craig. They took Miss Eva Fuller in with them, as she intends to go to high school this winter. Ernest Smith came in from Craig Wednesday night and returned Friday. Lige Estes, Arthur and Clarence Davidson returned to their homesteads the fore part of the week. T. A. Smith went to Craig on business Friday, returning Sunday. Henry Wasson spent a few days in Craig the fore part of the week with his brother, George Wasson. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carver spent Wednesday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis of Maybell.

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October 15, 1924 – YOUGHAL – (Too late for last week.) We have had several little snows here of late. It looks like winter was going to set in early this year. News is scarce, since a good many have gone out for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and two children and Mrs. Art Fairchild came out Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith and family before Mr. Morris and sons leave for Texas where they expect to spend the winter. Mrs. Morris will remain in Craig and send the younger children to school. Ernest Smith, formerly of Youghal, went with Mr. Morris to Texas. Mr. Barnett of Sunbeam took T. A. Smith's place and is going to put in some fall grain to feed crickets on next year. T. A. Smith turned over the mail route from Youghal to Cross Mountain to E. D. Carver until other changes in the mail route are made. Clarence Davidson drove T. A. Smith's car to Craig for him Friday and returned with Mr. Carver on Saturday. Messers. Jones, Karrens, Johnson and Burdett passed through here Saturday with a bunch of cattle which they are going to ship to Denver. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith and family left Sunday morning, driving through with their teams to Purcell, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Snow and Mr. Evans passed through here driving a bunch of beef stock to Craig to ship to Denver.

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## **UNIT 18—THE POTATO FEUD**

**October 13, 1921---*W. F. SMITH AND SON SHOT TO DEATH---*  
*NEIGHBOR HELD ON MURDER CHARGE---*Eye Witnesses Say A. S.  
Wilson Killed Bear Valley Pioneers After Bloody Quarrel**

### **MEN HAVE HOT WORDS AND FIST FIGHT**

Frank Smith, pioneer Blue Mountain ranchman, and his son James Smith lie buried in one grave. Their former neighbor and friend, A. S. Wilson, is in jail in Craig, charged with their murder. Eye witnesses said Wilson shot the two men following a fight with the elder Smith.

A double killing in which father and son met death is the tragedy which shocked Moffat County last week. That Smith and his son came to their

death "from a gunshot wound inflicted by A. S. Wilson with felonious intent," was the finding of the coroner's jury. Eye witnesses told of the killing but no adequate motive to justify such a tragedy has been advanced.

A few words over the disposal of some potatoes, the suggestion that the elder Smith was indignant over land matters, other motives for the quarrel which led to the fatal shooting have been advanced. Yet the fact remains that no person has given an adequate reason why a man should kill his neighbor and the neighbor's unarmed son. This is a mystery for which a solution will be sought at Wilson's trial in district court.

Testimony given at the coroner's inquest held before J. E. Duvall Friday showed that the two Smiths were killed by Wilson following a bloody fight between Wilson and the elder Smith.

J. T. Elliott Sr., a renter living on the Tom Smith ranch in Bear Valley, testified that Wilson had been helping him harvest his potato crop. A portion of the crop belonged to Tom Smith for rent. Elliott stated the elder Smith came over to Elliott's field to arrange about the disposition of his son's potatoes. When Elliott suggested that they be left in his (Elliott's) cellar, Smith said, "Wilson would steal them if they were left there."

This remark was the only reason Elliott gave for the fight which followed. He testified that the fight was a rough one, in which the two old men rolled over and over on the ground, pummeling each other and using any weapons which came handy. Elliott said that Wilson "struck Smith three or four times with a hammer" before the fighters could be separated.

Then, Elliott said, Smith picked up a baseball bat and endeavored to renew hostilities, but was prevented from following Wilson in the Elliott home. Smith then said he was going for his gun and told Elliott, the latter testified, "If you don't want to see that old devil killed you had better get him off your place." Elliott said he gave this information to Wilson who finished his work and walked home.

Later the elder Smith returned, accompanied by his son James. The elder man had a baseball bat in one hand. The younger man was unarmed, Elliott said. Jim Smith was quoted as saying, "Where's that s.o.b.? We

want him,” and Frank is said to have added, “Yes we want him; he can’t stay on this place.”

Then Wilson appeared armed with a 38-55 rifle. Elliott says he shot young Smith first and then shot the father afterwards walking away.

T. J. Elliott, Jr., 19, followed his father on the witness stand and told practically the same story, but added to the details of the fight which preceded the killing the information that Smith hit Wilson with a potato rake. He also said that Smith made the prophetic statement that “one of us is going to hauled off in a coffin if he (Wilson) puts foot on this land again.”

Dr. J. E. Downs testified that he had examined the bodies of the two Smiths after they were brought to Craig. He told of finding evidences of the bloody battle which preceded the shooting on Smith’s face and head. The face and forehead were badly bruised and the skull had been fractured. Doctor Downs said the fracture could have been made with a hammer. He evinced surprise that the elder Smith could have returned to the scene of the battle in so short a time after receiving the head wounds. The fracture itself might have brought death to some men, he stated.

D. E. Shaw, school teacher, and R. E. Morris, neighbor, testified that they removed the bodies of the two dead men after the killing and afterwards undressed them. No weapons except the potato rake and baseball bat which were found near Frank Smith’s body were found.

A. S. Wilson is being held in jail on a murder charge. He will be tried at the December term of court. Wilson came to Moffat County from Fort Worth in the fall of 1918 and filed on a homestead in Bear Valley. He is married and a step-child, Mary Wilson, 15, lives with him and his wife. He has five children by a former wife. He is about 60 years of age.

William Franklin Smith, or Frank Smith, as he was generally known, and his family came to Moffat County in August 1916. The Smiths were the first settlers in Bear Valley.

Mr. Smith came to Moffat County because he had the pioneer’s yearning to be on the frontier. He was born in Springtown, Tex, 56 years ago, when Texas was real “Wild West.” His boyhood was spent in an atmosphere of

Indian raids and the hardships which the pioneers of Texas in '65 were forced to undergo.

He lived the life of a cowboy on the Texas plains and several times rode with the huge trail herds from the Rio Grande to Kansas City. When Texas began to settle up he moved to the Indian Territory and helped make history in what is now the state of Oklahoma, when there were not a hundred white people in the whole territory. For a time he was a cowboy on the 101 ranch, and in 1893 he filed on a homestead near Noble, Okla. He and his family remained there until 1908 when again the "call of the silent places" was heard and he came to Bear Valley, and then entirely unsettled.

His sons filed on homesteads and the elder Smith stayed with them and assisted them.

James Wesley Smith who was killed with his father was 28 years old. He was born in Agnes, Tex.

Mrs. Smith and two sons, Thomas and Ernest, and three daughters, Mrs. Floyd Williams and Rosie, 17, and Julia, 13, survive. Mrs. R. E. Morris is a half-sister to Frank Smith.

The two bodies were buried in one grave in the Craig cemetery Sunday. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. Toothaker, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

Both Tom Smith and R. E. Morris doubt the idea of a feud between Wilson and the Smith family. Tom Smith says that as far as he knows the two families have always been on the best of terms and that there had been no friction up until the time he left to work at Milner some months ago. He says that the two families have visited back and forth and have always been neighborly. During the winter of 1918 Wilson lived in Tom Smith's house, rent free, Tom Smith says.

Tom Smith says he had heard rumors to the effect that Wilson had threatened a contest against the homestead entry of Smith's son-in-law, Floyd Williams, but knows nothing of the details.

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**December 13, 1921---WILSON MURDER TRIAL STARTED  
Blue Mountain Ranchman Charged With Slaying Two Neighbors Goes  
To Trial  
as District Court Session Begins---TWELVE JURYMEN SELECTED---**

Abraham S. Wilson is on trial in this district court today for the murder of Frank Smith. It is expected by court officials that testimony in his trial will be completed today.

A jury was empanelled to try the case yesterday. Little difficulty was experienced in securing the required twelve jurymen, who are: Howard Thompson, Thomas S. Iles, E. W. Leggett, Clyde Hart, W. A. Jeffcoat, Clyde Masey, Lloyd Willis, Roy D. Mills, Earl T. Jackson, E. O. Allen, Earl Wild, Frank Sinay. *(note: some of these names were nearly illegible in the newspaper copy and so may be misspelled.)*

A. S. Wilson is charged with killing Frank Smith and his son, James Smith, neighbors, following a quarrel October 5, 1921. Two charges of murder have been filed against Wilson, and if he is freed on the Frank Smith case he may still be forced to answer on the charge of killing James Smith.

Wilson is represented by M. H. Gordon, J.F. Meador, and E. W. Snoddy of Alva, Oklahoma.

The Wilson murder cases are the only ones of importance to come before the court this term. It is expected that all court business will be finished this week.....

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**December 14, 1921---ALL FREED BY DISTRICT COURT  
Wilson Freed of Frank Smith's Murder Charge  
To be Tried for Killing Son at the Next Term of Court**

"The 'not guilty's' have it. Carried unanimously."

This might have been Judge Walker's statement in closing the Moffat County district court session yesterday. For only three cases were tried and every one resulted in a verdict of not guilty. From murder to malicious mischief the jury was with the men on trial and each defendant went free.

A. S. Wilson, charged with murdering Frank Smith, was acquitted on the first ballot. R. R. Thompson came free of the charge of larceny of tea wagons from the Moffat railroad. And yesterday afternoon James Wells was freed of a malicious mischief charge.

It took only one ballot to acquit A. S. Wilson of the charge of murdering Frank Smith, a Blue Mountain neighbor. The trial was hard fought by both the prosecution and the defense. Wilson was represented by M. H. Gordon, J. F. Meador, and E. W. Snoddy of Alva, Okla.

As soon as the attorneys' arguments were finished the jury retired and took a ballot, even before the instructions were read. All twelve votes were for acquittal. The jury did not report until some hours afterward, however.

The defense attorneys built up a case of self-defense. They brought forth evidence to show that Wilson had been heckled and threatened for a long time and that when the two Smiths came toward him he thought his life in danger.

Wilson is still charged with the murder of Jim Smith. The defense attorneys attempted to have this case tried at the present term of court. It was put over until next term, however. Wilson is now at liberty under a \$2,000 bond....

[Old newspaper articles courtesy of Pam Russell]

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**UNIT 19---DEATH CERTIFICATE OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN SMITH**

Form V.S.No. 12

STATE OF COLORADO  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
Certificate of Death

**1 PLACE OF DEATH**

County Moffat File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town Youghal Registration District No. 135 Registered No. 25  
 or City \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

**2 FULL NAME**

William Franklin Smith

(a) Residence. No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 5 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Married</u>
5a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of _____ (or) WIFE of <u>Sarah Francis Smith</u>		
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Nov 15</u>		
7 AGE Years <u>55</u> Months <u>10</u> Days <u>20</u>	IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.	
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Ranching</u> (b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____ (c) Name of employer _____		
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Spring Town</u> (State or country) <u>Tex</u>		
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>All Smith</u>		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Not known</u>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>M<sup>rs</sup> Connell</u>		
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Not known</u>		
14 Informant <u>Thomas J. Smith</u> (Address) <u>Youghal Colo</u>		
15 Filed <u>Oct 8, 1921</u> by <u>J. K. Ketcher</u> Registrar		

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) Oct 5 1921

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:22 a.m.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Gun shot wound through chest  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

18 Where was disease contracted \_\_\_\_\_  
 If not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did an operation precede death? no Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Was there an autopsy? yes  
 What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signed) J. B. Clayton, M. D.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ (Address) Canon

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL <u>Craig Colo</u>	DATE OF BURIAL <u>Oct 9 1921</u>
20 UNDERTAKER <u>J. K. Ketcher</u>	ADDRESS <u>Craig</u>

Doctors and Undertakers Will Please See Last Note on Other Side.

## CHAPTER 5--MEMOIRS

### UNIT 20--EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY BETTY JO BARTON GASTON TO ROSA ELLEN FAIRCHILD FARRELL

**{Note: This letter was written many years ago—exact date unknown.}**

“. . . . We also went up the road to the half dugout where Tom had lived with his family when Nora died. [About 1918]

“But let's back up a bit. Frank and Fannie had got land in Oklahoma, (the land run), up by Noble OK. [April 2, 1889]

“While there they lost 3 children---they are buried there and that's where both Granny and Aunty are buried. [Granny is Fannie. Aunty is Frank and Sarah's daughter, Lillian]. Those 3 children were Bennie, Lee, and an Ola. One of the boys was crippled somehow and in Granny's trunk of keepsakes was little shoe with a brace on it that he had worn.

“We loved for Granny to look through her trunk and tell us the stories of each thing in the trunk. She usually cried---and I could never figure out if seeing the things made her cry or if she had just got the blues real bad and then got out the stuff.

“One thing was a rock---not too big---and she said one of those boys who had died had been sitting in the yard crying, and when Pa came close he told Pa that he was mad at Ma. Then Frank told him: "Well, if I was you, then I'd just kill her." So the little guy picked up this rock and went in and threw it at Granny. When she would tell that she would laugh and blow snuff all over us---if we didn't watch out!

“I guess Mother [FRANK---JULIA] was born at Noble, and at that time, Aunty [Lillian] would have been 10 or 11. That's when Mother [Julia] told me that Granny [Frank's widow] had the stroke. Aunty said after Granny had the stroke (and baby Julia) she [Lillian] had to start doing all the cooking, washing, and etc.

“Then they told me the family moved on to the Weatherford area, and that is where Aunty [Lillian] met and married Floyd Williams. Then from there they went to a ranch on White River. We visited the ranch site and the schoolhouse that was up then. From there they moved on to Moffett County where the guys were shot.

“Mother [Julia] told me that Granny explained to her that they couldn't stay another winter out there with no men---so they each packed a trunk and they rode the train back to Butler, Oklahoma, where Aunty and Uncle [Lillian & Floyd] lived. She never mentioned who paid for the rail tickets. She didn't mention Rosa coming with them. She did say that Granny [Frank's widow] told her that maybe they could go back when it was spring.

“Mother [Julia] did tell me that Granny and Grandpa [Frank & Fannie] didn't want Rosa to marry Art---but she never told me any reason.

“When I was about 9 or 10 I had the mumps and Granny was at our house. She said "I'll sleep with Betty and take care of her. I've nursed mumps all my life and never had them, so guess I'm immune." But she sure WASN'T! In due time she did have the mumps and from then on her health went down and down. The strokes started coming back on her---and she died the same spring that Tilford was born in 1937

“Granny always lived with Aunty [Lillian] from the time they came from Colorado. She'd visit us once in a while, and I think she traveled to Colorado to see her other children a few times---but not very many times.

“While living in Oklahoma, Tom met and married Nora Jones. Her family hated him for taking her [Nora] off out there to Colorado where life was so hard.

“Frances [was born] and that terrible flu broke out in our country. Nora was just too weak from childbirth to overcome it and died.

“Aunty and Uncle [Lillian & Floyd] were either already out there [in Craig CO] or went out there and Aunty took care of little Frances. When Floyd finally got antsy to come back to Oklahoma, Aunty begged Tom to let her bring Frances. They [Floyd and Lillian] could not have children---Tom wouldn't let her.

"Well that's about enough to mail at once---and I know it's jumpy, but it's sure the way it was told to me.

"XXXXXXXXX Betty"

[End of Betty's letter to Rosa Ellen.]

{Courtesy of Rosa Ellen Fairchild Farrell}

**Betty Gaston's Pedigree Chain---[ALVIN---FRANK---JULIA---BETTY]**

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**UNIT 21---LIFE IN MOFFAT COUNTY IN 1918-1919 DURING SPANISH  
FLU EPIDEMIC  
LETTER FROM OLA SMITH MAY TO SISTER FRANCES SMITH  
RUSSELL**

Dear Frances & Doyle,

Was glad to get the letter, and I know all about the tooth and jaw. How would you like to have 9 of them like that? The last 1 ½ years I put up with that and when I finally made up my mind I couldn't take any more and went to the Dr. my jaw and face were almost setting on my shoulder. He would not touch me. Said "come back when the swelling went down. That was Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. On January 10 I went back and the 18<sup>th</sup> of January I did not have a tooth left. I had 25 pulled--11 the last time and I have never been sorry. Sure did stop the trouble.

Now the questions: No, Mother was not sick when Pa left on this mail route and stage. Aunt Lillie and Uncle Floyd were at Grandma's. Uncle Floyd went in with Pa on that stage. I just think mainly because Floyd never drove or anything. That morning Pa had forgotten something that he had to have. Pa wasn't supposed to come back home after he loaded that mail, but he got permission from someone. He came on back through the alley and drove up in the back yard. He had 5 or 6 men and 1 lady passenger. The lady was in the seat with Pa.

Mother, Frank, Ollie and I stood on the back step and watched Pa leave. That was the last Pa saw Mother alive. When he got to Sunbeam (Grandma's) he always ate dinner with her. Pa had about 1 hour to wait for the mail to come in from the North and for the old man to get the mail sorted. (The man Pa waited on was Jana Brosman's dad—Wes's father-in-law)

Pa asked grandma if he could take the counterpane off her bed and lie down. She said "Tom are you sick?" He said "No--just tired." (Pa was doing a lot of drinking and carousing around.) Well right there Pa stayed for about 3 weeks.

When the doctor told Grandma that Pa couldn't live until morning, the doctor tried to get Grandma to go to bed, and let the doctor lay Pa out. When Grandma asked the doctor if he had done all he could do, the doctor said "yes" so Grandma told him "Then I'll go to work on him." The doctor left.

Grandma went to the cellar and got a bucket of onions. Just cut them up without peeling them Put them in the dishpan and put them on the stove. When they got hot enough not to blister Grandma took them in and just opened Pa's underwear and poured the hot onions in on top of him and then fixed another pan full. Grandma changed onions on Pa all night and when morning care Pa was conscious. I don't know how many days it was before they could move him upstairs.

This old hotel only had one bedroom downstairs that was Grandma's. Besides Pa she had Grandpa, Uncle Jim, Ernest, and Julia all sick in bed all at one time. About that time Aunt Bertha showed up--I don't know from where. Anyway Pa was still too weak to walk.

Well, to get back to Mother---that night mother milked old Happy. We had supper and we all went to bed in Mother's bed—Mother, Frances and Ollie at the head –Frank at the foot. I don't know how long we had been in bed or how or why they found us. Might have been old Happy bawling. I know I woke up and there were several women in the room.

One was a nurse--or at least she was in white. I don't know who called the doctor or how they let them know at Grandma's that Mother was gone. They took Frank, Ollie and me out of the bed and moved us upstairs. Now

I don't know anything about the move. We woke up upstairs on a set of springs and a mattress in the floor. We had 2 beds up there but they were being slept in for they were messed up

I know that a man carried me down. I was awake. When we asked where Mother was they told us she had gone visiting. Now I don't know when Mother was put away but it wasn't Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> for we were still in bed Nov 11<sup>th</sup> when the parade came right by our house. Someone had decided to move us to the foot of the bed for there was a north window. We were taking more colds---especially Ollie. He was real bad. And as yet no one had showed up from Grandma's. Frank and I were up when help arrived, and that was Lillian, Uncle Floyd, and last but not least, Aunt Bertha. When Aunt Bertha got there she just took over.

Aunt Bertha decided that Frank and I shouldn't sleep together, so she put Frank and Ollie upstairs on the springs on the floor and made me sleep with her, but for only one night since I peed on her. Aunt Bertha was going to whip me but Aunt Lillie wouldn't let her. Next night I was put upstairs with the boys.

As for the funeral it was a big one. Pa and we kids and all but you [Frances] rode in a car. After that they stopped big funerals.

I don't know how we lived that winter. Uncle Jim was working out in the country. Uncle Floyd was hauling dead bodies. Floyd went out to one house to get a man who had been dead so long that when Uncle Floyd tried to pick him up he just went to coming apart. Uncle Floyd went back to town and told his boss about it. The boss sent another man with Uncle Floyd and told them to take the dead body right to the cemetery. Uncle Floyd said that they just picked up mattress and all, carried the dead man out, and put the body away that way. People were dying so fast they couldn't get coffins.

Pa was the next one to come up. He came in the night. The next morning Pa had you [Frances] on his lap, and he called the rest of us kids around him. That is when Pa told us that Mother was dead. He took us to see Mother's body twice before she was put away. When Grandma and Grandpa came up for the funeral they just stayed to take care of us. What a mess of us---all in a 2 room house!

Don't know if you are interested in this or not—In the spring we went back out to Sunbeam to Grandma's. Now Pa stayed there in Craig somewhere, and Mrs. Fuller took care of him. We went in Uncle Bob's truck. Of all the lazy people I have known Uncle Bob took the cake. There were seven of them plus seven of Grandma's-- then us 4 kids. It was a stake rack bed Model T I think.

We had bedding, a grub box and then 3 kitchen chairs for Grandma, Aunt Hannah and Grandpa to sit on. We got stuck in the snow about sundown.

Grandpa said we would camp. He and the boys (not Uncle Bob) left the load and went about 10 feet North and started around in a circle--round and round about 25 to 30 feet across. They stomped that snow, down and it made a kind of well. It was 4 to 6 feet deep and about 10 feet from the center. They found a big pine log at least 15 feet long. Then Grandpa started the boys to hauling wood. Grandpa got a fire started in one end of that log. Then they all went to hunting wood. They had to haul enough to last all night.

Grandpa then came and went to getting us out of the truck. They had stomped down a good trail from where we unloaded to the hole. The grub boxes and bedding were next. Still no Uncle Bob. Well, finally he came, wrapped up in his quilt, and walked right by the back end of that truck. He got up close to the fire and couldn't find a place to sit down so he sent his wife, Hannah, back for one of the chairs. By that time Uncle Bob had himself a good spot picked to sit.

I don't think they were going to unload the chairs but they did for Grandma and Aunt Hannah to have a place to sit.

They fixed supper. All I remember were the fried potatoes. Now all the light we had was from the fire. There started spreading those quilts down on the snow. We didn't even take off our shoes---just our coats to make pullovers out of them.

Next morning it was all dark and cloudy. While breakfast was being fixed snow had to be melted to fill the radiator. It took every pot, pan and skillet for this. Of course that truck had to be hand cranked. It took about 15 minutes to get the truck started and then to load up. When the truck

started Uncle Bob took his quilt and went and got in the cab. Uncle Bob always rode in the cab while his wife, Aunt Hannah, rode in the back.

We were loaded and ready to go, but we were still stuck. Grandpa, Ernest, Deed, and Thurmond and I got behind to push. Grandpa yelled for Uncle Bob to help--who in turn yelled to his wife, Hannah: "Give Frank a hand back there."

Now Grandpa didn't get mad too often but up the side of that truck he went, jerked the door open and grabbed Uncle Bob by the arm and out he came right in the snow bank, quilt and all. Seems Uncle Bob didn't want to get his feet cold! I don't know how much Uncle Bob pushed but he was back there anyway.

I don't remember getting to Grandma's, but I do remember that big garden that they planted for Grandpa would say "If Tom comes back that we would have to haul stuff out of it. Pa finally showed up but couldn't do any work. Finally he was right back in bed. Grandpa sent Uncle Jim after a doctor. We all got ran out of the house while the doctor was there. But 2 or 3 days later Grandpa saddled old Birdie (Grandma's saddle horse). They put a pillow on the saddle---also fixed a quilt so Pa set on part of it---then got Pa on the horse. Then Grandpa took a rope and tied Pa so he could not fall off. The doctor had told them about this kill or cure deal---something about changing Pa's blood. Pa looked like a dead man.

Pa wasn't gone too long until he was home again. That was when Pa moved us back to the log house with Aunt Lillie to take care of us.

Some time in August Pa, Grandpa, Uncle Jim, Uncle Bob and also Mr. Powers went to Craig. That was when they built the school out there for Mr. Powers to teach. Mr. Powers worked on it along with everyone else.

I don't know how Grandma's furniture and livestock got back to the homestead unless Uncle Jim took it, because everybody else was on that truck. I don't know how for there were 2 wagon loads of it. Something else I don't know was why Grandma and family moved to Sunbeam. We went to Craig so Mother could have a doctor when you [Frances] were born.

Grandma hated that valley before she ever saw it. There wasn't one drop of pioneer blood in her. There was only one place to love and that was Oklahoma. I know some of the most beautiful gardens I ever saw were grown out there---anything that was planted just grew. I saw potatoes that only took 2 of them to fill a 10-pound lard pail. Uncle Bob boxed up some of them and sent them to the President. I don't remember who was president at that time. This drawing is the house in Craig. I just tried it and it is a good job even if I did do it.

Oh yes, I have heard Pa say that Mother was kept about 3 weeks before she was buried.

Will close.

Just Ola

Written November 1, 1981  
Compliments of Pam Russell

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**UNIT 22**  
***From There to Here***  
***My Life's Story***  
1918 - 1990

**BY FRANCES (SMITH) RUSSELL**  
[ALVIN-FRANK-TOM-FRANCES]

**WRITTEN 1980 – 1990 [Third edition]**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Mother (Nora Olive Jones) and Daddy, (Thomas Alvin Smith) were married on Daddy's twenty-first birthday, August 24, 1910. Mother was seventeen at the time. She was one of a family of twenty-one children born to James Archibald Jones and his two wives. His first wife died and left him with eight children. He later married my grandmother, Eliza Jane Holcroft, and they

had thirteen children. My mother was one of the thirteen. Mother's family had a long history of tuberculosis. Several of the twenty-one children died of the disease.

Daddy was the oldest of nine children born to Grandma Smith (Sarah Frances Buchanan) and Grandpa Smith (William Franklin Smith).

They were married at the Jones home near Weatherford, Oklahoma. Mother and Daddy had grown up and gone to school together. The two families were longtime friends. After their marriage they continued to live on the farm. Daddy was a sharecropper.

Ola May was born a year later, on August 20, 1911. Frank was born twenty-one months later on May 11, 1913. Next was Ollie Thomas, born June 30, 1915.

There was a neighbor nearby that had several coon hounds, and they ran loose. They would run through Daddy's sorghum cane and knock it down, and chew on it. Daddy went to see the man several times and asked him to keep his hounds at home, but he didn't. Finally Daddy told the man if the hounds came back, he was going to shoot them, some of them anyway. So the man sued Daddy for shooting his hounds.

Ernest was put on the witness stand and the prosecuting attorney asked Ernest if his brother Tom had told him just what to say, and Ernest said "He sure did. He told me to tell the truth, and the whole truth, or he would whip my britches off, and he would do it too." So Daddy won the case. He turned around and sued the man for the damage the hounds had done, and won one hundred dollars in damages.

Another one of Ola's recollections was at a very early age. She was barely two years old. It was the first time they had gone to church after Frank was born. Daddy had a gray buggy mare he called Dolly. Since they had last been to church the highway department had put in a tin tiling or corrugated pipe across the creek. The church was just across the creek, on the other side. When they got to the creek in the buggy, the old mare saw the shiny object and spooked, and refused to cross the tiling. Daddy told Ola to lie down on the floor boards, and he began to whip the mare to make her cross the creek. First the mare ran backwards, but Daddy kept whipping. Mother sat in the seat beside Daddy with a fairly new baby in her arms. First the

mare kicked the front out of the buggy, and then took off running. And never stopped till they were at least one quarter mile past the church. On the way home, they went through the same thing, only Daddy just let her run, 'til she reached home.

On one place they farmed in Oklahoma, there was a colored lady and her son,"Uncle John". They called Frank "Master Frank", and Ola was "Missy Ola." This man worked for Daddy. And his hair was white as snow. It was during the harvest of some kind and Daddy had several men helping him, including this colored man. Mother had fried chicken to feed the harvest crew. The hired men came onto a screened porch where the water bucket and wash pan set on a wooden bench. This is where the men washed up for dinner. When all the others were through washing and cleaning up, the colored man came in and washed and stepped back outside. Mother would put clean papers on the wooden bench and that was where Uncle John ate, there on the porch. She would fill his plate and bring it out to him. As soon as he finished eating he went back outside. Since he had no teeth, he could not chew his chicken off of the bone very well. And when Mother came out on the porch to get his dishes; there sat Ola and Frank chewing off the rest of the chicken he had left on the bones. For which they both got good whippings.

Another stunt Ola remembers, for which she got a whipping. Ola came in and Mother was making her some new underpants. This was the only way there was to get new clothes, and that was to make them. Mother was sewing lace around the edge of the legs of the panties. Well, Ola did not like fancy things. And she told Mother not to put on the lace. But she went ahead and sewed on the lace. Ola went outdoors to "go", and when she squatted down, there was that lace on her panties right close to her face. So she took her teeth and pulled that lace off, piece by piece with her teeth. Of course Mother found what she had done when she washed the clothes. That's when the spanking come.

After Mother's sister Grace and her new baby died, Mother and Daddy took her two oldest sons into their home. The two older boys' names were George and John Holcroft. They were older than Ola and Frank.

Daddy had his own sorghum vat. It set in a little room of the barn. Ola and Frank, and George and John were out playing. George was tall enough to reach the latch on the door. So all four kids went in and crawled into that

sticky vat. They ran and crawled and rolled in the sticky vat. When mother found them she gave them whippings. Plus another one when Daddy got home.

Another place they lived, while George and John were with them, they had to haul water for the house. Daddy had a water wagon. A wagon with a water tank on it. There was a hole at the top for filling. When Daddy went to get a load of water. George and John were big enough to ride astraddle of the tank.

Ola had to ride in the seat beside Daddy. Ola was very jealous of the boys because she wanted to ride on the tank also. One day while on top of the tank, which was full of water, well the boys were goofing off. And George fell to the ground, and Daddy ran over his leg and broke it. Daddy put Ola behind the seat and laid George in the seat beside him. When they got home Mother and Daddy put a splint on the leg. No Doctor was ever called. The leg healed fine.

Frank was never a healthy child. He had what the Doctors called summer complaint. It was a recurring case of diarrhea. His condition became worse, and his strength was failing. The Doctors could not control the condition. So they told Daddy to get Frank to a higher climate, or as the Doctor put it, "prepare to bury him." Ollie was already here. So that meant to make a move with three small children.

The move from Oklahoma to Moffat County was made by train. Grandpa Smith and Uncle Jim, and Uncle Bob had already filed on their homesteads in Colorado. Uncle Jim never did build or dig a well on his claim. He did fence and farm it. Grandma Smith, Earnest, Rosie, Julie, Mother and our family came on the train. This was so they could care for the cattle and horses that were also being shipped by train.

Since it was August and very hot in Oklahoma, Mother only kept out one light blanket to wrap Ollie in. He was two months old. So when the train crossed the Rocky Mountains it got very cold. So Grandma went into the rest room on the train and took off one of her three flannel petticoats. She gave it to Mother to wrap Ollie in. They also packed a big box of food to last them on the trip. All Ola remembers is the fried chicken in the lunch box. Daddy had gone on ahead, him and Grandpa met them at the depot. It was August twenty, Ola's fifth birthday.

The first winter in Craig they lived in the hotel. Daddy got a job on the section and they moved into a railroad house. This is where they met Arthur Powers. He was already working there when Daddy went to work. He became a very close friend of the family. That winter they got a four room house. Mother and Daddy and their three kids lived in one room. Grandpa and Grandma and their family lived in one room. Uncle Jim and his wife Bessie lived in one room. In the other room was Mort and Dovie and their daughter Beatrice. Dovie was Grandpa's brother, Al's daughter. Mother cooked on a "monkey" stove. This was a small stove used for cooking and heating, with a drum in the pipe for baking. The doors between the rooms were left open during the day. And were closed at night. Every night all three other families listened to little Beatrice being beaten. She was whipped until she prayed "Oh Dod and Oh Desus, send me a baby brother please." And they did have the baby brother. It was while they all lived at this house that the baby was hurt.

The older children were sent upstairs to play, to get them out of the way, so the women could do the washing. Mort was supposed to be watching the baby. But the baby made it up the stairs without Mort seeing him. Well, he fell back down the stairs and was seriously hurt. For some reason Beatrice was severely beaten because the baby had fallen. The Doctor came to the house, but the baby died two months later from the injuries.

This house where they lived was next to the jail, and the kids played in the vacant lot near the jail. One day as they played in the vacant lot, they heard someone call them from the jail window. It was a black man with no ears. He had killed someone, and while he was hiding out, his ears were frozen off.

He began to coax the kids to bring him something to eat. Earnest told him "all we got is cornbread and onions." This sounded good to the prisoner, so Earnest went to the house and told Grandma there was a hungry man out there. He did not tell her he was in jail. So Grandma gave him some cornbread and onions. And Earnest was tall enough that he could stand on an old dead tree and hand the food to the man between the bars. This continued day after day, until they got caught.

While they lived in Craig, Daddy and Grandpa got a job sawing ice out of the river to fill an ice house. One day Daddy slipped into the river. Grandpa

and another man pulled him out. It was over a mile home. And by the time they got him home in the wagon his clothes were frozen so stiff he could not walk. So they had to carry him inside. They had to warm him up in a tub of warm water. And in spite of their religion they poured hot toddies down him. He only missed one day of work cutting ice.

The next place Daddy worked was on a ranch for a man named Earl Vantassel. This is where Daddy bought old Happy, the cow that we moved with us over the mountains to Weld County. It was while they lived here that when Mother did the washing, and hung them on the yard fence, and the cows would come by and chew them to pieces. When they left this house in Craig, they moved to the homestead ninety miles north west of Craig. Grandpa and Grandma and their family lived in Uncle Jim's house. His wife had left him and went back to Oklahoma. They lived in a tent about fourteen feet by sixteen feet. There were two beds across the back of the tent. They also had a cook stove, and table and benches, and a kitchen cabinet. These things had been moved with them from Oklahoma on the train. Daddy bought a slip scraper and a fresno and a harrow. They had a dozen hens and a rooster. Also a pair of pigeons, as Daddy had plans to raise squabs to eat.

It was about this time that Nick Patterson came into the picture. He became a very close family friend. He helped Daddy build the chicken house and barn. They used a team and the scraper to dig back in the hill to build the chicken house.

After he got the chicken house built, Daddy nailed his pigeon box on the wall, about as high as his head. They had also built the cabin that winter. In the spring before the snow was off the ground. They moved into the cabin.

One morning; just outside the cabin door was a pile of pigeon feathers. Earnest had walked up from Grandma's that morning with his dog Old Rex. Ola had a cat that stayed in the barn, but when Daddy saw the feathers, he figured Ola's cat had killed his pigeon. So he called for Earnest to bring his dog. He set the dog on the cat and let him kill it. But about a week later he found a big black and white tom cat in the barn. And there on the barn floor was the feathers from his other pigeon. They figured it was a neighbors cat. But that put an end to Daddy's squab raising.

The homestead had to be fenced, so first the posts had to be cut and hauled in. The place was covered with sagebrush. This all had to be cut by hand with an ax or a grubbing hoe. Daddy did the cutting, and Ola and Frank dug and piled the sage brush. Of course Daddy had to pile the heavy brush. After the brush was cut it had to dry for several days before it would burn.

Daddy would take a lantern out at night and burn the brush piles. This was Ola and Frank's reward for piling the brush; was to watch it burn.

Daddy plowed the place with old Fred and Dobbin and his walking plow. Mother planted her garden across from where Daddy dug the well. She only lived long enough to raise one garden. We had a wood floor in the cabin. Made out of foot wide boards. Mother had her kitchen in the west room, and the beds were in the front of the house. We never did have a heating stove. The cook stove heated the two rooms.

One day Nick and Daddy came in with a load of logs, with several flat rocks on top. One was used for a door step and the others they built flower boxes on each side of the door. But Mother never lived till the next spring so she could plant flowers in them.

About this time we got a dog we called Old Shep. This dog would not allow anyone to pull his tail or to point a finger at him. First he would snarl, then he would bite. The kids were all in front of the cabin with the door open. Ollie was about sixteen months old. The dog was laying in one of the flower beds with his tail hanging over the edge. Ollie saw this tail, and went over and gave it a yank. The dog growled and showed his teeth. Ola yelled that Ollie was pulling the dogs tail, and that he was growling. Daddy said he was sure the dog would not bite a baby. And Ollie pulled the dogs tail again and the dog turned and bit him in the face. He bit his left eyeball completely out of the socket. It was out on his cheek. First Daddy and Mother put his eye back in then grabbed the rifle and started shooting at the dog. Ola and Frank began to beg him not to kill the dog. But he kept shooting. Naturally the dog ran off.

But that night when the milk cow "Happy" came in, the dog was with her. Daddy grabbed the gun and started shooting again. And again the dog ran off. The horses were out on pasture. No one knew just where or how far. But the next morning Nick Patterson headed out to find them, so they could

take Ollie to a Doctor. It took Nick nearly four days to find the horses and bring them in. Then they took Ollie ninety miles to Craig to the Doctor. The eye was all right but a tear duct was cut, and his eye always watered for as long as he lived, especially in cold weather.

When Nick found the horses there was the dog with them. Of course when Daddy saw the dog he started shooting at him again. This time the dog never did come back. But they found out years later that he had gone into a place near Sunbeam. And the lady taught him to meet the mailman. And he would hang a mail sack on his collar, and the dog would bring it home to her.

Up until this time there had been no school for the kids to go to. So Grandpa, and Earnest and Jim and Deed Morris cut the logs and built the Youghal school house. The school house still stands, only it has been moved two or three miles east of where it was built. It is the only building left standing for as far as the eye can see. The roof is sagging badly. Cattle have tromped the floor out.

Before they built the school house, Daddy and Mr. Powers and Uncle Bob (Grandpa's brother in law) went to Craig to the County school superintendent and had him declare that a school district. Then they went ahead and built the school. Uncle Bob and Aunt Hannah's place was about one half mile north east of our cabin.

At the homestead we got water from a spring until Grandpa witched a well. Daddy dug a hole about six feet by eight feet and fourteen feet deep. And he hit rock. He left his tools in the hole over night. The next morning he sent Ola and Frank to check for any signs of water in the hole. They found the water to be half way up on the shovel handle.

Since Mother only lived two years and two months after they moved to Colorado, It was about this time that she got pregnant with me. Little information is available of the next nine months, except for the fact that Mother and Daddy both wanted me to be a girl. Since they had two boys and only one girl, Daddy told Mother that if I was a girl he would buy her a gold bracelet that she wanted very much. I have been told that the bracelet cost ten dollars, which was a considerable sum when you think of the times and the living conditions. When it was close to the time for me to be born, Daddy rented a house in Craig and he moved Mother and the three older

kids into Craig so she would be near a doctor. Doctor Clayton was the doctor in Craig at that time. He made himself quite a reputation caring for people during the flu epidemic, besides taking care of all the other ills in town and far out into the mountains.

I was born in Craig on September 12, 1918. The flu epidemic was already going strong back east. That was the last time Daddy saw Mother alive. Uncle Floyd and Daddy were partners in a mail and passenger stage route from Craig to Sunbeam. Aunt Lillie and Uncle Floyd lived with Grandpa and Grandma at Sunbeam. Grandma was running a little hotel there in Sunbeam. Ola said she didn't recall ever seeing Uncle Floyd drive the stage. But he was a financial partner. Daddy had loaded his mail and his passengers in Craig when he remembered something he had to have at home. He had five or six men and one lady with him in the stage. The lady was sitting in the front seat beside Daddy. He was not supposed to go back home after the mail was loaded. But he got permission from someone to go back by the house to get whatever it was that he had forgotten. He drove up the alley and into the back yard. He got what he was after. Mother, Ola, Frank and Ollie stood on the back step and watched him drive away. Ola remembers Daddy kissing Mother goodbye and leaving with the mail for Sunbeam. This was the last time he saw mother alive. Daddy and his passengers got into Sunbeam about noon. He always ate dinner with Grandma.

This day he had about an hour wait for the mail to come in from the north. This was the mail he was to haul back to Craig, on his return trip. Daddy asked Grandma if he could remove the "counterpane" off of her bed. (We would call it a bedspread) He wanted to lay down. She said "Tom, are you sick?" He said "No, just awful tired." Him and Uncle Floyd had been doing an awful lot of drinking and running around. So she understood why he was tired.

Well, he never got out of the bed for three weeks. He was coming down with the flu, but didn't realize it. Grandma called Doctor Clayton, he came and done everything he could for Daddy. He told Grandma that Daddy would probably die about midnight and that he would be back the next morning to lay him out. The doctor left and Grandma began to doctor him with onion poultices. She went to the cellar and got a bucket of onions. She cut them up without even peeling them. She put them in a dish pan and heated them on the coal stove. When they got just as hot as she

thought he could stand them, she opened up the front of his underwear and poured the hot onions onto his bare chest and neck. She fixed another pan of onions and as soon as the ones on his chest cooled off she removed them and put more hot ones on. She continued to change the onions all night and keep hot ones on his chest. The next morning he was conscious. When he was a little better they moved him into one of the rooms upstairs. Besides having daddy sick in bed, she had Grandpa and Jim, and Earnest, and Julie all sick in bed with the flu also.

Back in Craig, that evening Mother milked the old cow, "Happy". They all had supper and all went to bed in Mother's bed. Her and Ollie at the head, Ola and Frank at the foot of the bed. I guess she had me in a box or something beside the bed. Ola says she has no recollection of how long they lay there, or who found them. Ola thinks maybe the old cows bawling to be milked may have alerted someone that something was wrong. She says she woke up and several women were in their bedroom. She remembers seeing a nurse in a white uniform.

Someone had called the doctor. Ola does not know how they got the word to Grandma and Grandpa, that mother was gone. When they saw that Mother was going they moved Ola, Frank and Ollie to a little upstairs room. Ola said she does not remember their carrying them upstairs, but they woke up on a mattress on a pair of bedsprings on the floor.

She said after they woke up a man carried them back downstairs. When they asked where mother was, they told them she had gone visiting. Mother died of influenza and double pneumonia on October 22, 1918 while Daddy was still unconscious at Grandma's. She was one of six million people that died in that flu epidemic. I was five weeks old at the time. Daddy never knew she was dead for over a week. At this time Ola was seven, Frank five, Ollie two, and me about five weeks old. The three older kids were still sick and they put them into mothers bed. Ola said they lay in their bed and watched the parade out the window on November 11, 1918. The parade was for the end of World War I. It went right by the house.

They held Mother's body till all the family was able to attend the funeral. Frank and Ola were out of bed by the time Daddy's sister Lillie and her husband Floyd Williams came to help. Also about this time mother's sister Bertha came from Oklahoma with the idea to bring any or all of us kids back to Oklahoma. Well that didn't work out. Ola said that one of Bertha's

orders was that Ola was not to sleep with Frank and Ollie. That she should sleep with her, Bertha. Well this made Ola mad, so Ola wet the bed and soaked herself and Bertha. That convinced Bertha that Ola could sleep with Frank and Ollie after all.

Daddy was back in Craig for mother's funeral. She said mother had a large funeral. But soon after they stopped funerals, for fear of spreading the influenza. She said the funeral home furnished a car for the family to ride in.

After Mother's death, they saved her wedding ring for Ola, and the gold bracelet for me. We didn't get these things in our hands to keep until we were about fifteen years old. They saved Mother's clothes, and many years later they were cut up and put into quilt tops for each one of us four kids.

Ola said that a short time after Lillie and Floyd got to Craig, Daddy arrived from Grandma and Grandpa's where he had been in bed with the flu for three weeks. She said he arrived at night. The next morning he took me on his lap, and called the others around, and told them that mother was dead. He took the three older kids to the funeral home twice to see mother before her funeral. When Grandpa and Grandma came for the funeral, they stayed until spring to help with the kids.

Ola says she has no idea how they made it through that winter. Daddy was not able to work. She said Earnest had a job out in the country. Uncle Floyd had a job hauling in dead bodies for burial. He went out to one place where the man had been dead for several days. When Floyd tried to pick him up; he just came apart. He went back and told his boss about it. He sent another man back with Floyd. He told them to take him straight to the cemetery. Uncle Floyd said they picked him up mattress and all and took him to the cemetery and put him away that way. People were dying so fast they could not get coffins fast enough to bury them.

When spring came the family made plans to go back to Grandpa and Grandma's place. Daddy was not able to make the trip, so a neighbor woman, a long time family friend took care of him until he was able to go back out to the homestead. The neighbor's name was Mrs. Julia Fuller.

Bertha went back to Oklahoma empty handed. Daddy refused to let her take any of us kids. Grandma Jones was very bitter about this. It caused a

permanent break between the two families. Of course Grandma Jones accused Daddy of bringing Mother out there to that wilderness, and letting her die without a Doctor. This wasn't true, she was under Doctor Clayton's care. Mother was one of six million people that died during that flu epidemic. It took the old and young, and the strong and weak alike.

The move back to our homestead in Bear Valley after Mother's death was made in Uncle Bob Morris' stake bed, Ford Model T truck. The truck was really loaded. There was Uncle Bob, Aunt Hannah, and their four kids. Grandma and Grandpa and their four kids plus Ola, Frank, Ollie and I. Plus that load of people, they had bedclothes and what they called a "grub box". This was all their food stuff. With three chairs for Grandma, Grandpa and Aunt Hannah to sit on. About sundown the truck got stuck in the deep snow. The road was a mere wagon trail. Grandpa decided they should camp there for the night. The snow was from four to six feet deep. Ola states that Uncle Bob was very lazy. So Grandpa and the boys began to tromp around and around in a 25 or 30 foot circle. They packed the snow down without Uncle Bob's help. About the center they found an old pine log. Grandpa got the boys busy gathering any wood they could find that was sticking out of the snow. He knew they would have to keep the fire going all night. He built the fire at one end of the log. Uncle Bob made them unload the chairs so he could have one to sit by the fire. So did Grandma and Aunt Hannah have one. The women fixed supper. Ola says all she remembers is fried potatoes. Probably about all they had. The only light of course was from the fire. They spread down quilts on the packed snow. They didn't even take their shoes off. They made it through the night all right.

Next morning was dark and cloudy. They had breakfast, then began using all the pots and pans to melt snow to put in the radiator. (Antifreeze was unheard of.) The truck had to be cranked, this took a good fifteen minutes. Then it was load up again. Only the truck was still stuck in the snow. Uncle Bob wrapped his quilt around him and crawled into the truck cab. He rode in the front. Aunt Hannah rode in the back. All the men folks started to push. Grandpa yelled for Bob to get out there and help. Then Bob yelled for Hannah to give them a hand, and push. Hannah was a tiny woman, not even 100 pounds. And Bob was a huge man. I would guess him at 225. Well this made Grandpa mad. He yanked the truck door open and dragged Bob, quilt and all, out onto the snow drift. Bob said he didn't want to get his feet cold. No one was sure just how much he pushed. But he was at least out there.

We moved into Grandma and Grandpa's house. Ola said they planted a big garden not long after they got there. Daddy finally showed up but was too weak to do any work. He soon had a backset. Grandpa sent Uncle Jim for the Doctor. Ola said the kids all got run out of the house while the Doctor was there. The Doctor said if he could get Daddy back in Craig he might be able to save him. Grandpa saddled up the old gentle saddle mare. Put a pillow in the saddle, helped daddy into the saddle and wrapped him in a quilt. Then Grandpa took a rope and tied him in the saddle. Daddy was so weak, he could hardly sit. They traveled the 90 miles east into Craig and weren't gone but a few days, and they were back.

That was when Daddy moved us back into the log cabin. Aunt Lillie stayed and cared for the three older kids. At Grandpa Smith's insistence, I stayed with him and Grandma. It was agreed between him and Daddy that I could live with them, only so long that Grandpa lived. Should something happen to Grandpa, I would go back and live with the rest of the family.

It was not until after Daddy moved back to the homestead that he "proved up on it."

Ola said Grandma always hated life out there on the mountain. She always longed to get back to Oklahoma. Ola said their garden was just beautiful that summer. The potatoes were especially nice. She said they had potatoes that were so big, only two would go in a ten pound lard pail. Uncle Bob even boxed up some and sent them to President Woodrow Wilson.

In October, when Daddy left to go to Purcell to marry Ma, he and Aunt Lillie left together. They rode the train to Denver. From there, Aunt Lillie went to Oklahoma City, and Daddy went on the Greeley.

At this point, I must add that Daddy knew Ma from the years that Ma was married to Ray Jones. Uncle Ray was my Mother's half brother. (Same Father, different Mother) Like I stated at the beginning, Grandpa Jones had two wives, and two families. Uncle Ray was from his first wife, and my mother from the second wife. They had visited back and forth when Mother and Daddy lived in Oklahoma and Uncle Ray and Ma lived in Kansas. They had a son, Franklin James, but he was always called Frankie. Ma and Daddy were brother and sisterinlaw.

Uncle Ray had died of Tuberculosis in Kansas about six years earlier, and Ma had come to Colorado where her parents, and brothers and sisters lived. Ma was raising Frankie by cooking in a cook shack. A cook shack is a kitchen on wheels. It is moved to follow the harvest crew. She cooked for the threshing crew, usually ten to fifteen men. This was done on a little cook stove in the cook shack.

Her parents and family lived about ten miles northeast of Purcell, Colorado. They were all farmers. Daddy and Ma had been corresponding for several months, so she had all her belongings packed when Daddy got there. All he had to pack was her sewing machine. He built a crate to ship her sewing machine in. Her belongings were taken to Greeley and shipped to Craig. They were married in a church in Ault. The church still stands.

Grandpa Calendar (Ma's father) and her sister Leona stood up with them to be married. They did not leave for Craig immediately as they wanted to visit with Ma's family who had not met Daddy before.

They took the train back to Craig. Uncle Bob Morris went to Craig to meet them and bring them and Ma's belongings to the homestead. He had a wagon load of her things. There was a big family gathering and wedding supper at Grandma's house.

Ola tells of this incident. Aunt Lillie and Grandma had made Ola a new dress out of one of the skirts Mother had left. It was in near new condition. It took them all to hold her and try to put the dress on her. She kicked and screamed and fought. She knew it had been Mother's skirt, and for some reason she did not want to wear it. She was eight years old at the time. Grandma was so shocked that Ola would act like that in front of her new mother. When Ma found out why Ola refused to wear the dress, she said, "I don't think she should be made to wear it, if she feels that way about it." Grandma replied that it was the only clean dress the child had. Ma said she had brought some new material with her. They rolled out Grandma's sewing machine and in a very short time Ma had made Ola a new dress. Ola says she has no idea what became of that dress that she refused to wear. She never even saw it in a quilt top, as was custom in those days, since outgrown or unused clothes were cut up and put into quilt tops. This dress episode took place the night of the wedding supper.

The next morning Daddy and Ma and Uncle Earnest went up to the cabin and unloaded and unpacked Ma's belongings and put them in the cabin. So when Frank and Ola came home from school that day they came to the log cabin. The family lived there that winter and the next summer. Of course, I was still living with Grandpa and Grandma.

The Mormon crickets ruined the crops that summer, so Daddy started looking for work. It was at this time that he went to Milner, to work in the coal mines. A small mining town about thirty miles east of Craig. Grandpa, Daddy and Uncle Jim all went to work in the mines. It was hard to find a place to live. Daddy finally gave one hundred dollars for a house full of furniture, and they moved into the house.

Uncle Jim went back out to Bear Valley to move Ma and the kids, and Grandma and Earnest and Rosie and Julie. There were two wagon loads of things. Uncle Jim drove one team and got Deed Morris to drive the other one. After a year at the mines, Grandpa and Grandma and their family, plus me, moved back to the valley. Daddy and Ma and their family stayed at Milner, and the kids went to school there. Daddy ran the pump that kept the water out of the mines.

It was October 6, 1921, that they got word that there had been an accident out in the valley. A man on the train gave Daddy a note saying there had been an accident. So he left right away. He told Ma that Uncle Bob had probably had a wreck with his car, and hurt somebody. There was no mention that Grandpa and Uncle Jim had been killed. It wasn't until he got there that he learned what had happened. Ma and the kids came later on the train. A man that Daddy didn't even know told him he would take him to Craig. That's how he got there. The following account of the double murder is taken from the Craig newspaper dated October, 1921.

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**W.F. SMITH AND SON SHOT TO DEATH;  
NEIGHBOR HELD ON MURDER CHARGE**

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**Eye Witnesses say A. S. Wilson Killed Bear  
Valley Pioneers After Bloody  
Quarrel**

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## **MEN HAVE HOT WORDS AND FIST FIGHT**

**Frank Smith, pioneer Blue mountain ranchman, and his son James Smith lie buried in one grave. Their former neighbor and friend, A. S. Wilson, is in jail in Craig, charged with their murder. Eye witnesses say Wilson shot the two men, following a fight with the elder Smith.**

**A double killing, in which father and son met death, is the tragedy which shocked Moffat county last week. That Smith and his son came to their death "from a gunshot wound inflicted by A. S. Wilson with felonious intent," was the finding of the coroner's jury. Eye witnesses told of the killing, but no adequate motive to justify such a tragedy has been advanced.**

**A few words over the disposal of some potatoes, the suggestion that the elder Smith was indignant over land matters, other motives for the quarrel which led to the fatal shooting have been advanced. Yet the fact remains that no person has given an adequate reason why a man should kill his neighbor and the neighbor's unarmed son. This is a mystery for which a solution will be sought at Wilson's trial in district court.**

**Testimony given at the coroner's inquest held before J. E. Duvall Friday showed that the two Smiths were killed by Wilson following a bloody fight between Wilson and the elder Smith.**

**J. T. Elliot Sr., a renter living on the Tom Smith ranch in Bear valley, testified that Wilson had been helping him harvest his potato crop. A portion of the crop belonged to Tom Smith for rent, Elliott stated. The elder Smith came over to Elliott's field to arrange about the disposition of his son's potatoes. When Elliott suggested that they be left in his (Elliott's) cellar. "Wilson would steal them if they were left there."**

**(The reason Grandpa made this remark was because the year before's potato crop that was stored in Elliott's cellar, disappeared. And the evidence was that Wilson had taken them.)**

**This remark was the only reason Elliott gave for the fight which followed. He testified that the fight was a rough one, in which the two**

**old men rolled over and over on the ground, pummeling each other and using any weapons which came handy. Elliott said that Wilson "struck Smith three or four times with a hammer: before the fighters could be separated".**

**Then, Elliott said, Smith picked up a baseball bat and endeavored to renew hostilities, but was prevented from following Wilson into the Elliott home. Smith then said he was going for his gun and told Elliott, the latter testified, "if you don't want to see that old devil killed you had better get him off your place.: Elliott said he gave this information to Wilson, who finished his work and walked home.**

**Later the elder Smith returned, accompanied by his son James. The elder man had a baseball bat in on hand. The younger man was unarmed, Elliott said. Jim Smith was quoted as saying, "Where's that s- o- b-. We want him," and Frank is said to have added, "Yes, we want him; he can't stay on this place."**

**Then Wilson appeared, armed with a 38-55 rifle. (According to the Smith families recollection of the events, Wilson came back onto Daddy's place and was hiding in the brush with the gun waiting for Grandpa to show up, Wilson then shot Grandpa and Uncle Jim from behind without warning.) Elliott says he shot young Smith first and then shot the father afterwards walking away. (The newsprint becomes illegible at this point and the next sentence is Unclear) ----- practically the same story, but added to the details of the fight which preceded the killing the information that Smith hit Wilson with a potato rake. He also said that Smith made the prophetic statement that "one of us is going to be hauled off in a coffin if he (Wilson) puts foot on this land again."**

**Dr. J. E. Downs testified that he had examined the bodies of the two Smiths after they were brought to Craig. He told of finding evidences of the bloody battle which preceded the shooting on Smith's face and head. The face and forehead were badly bruised and the skull had been fractured. Doctor Downs said the fracture could have been made with a hammer. He evinced surprise that the elder Smith could have returned to the scene of the battle in so short a time after receiving the head wounds. The fracture itself might have brought death to some men, he stated.**

**D. E. Shaw, school teacher, and R. E. Morris, neighbor, testified that they removed the bodies of the two dead men after the killing and afterwards undressed them. No weapons except the potato rake and baseball bat which were found near Frank Smith's body were found.**

**A. S. Wilson is being held in jail on a murder charge. He will be tried at the December term of court. Wilson came to Moffat county from Fort Worth in the fall of 1918 and filed on a homestead in Bear Valley. He is married and a step-child, Mary Wilson, 13, lives with him and his wife. He has five children by a former wife. He is about 60 years of age.**

**William Franklin Smith, or Frank Smith, as he was generally known, and his family came to Moffat county in August, 1916. The Smiths were the first settlers in Bear valley.**

**Mr. Smith came to Moffat county because he had the pioneer's yearning to be on the frontier. He was born in Springtown, Tex., 56 years ago, when Texas was real "Wild West." His boyhood was spent in an atmosphere of Indian raids and the hardships which the pioneers of Texas in '65 were forced to undergo.**

**He lived the life of a cowboy on the Texas plains and several times rode with the huge trail herds from the Rio Grande to Kansas City. When Texas began to settle up he me moved to the Indian territory and helped make history in what is now the state of Oklahoma, when there were not a hundred white people in the whole territory. For a time he was a cowboy on the 101 ranch, and in 1893 he filed on a homestead near Noble, Okla. He and his family remained there until 1908 when again the "call of the silent places" was heard and he came to Bear valley, then entirely unsettled.**

**His sons filed on homesteads and the elder Smith stayed with them and assisted them.**

**James Wesley Smith, who was killed with his father, was 28 years old. He was born in Agnes, Tex.**

**Mrs. Smith and two sons, Thomas and Ernest, and three daughters, Mrs. Floyd Williams and Rosie, 17, and Julia, 13 survive. Mrs. R. E. Morris is a half-sister of Frank Smith.**

**The two bodies were buried in one grave in the Craig cemetery Sunday. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. Toothaker, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.**

**Both Tom Smith and R. E. Morris scout the idea of a feud between Wilson and the Smith family. Tom Smith says that as far as he knows the two families have always been on the best of terms and that there had been no friction up until the time he left to work at Milner some months ago. He says that the two families have visited back and forth and have always been neighborly. During the winter of 1918 Wilson lived in Tom Smith's house, rent free. Tom Smith says.**

**Tom Smith says he had heard rumors to the effect that Wilson had threatened a contest against the homestead entry of Smith's son-in-law, Floyd Williams, but knows nothing of the details.**

(End of newspaper article)

Their death certificates state that Grandpa and Uncle Jim both died from gunshot wounds through the chest. Daddy had a special casket made and Grandpa and Uncle Jim were buried in the same casket, side by side. Wilson was tried for the murder of Grandpa. But he was turned free because of the threats against him that Grandpa had made during the fight. Daddy was so infuriated that he went free, that he wouldn't sign the papers for him to be tried for Uncle Jim's murder. For which he would surely have been found guilty. None of the family could understand why Daddy did not press murder charges for killing Uncle Jim, an innocent unarmed man.

Aunt Lillie and Uncle Floyd came from Oklahoma for the funeral. And Uncle Floyd went back after the funeral, but Aunt Lillie stayed with Grandma. Grandma was in such a state of shock that she was not able to attend the funeral. They were buried in the Craig cemetery, right near Mother's grave. That made three of our family gone in just three years.

I can remember when Uncle Bob brought Grandma the news about the killings. Of course I was only three years old and could not understand why Grandma took off screaming. And when she started to crawl under the yard fence, to go to where the bodies were; Rosie and Julie held her back, by

hanging onto her long dress tail. Also I remember they brought the bodies to Grandma's house.

I recall they laid boards from the top of the head of the bed to the top of the foot of the bed. And their bodies were laid out on these boards with a sheet over them. I was told to kiss them, which I did. And I told them they were cold.

After the funeral Daddy and his family moved back to the homestead. And as was agreed on years before when Mother died. It was the next summer that Daddy took me away from Grandma. I was three and a half years old at that time.

Uncle Bob and Aunt Hannah moved into Craig, and our family moved into their nice house that winter. As Ola recalls they almost froze. Since the house was not nearly as warm as the log cabin. Aunt Hannah had refused to live in a log cabin, so Uncle Bob had built one of wood and painted it white.

In the summer of 1923 we moved to Cross Mountain, so Ma would be near a Doctor as she was pregnant with William. Cross Mountain was just a farm house, that had one room made into a post office. It was at this place that Daddy bought two horses named Rufus and Shorty. These were two of the horses we used for the move across the mountains the next year.

William was born September 1, 1923. The doctor came to the house. I remember hearing Daddy tell that the doctor had trouble getting him to breathe and cry, so he dipped him in our wooden drinking water bucket. Us older kids were shut in the woodshed. It was raining and the rain kept dripping in on us. We slept on the pile of wood. When they brought us back into the house, in the middle of the night, there was a new baby brother.

About this time Rosie married Art Fairchild, another homesteader about twenty-nine years her senior. Art had agreed if Rosie would marry him that he would put up the money for Grandma and Julie to get back to Oklahoma. Since Grandpa and Uncle Jim were gone, Grandma was stranded out there with no way to make a living. Earnest was a young man but not old enough to take over the farm.

Art and Rosie were married June 10, 1923. They moved to Palisade, Nebraska which was Art's hometown. This left Grandma and Julie alone in Bear Valley. Grandma was determined to get back to Oklahoma, and not spend another winter in Bear Valley. Daddy bought Grandma's cattle to help get the money for her and Julie to get to Rosie's in Nebraska. Then Art and Rosie took them on to Oklahoma City.

When William was a month old we moved from Cross Mountain, into Grandma's house. Where we lived till October of 1924, when we moved to Weld County.

In September Frankie and a neighbor boy Branceford Powers, broke into the little country store and stole tobacco and candy. And since the storekeeper was a good friend of the family, he said he would not press charges if they got Frankie out of the country. We had just started back to school. Plans to get Frankie away from there were made fast. So Grandpa Calendar came over and took Frankie to Weld County with him. And since the future looked bleak. The plans to move to Weld County got underway.

That last October that we were in the Valley I remember this incident. I was five years old. It was Halloween and Frankie, Frank, Ola and a couple of neighbor boys took out to find some mischief to get into. Well, they let me follow along. We all headed for the log cabin school house. I think they knew exactly what they intended to do. They all put their shoulders to the school outhouse and shoving, over it went. I was scared to death. But they warned me in no uncertain terms that I was never to tell anybody. I also remember when the teacher found it the next morning. She had the big kids shove it back upright. No doubt she knew who turned it over.

The Mormon crickets were still eating up everything the homesteaders planted. They came in droves. Daddy would nail a strip of leather on the end of sticks. Each kid had one of these swatters. When the crickets hit the garden we were supposed to use these swatters and kill or chase them out of the garden. We could scarcely make a showing. When the crickets moved on, there was nothing left behind. They ate the leaves off the trees. A story went around that a man left his saddle hanging and the crickets ate all the leather, just left the metal parts. There was no spray to fight the pests. The cricket problem was one of the main reasons that Daddy decided to leave Moffat County.

Rosie and Art had moved back to Craig, for Art to work his homestead. That is where Rosa Ellen was born.

Rosie and Art wanted to move to Nebraska and we were in the plans for our move across the Rockies. Some possessions were sold and the rest was loaded on two wagons. One wagon was loaded with furniture and small tools and a walking plow. This was a open wagon or a hay frame. Daddy drove a four horse team to this wagon. The other wagon was equipped with overjets, bows, and a wagon sheet. It was loaded with bed clothes, clothing, food and a grub box up front. Ma drove a two horse team to this wagon. She had William who was a year old. And Ollie to look after William while Ma drove the team.

These wagons were loaded out at Grandma's house. Daddy led out with his team and wagon. Ma followed with her wagon. Ola and Frank followed behind on horseback driving about fifteen head of cattle. Ola was thirteen and Frank was eleven.

Ola said on the way from Grandma's to Craig - a distance of ninety miles, I was sick every night and vomited on the others in bed with me.

The first night out was a dry camp, which meant no water for the horses and cattle. Drinking water was carried in the wagons. This was at Cross Mountain, where we lived when William was born. This was a distance of thirty miles the first day. The next night they camped at Sunbeam. They found that the hotel Grandma used to run had burned down. The Sunbeam camp was the second camp without water. So when Daddy's horses smelled water, he couldn't hold them and they turned sharp and turned his wagon over. Daddy hurt his back in the accident.

They got to Craig for Rosie's birthday, October fifth. Deed Morris went back to Sunbeam and drove Daddy's wagon to Craig. Because Daddy was hurt when the wagon upset.

Daddy had to go see a doctor in Craig for his sprained back. The livestock were put in the stockyard in Craig. There was a day layover in Craig for Daddy's back to rest.

After they got to Craig they put me in the car with Rosie and Art, as they figured I would never live to make the trip by wagon. Art drove their car and

I rode with Rosie in Daddy's Ford. I remember sitting on the sewing machine all the way. Rosa Ellen was about three months old and she rode in the front seat in a box, beside Rosie. The car was piled full, and the sewing machine set on the floor behind the front seat. That is all I remember about the trip, was sitting on the sewing machine. But they went on through and left me at Grandpa Calendars. Frankie was the only one there I knew, and I was scared to death. Not realizing just what was happening. They kept telling me that Ma and Daddy would come soon.

When the wagons arrived at the foot of Rabbit Ears Pass, Daddy was told by the Ranger that the pass was being closed at noon that day for the winter season. This was a good month later than they could safely cross over the pass. As Daddy was talking to the ranger, a rancher from the east side of the mountain who crossed over the pass every year at this time, heard the conversation. He said if Daddy's two wagons and livestock were not at his place by four p.m. the next day. He would come with a fresh team to help them over the pass. They camped that night on top of Rabbit Ears pass, three miles above timberline. It was terribly cold with snow all over the ground.

After they crossed the top of the pass and started the descent, Ola helped Daddy chain lock his back wheels of his wagon. The next day the wagons met the man coming with the fresh team, to see if they needed his help.

Because it was so late in the season, they had to detour up through Baggs and Laramie, Wyoming. The wagons in the lead, the livestock following. As Ola and Frank with the livestock approached the rail road tracks in Baggs; the arms came down, and a train went by. By the time the train got by and the arms came up, they could see the wagons go out of sight, about three blocks away. They were not sure which way the wagons went and were very upset. A man stepped out and asked them if they were following those two wagons. He gave them the right directions out of town and to catch up with the wagons.

It was eleven p.m. when Ola and Frank got the cattle into camp that night. This was another dry camp, no water for the livestock. Outside of Laramie, Wyoming. Daddy got permission from a Mexican lady to let the livestock water at her tank.

On the twenty-second night they camped in the Nunn school yard. Frank and Ola did not make it into camp until midnight that night. The next night they pulled into Grandpa Calendars place. About two miles south of the prairie View school, or eight miles north east of Purcell.

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## **UNIT 23**

### **EXCERPTS FROM 1942 MEMOIRS**

**By ROSA ELLEN FAIRCHILD FARRELL**

#### **PART I**

As Frank rode in the race for land\* in Oklahoma, I wonder what was on his mind. Maybe he thought of the days when he was a Texas Ranger; his father had also been a Texas Ranger. In a dispute at the border line with the Mexicans and Indians, Frank's father had been killed. Maybe Frank thought of his wife and small family waiting at home, depending upon him to be one of the first at the finish line. Maybe he wondered what the future had in store for him. What he really thought, we will never know. Nevertheless, he was one of the first on the new land.

Frank Smith was a young man and a pioneer at heart. The West called to him. He was tall, with beautiful black curly hair. His eyes were honest brown eyes. His beard had a reddish cast to it and was curly when it was allowed to grow. Irish, English, and Indian blood ran through his veins. The Irish temper and fighting spirit he possessed had been aroused many times in his life.

At the age of eleven, Frank had left home. His step-father, who took his real father's place when Frank was a child of four, was not an ideal father. For awhile, small Frank worked for ten cents a day on a farm.

Frances Buchanan's mother was taken from her small family when Frances was quite young. But like the trooper she was, Frances took their mother's place the best she could. She was a tall, slender girl with black hair, brown eyes, and high cheek bones like those of an Indian. Her mouth was set in a firm line. Because she was a cousin of Frank Smith, her

ancestors were also Irish, English, and Indian. Her father was a soldier in the Civil War, later he was a cattle owner and rancher in Texas.

As children, Frank and Frances were playmates. As older children, they were pals. As adults they were sweethearts. When the Buchanan children were old enough to get along without Frances, she and Frank were married.

The first years of their marriage were spent in Oklahoma, on the land Frank had won in the race. In the Cherokee Nation, eight children were born to them. Two of these children were taken from them by sickness while they were still babies. A son was later taken from them, in Colorado. The second girl born to them was named Rosa Jeanetta. Their two older sons went to Colorado to look for a home of their own. In Bear Valley near the Utah border, they staked their claim for homesteads.

Frank Smith wanted to raise cattle and horses. Colorado seemed the ideal home for them; it was not long before they were settled on the younger son's homestead. Only a short time passed before herds of fine cattle and horses roamed the pastures of this ranch. Frank was an excellent horseman. He was one of the finest riders wherever he went. His sons were taught to handle horses correctly. This was not taught only to his sons, but to his daughters as well. Rosa became one of the finest horsewomen of the Valley. Many other things she learned came from her father's teachings. The days she rode by his side or helped him where she could were the happiest of her girlhood.

## **PART 2**

John Fairchild, my great-grandfather, was in the black Hills when General Custer fought his famous battle with the Indians. In fact, John's parents believed that he had gone with General Custer. For several years they did not hear from him; this strengthened their fears that he had been in the battle and had been killed by the Indians. A happy surprise awaited his lonely family when he rode home to them, as healthy and happy as the day he rode away.

"Yes," he told his anxious listeners, "I was to go with Custer but they decided I could serve better at the Fort, helping make harness and repairing it."

Soon after his return, he married the girl who had waited for him. Many times they drove through Chicago's muddy streets in a wagon. Chicago was a very small city when they moved to their own farm, where the site for Kalamazoo, Michigan, was later chosen.

Before long, a small family surrounded them; three boys and two girls. The second boy, Willis was born on April 11, 1858. Quite often they were bothered by Indians. School was not near as it is today and Willis' education ended at an early age.

Looking for a new place to make their home they moved to Iowa. Nancy Williams' family was moving from Missouri into Iowa that same time. It was here Willis met Nancy. She was a tall girl with dark brown hair and friendly dark blue eyes. She was of English and German descent. Everybody loved her for her kindness, generosity, and sweet disposition. For these reasons, and his own, Willis fell in love with this sweet young girl.

Willis was a medium-sized man with black hair and blue eyes. His forefathers were English, Irish, and Old English (Welsh). Many of them had been ministers. Willis, though, was a combination harness maker and farmer. His associates knew him to be a true friend and always wanted to be of help if he could.

Nancy and Willis were married in 1880. They left their families in Iowa and moved to the rolling hills of Eastern Nebraska. Here on a farm was their first home together. In a few years, four girls and three boys were born to them. The oldest son, their fourth child, was born on November 7, 1888, and was named Arthur John. The first years of his life were spent at school. During the summer he helped his father on the farm. Saturday afternoons found him by the creek with his pals and a fishing pole. On autumn days, his sisters allowed him to go with them to gather nuts and berries along the river. Because high schools were not near, Arthur's education ended at the end of the eighth year.

When the First World War began, Arthur was at work on the farm, helping his father grow food for the Allies. Then came the signing of the Armistice---and peace for a few years.

He built his parents a house on a newly-purchased farm, then set out to look for a place of his own to farm, or a place to homestead.

A friend and he went to Denver where they had a fine vacation. It was not far to Craig from Denver, so they extended their trip that few miles. In Craig, he heard of Bear Valley and the land to be had there. Not many weeks passed before they were leaving Palisade, Nebraska, with their wagons full of food and camping equipment! They were ready for the drive to Bear Valley. Their site for a homestead was chosen near the Frank Smith ranch.

The favorite daughter of the rancher soon became a friend of the men. Her name was Rosa, they learned, and she was still sixteen years old. Her life was carefree and as happy as that of any girl's could be. Her long brown hair was worn in a coronet and made a frame for her round face, with dark brown eyes and a friendly smile.

Arthur, like his parents, had black hair and blue eyes. He was taller than his father, and heavier.

A cabin adorned his homestead within a few weeks. He and his friend had found the Smiths very friendly. They were especially fond of Frank, who had already shown them what a good friend was.

Neither Rosa nor Arthur suspected that Cupid and Fate were at work, changing their lives.

### **PART 3**

“The day was especially warm; Rosa was very busy getting ready for her birthday party. The next day she would be seventeen years old. Cakes were baked, ice cream was packed in the cellar, games had been planned, and the whole family was just a little too happy and care-free.

In the north pasture, Frank Smith and his son, Jim, were bringing home machinery for the winter. They had stopped the wagon to pick up a plow when a neighbor rode up in his wagon. Because the neighbor, Wilson, was a sheep owner and the Smiths were cattle-men, the two families had had disputes over water-rights, pasture land, and fences. This time Wilson

was determined to settle everything; he had his gun lying in the wagon bed.

Jim had gone a few steps to pick up a hammer, unaware of the actions of Wilson. Then---he heard a shot---and another! Wilson glared at the fallen body! Terror grasped him! Seeing Jim coming toward him, his one thought was to kill him, too. He pulled the trigger---then pulled it again! Another body lay close to the first victim. The murderer clutched his weapon. The frightened horses galloped away. Wilson's reaction was to get away as quickly as he could.

Through the mountains rang the shots that had killed two of the finest men Death ever claimed.

Tom, Frank's oldest son, heard these echoes. His heart stopped for a second, and then he stampeded over the fields. No man could be sicker than Tom, as he gazed at the horrifying thing Wilson had done. Tom's duty lay before him---he must take his father and brother home for the last time.

From her bed, Frank's wife jumped! For days she had lain there recovering from a stroke. Her daughters tried to hold her back, but it was useless. The instinct of a wife and mother told her that Death had struck. Half way to the pasture she collapsed, from fatigue and another stroke. The girls ran to their mother and carried her to the house and put her to bed once more. Neighbor women came to help in every possible way, as soon as they heard of the tragedy.

Hearts that are broken never completely heal. Mrs. Sarah lay in bed for weeks, unable to move. Her thoughts were of the days she had known as Frank's wife and Jim's mother. The daughters' grief was as deep as their love had been. Rosa missed her father and brother every way she turned. Each task reminded her of them. Because of her unbearable sorrow, her evenings were spent in long walks; her days seemed unreal, as she dwelt upon memories of the past.

Arthur could not stand it to see her suffering on and on. In his effort to help her they became friends. During the following winter months they saw each other very often. In the spring he asked her to become his wife. In June, 1923, they were married at the court house in Craig. Arthur wanted to go back to Nebraska to see his parents. Because she had never been

so far from home, Rosa was a little frightened. She wondered what kind of people she would meet in Nebraska. She forgot her worries as soon as she met Arthur's mother, for somehow they both knew they would be wonderful friends.

The murder was not forgotten; however, a trial was held which Tom had seen to. In a land where outlaws have the last say, though, the law was just about useless. Wilson was acquitted after a respectable length of time. No longer could he live in the Valley, however, because Frank's friends were determined they would never forget this crime.

Wilson made his home in Craig. A man just has to live with himself, though. To do this, Wilson seldom came out of his drunken stupor. During the nights wild screams would awaken people, and the men would go to put Wilson to bed. The next night it would be the same thing. This went on for fifteen years. In 1939, this old, broken-down drunkard was declared insane by doctors. He was taken to Pueblo for a few short months; there he died. His punishment was great, as was the crime he committed---too great for him to ever expiate it.

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**\*AUTHOR'S NOTES:**

- a) "Frank" was Rosa Ellen's maternal grandfather who was later killed in the mountain feud.
  
- b) Regarding the race for the land: This was the Great Oklahoma Land Rush of September 16, 1893. Since Tom was born in 1889, and William Lee was born in 1890, and Jim arrived in 1893. Frank and Fannie must have had about 3 children when he was racing for land in 1893. According to Betty Gaston's letter, the land that Frank acquired in the Land Run of 1893 was in Noble OK. To read Betty Gaston's letter see Unit 12. Unit 13 shows the newspaper article about the great OK Land Run.
  
- c) Rosa Ellen was only 18 years old when she wrote these memoirs as a senior term paper. There are nine more chapters in this particular memoir and two more memoir books as well. Rosa is now 84 years old and plans

to write a fourth book of memoirs. Anyone wishing to read the complete set, please contact me at [mrsimms@peoplepc.com](mailto:mrsimms@peoplepc.com)

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## **UNIT 24---“ROSIE THE RIVETER”**

Written by BETTY BARTON GASTON

In May of 1943 I, Betty Jo Barton, graduated from Wilson Consolidated School #2. This was a country school 12 1/2 miles SW of Frederick, Okla. My father, T.J. Barton, managed the country gin called Red River. That summer he accepted a job with the Coop Cotton Oil Mill at Okla. City and we moved there. We lived on 23rd St. which is a segment of old Highway 66. Traffic zoomed past our house 24 hrs a day, but I don't remember it bothering anyone because you can and do get used to almost anything.

Now I had to decide what to do. My mother, Julia, and I went to work at Tinker AF Base. I was a clerk-typist and she drove for the civilian motor pool. After a year she became unhappy with her job there and wanted us to apply as riveters. I said, "Mother, are you crazy? We don't know how to rivet." She said they'd teach us and we entered their 10 day training program. When we finished, they put us on the production line at the Douglas plant there at Okla. City. I think they said the bldg was a mile long and there wasn't one window in it. That was so we could have worked during a black-out. We were put on the 2nd shift which was from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 but they wouldn't allow kin to work in the same dept. I worked on the tail section and she on the dorsal fin. All our work was with flush rivets. We were only allowed like maybe 40 min for our noon time. That had to include eating--going to the restroom and smoking. I developed a terrible habit of eating too fast which has stayed with me through the years, and that was 60 yrs ago!!

The pay? My base rate was .75 an hour--but we felt liberated in that we were getting jobs that up to then had only been for men. My future husband, Gwen Gaston, was helping fight the war in France and his monthly pay was \$20.00. It was very hard work and very noisy, but so what? WE WERE HELPING WIN A WAR! We worked 6 days a week until our boys hit the Battle of the Bulge and then it was 7 days a week until that crisis eased up.

Life was very hectic at our house. My aunt lived with us and she worked the "grave yard shift" which was from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Juanda, my sister, rode a bus to the downtown high school. Rose, the younger sister, took a bus to the nearest Jr High School. My little brother walked two blocks to his grade school. He had this huge German Sheppard dog that made the trip with him each morning and then returned to school at 3:00 to walk home with him. Part of the time my Dad was in the OKC office but through the week he was mostly on the road as the field representative, visiting the state gins to buy cotton seed.

I do not think the lights nor was the stove ever turned off! We also had to deal with the ration books that were issued to each family member. Certain stamps were designated for canned goods--coffee--sugar--shoes and gas. I don't remember meat or vegs being rationed but you had to go to the ration board and get down on your knees and beg for a permit to buy a tire. Mother and I drove an old 1930 something Ford that had serious fuel pump problems. As we struggled with it one night I told her I felt sure I had nearly pushed it as far as I had ever ridden in it!

But in some ways the times were good--that people did have jobs. We weren't afraid to shop the stores at all hours of the night....and I hardly remember that we locked our doors. It's a different world today. We've lost so much that we had then. We did have some crime but it was not the "front page" "big time" issue that it is today. How I wish God would grant us some easier times in the coming years. Betty Gaston

Author's note:

This "Rosie the Riveter" essay was contributed by Cheryl Gaston Moore, daughter of Betty Gaston.

A magazine had solicited first person accounts from women who had worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. Betty contributed this article; however, it never made it to print.

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**UNIT 25---WHO'S WHO IN FRANCES RUSSELL'S MEMOIRS**

For those of you who are confused about who was who, here is a brief rundown of the main characters involved in Frances's memoirs:

**Art Fairchild:** Rosie's husband---Frances's uncle.

**Aunt Julie---Julia:** This was the youngest of Frank's children---Frances's aunt.

**Aunt Lillie---Auntie---Lillian:** This was Frank's oldest daughter---Frances's aunt.

**Aunt Rosie---Rosa:** This was Frank's second-born daughter---Frances's aunt.

**Beatrice:** Dovie and Mort's daughter--- Frances's second cousin.

**Brother Al:** John Alvin Smith---Grandpa Frank's only full sibling.

[Grandfather to John Milton Auwen who is still alive and well and living in Noble, OK.]

**Dovie:** Brother Al's daughter---mother of Beatrice---Frances's first cousin once removed.

**Ernest---"Bick":** This was Frank's third-born son---Frances's uncle.

**Frances:** Author of memoirs---baby born on mountain---Tom and Nora's daughter.

**Frank:** Older son of Tom & Nora---grandson of old Frank---Frances's brother.

**Grandma---Sarah Frances Buchanan Smith---Fannie:** Names used to indicate Frank's wife. [1864---1921]---Frances's grandmother.

**Grandpa---William Franklin Smith---Frank:** Frances's grandfather Smith. Names used to denote our most common ancestor. [1865--1921]

**Hannah:** Wife of Uncle Bob---half sister to Frank---great aunt to Frances.

**Jim---Uncle Jim:** This was Frank's second-born son who later got killed---Frances's uncle.

**Ma: Chloe Jones:** Second wife of Tom---stepmother to Tom's kids.

**Mort:** Dovie's husband---father of Beatrice---Frances's first cousin-in-law once removed.

**Mother: Nora:** Tom's first wife---mother of Ola, Frank, Ollie, and Frances.

**Ola:** Older daughter of Tom & Nora---Frances's sister.

**Ollie:** Younger son of Tom & Nora---Frances's brother.

**Ray Jones:** Chloe's first husband---father of Frankie---half brother to Nora. Died of TB.

**Tom---Daddy:** This was Frank's oldest son as well as being the father of Ola, Frank [grandson of Grandpa Frank], Ollie, Frances, William and Marion. Married to Nora and later to Chloe.

**Uncle Bob Morris:** Husband of Hannah who was Frank's half sister---great uncle to Frances.

**Willie:** Infant son of Tom and Chloe---half brother to Frances.

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NOTE: Frances's memoirs continue for another 40 pages. Use this link to view the rest of the story online: <http://www.hildenbrandt.com>

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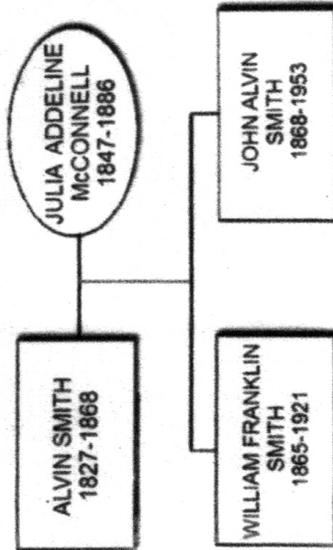
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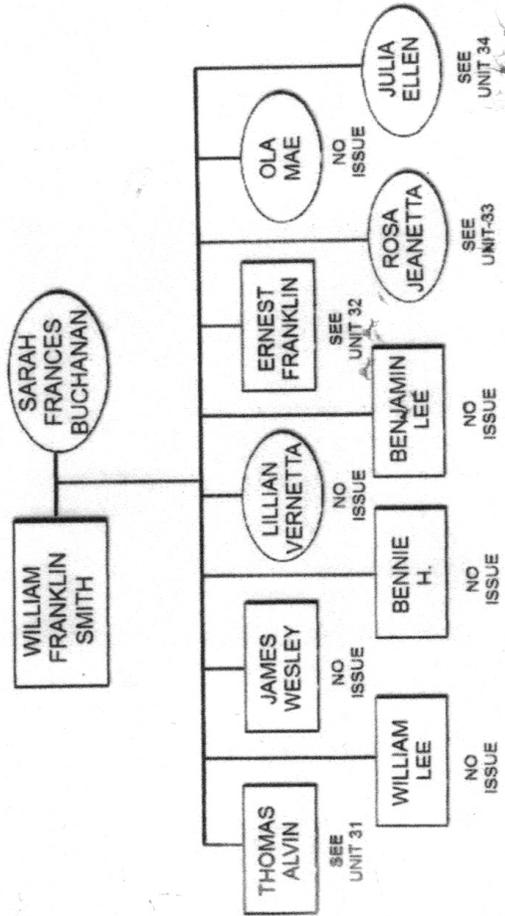


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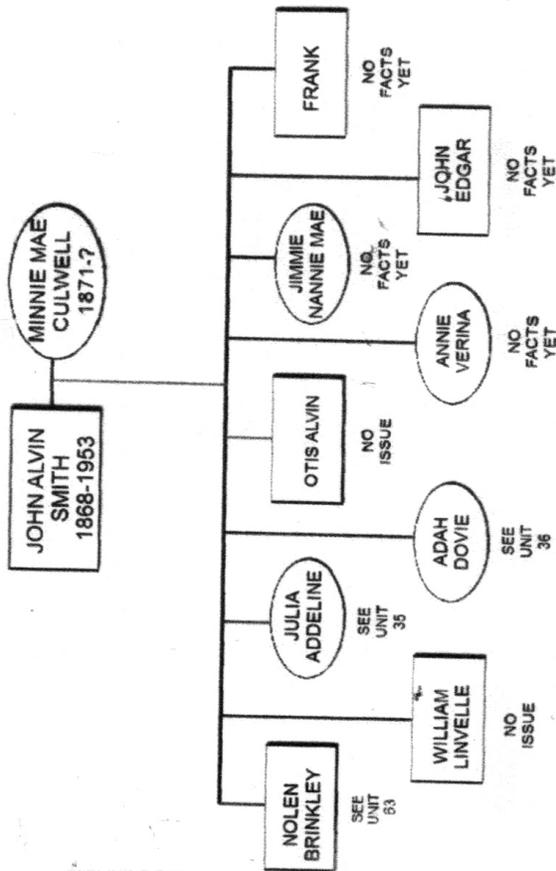
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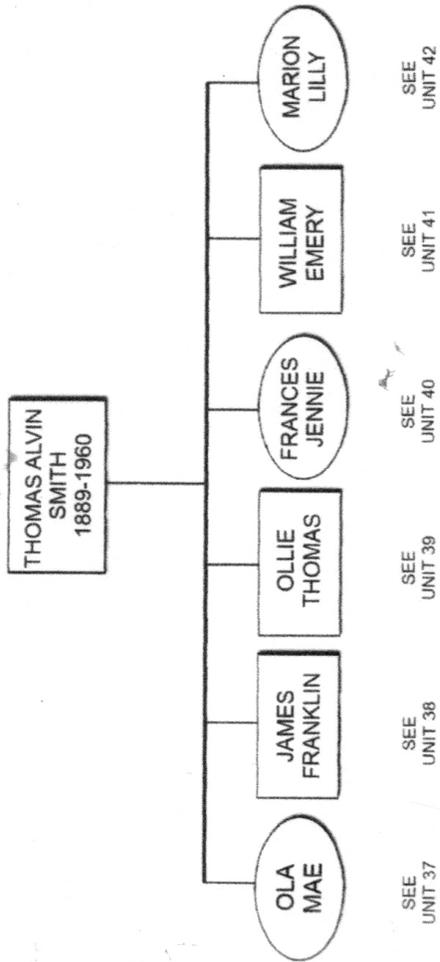
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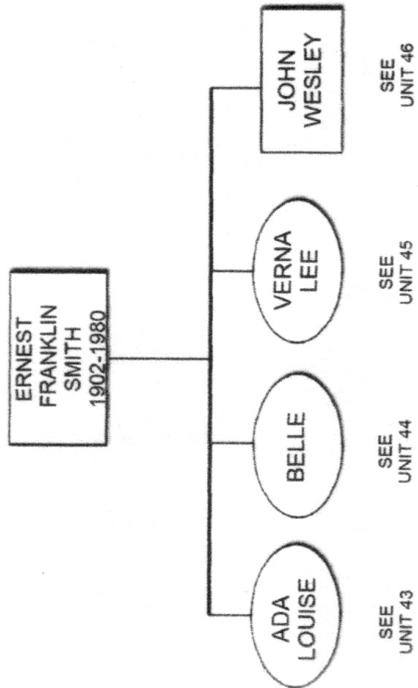
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THOMAS ALVIN SMITH & DESCENDANTS  
[FRANK - THOMAS]



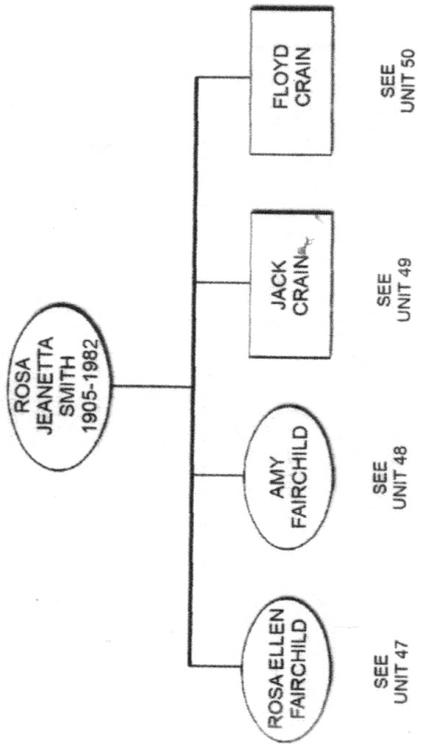
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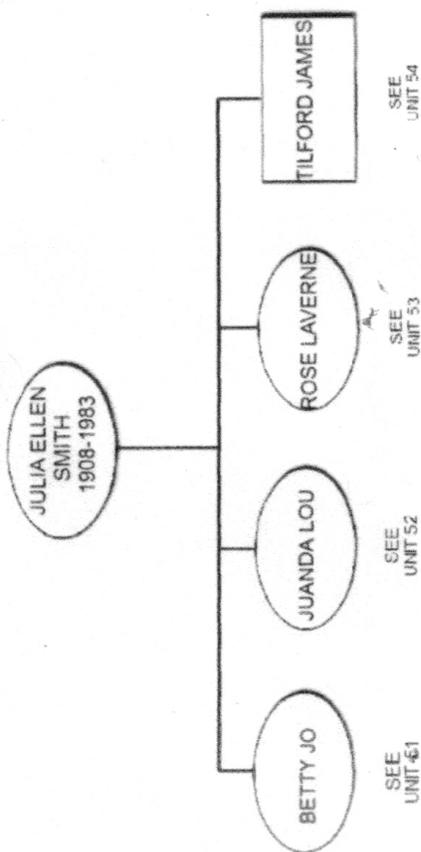
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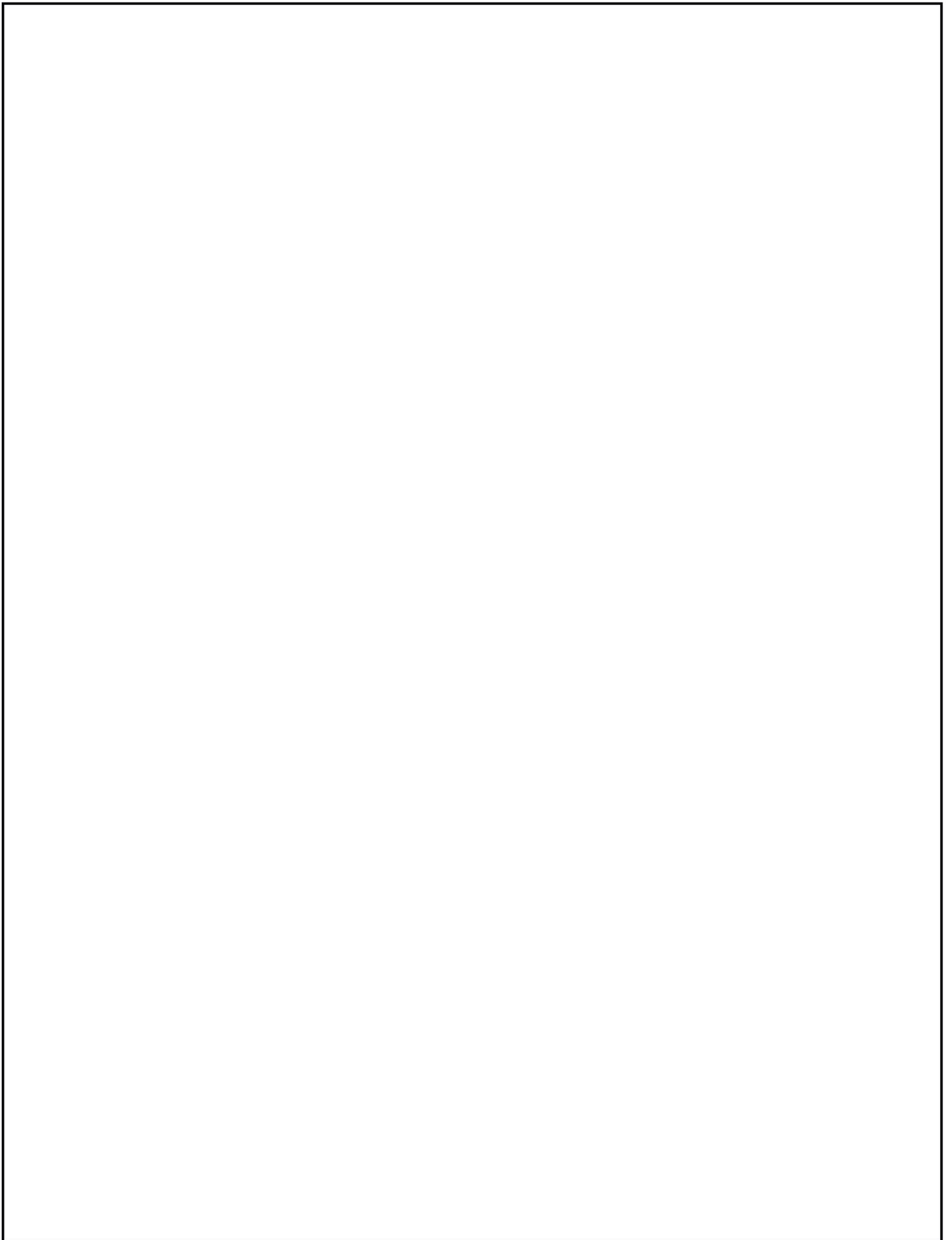
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[FRANK - ROSA]



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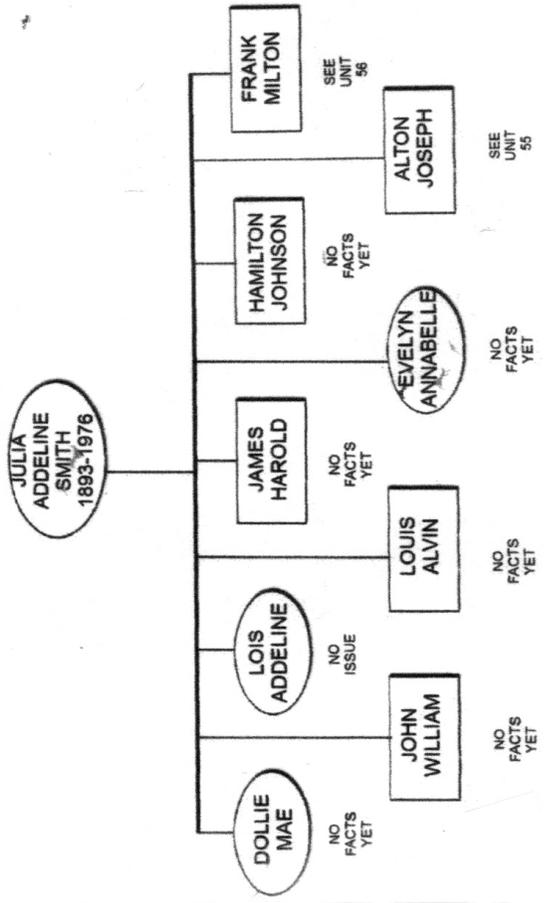
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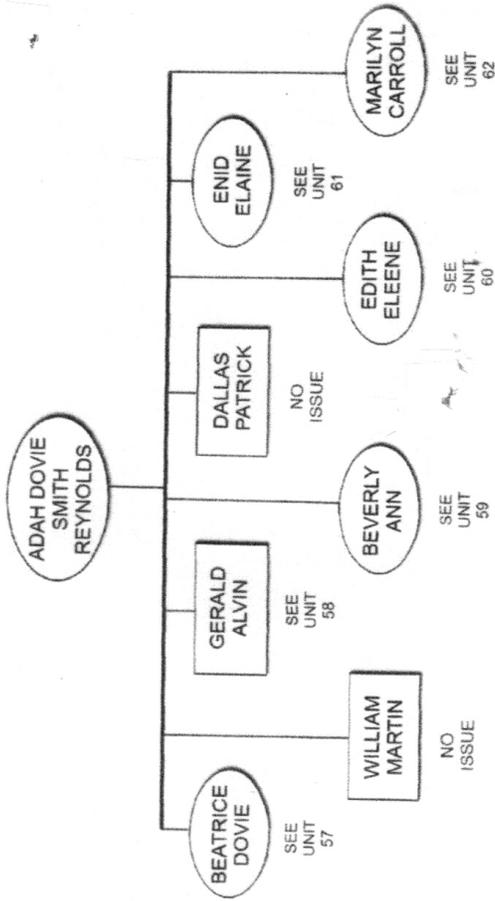
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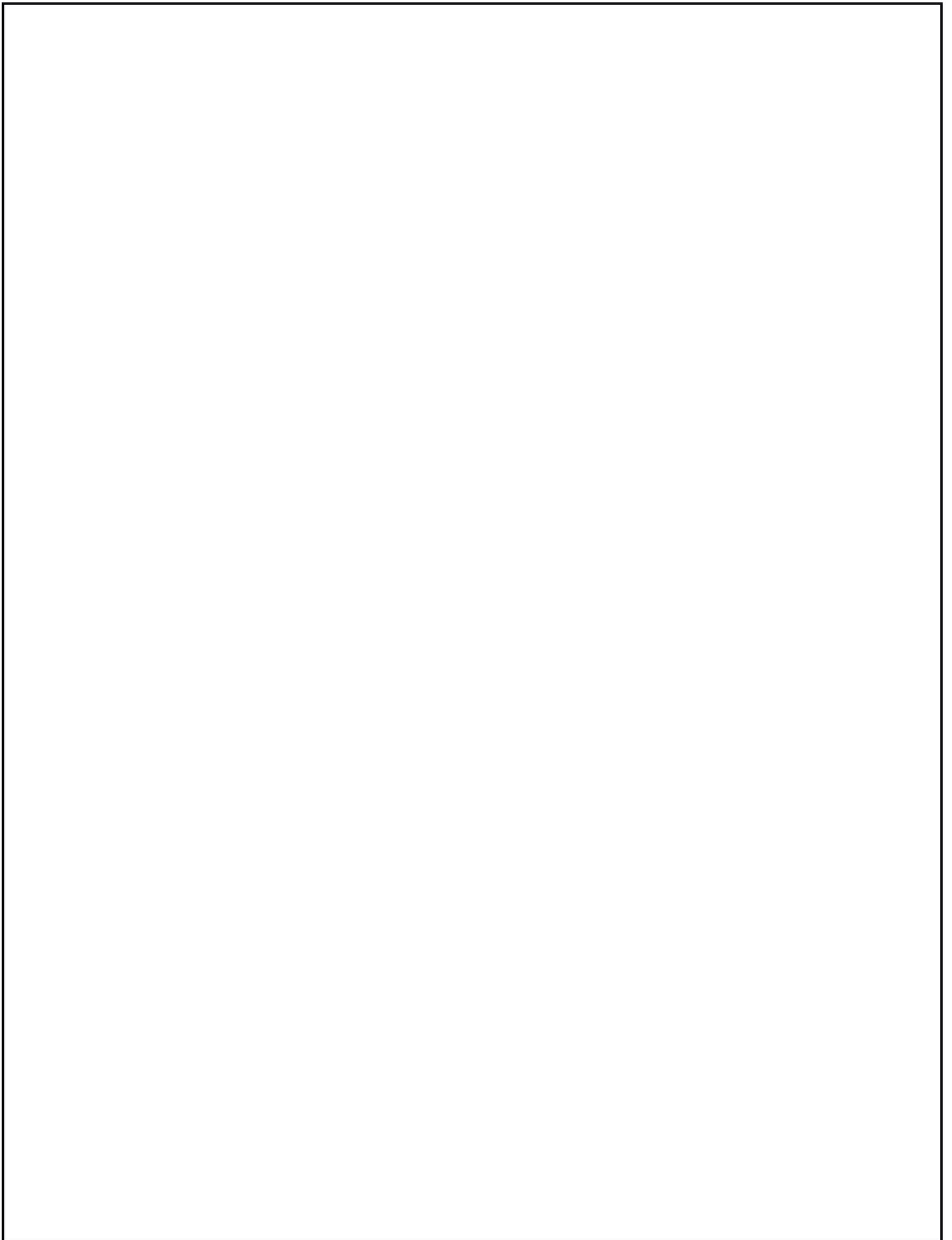
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[JOHN - JULIA]



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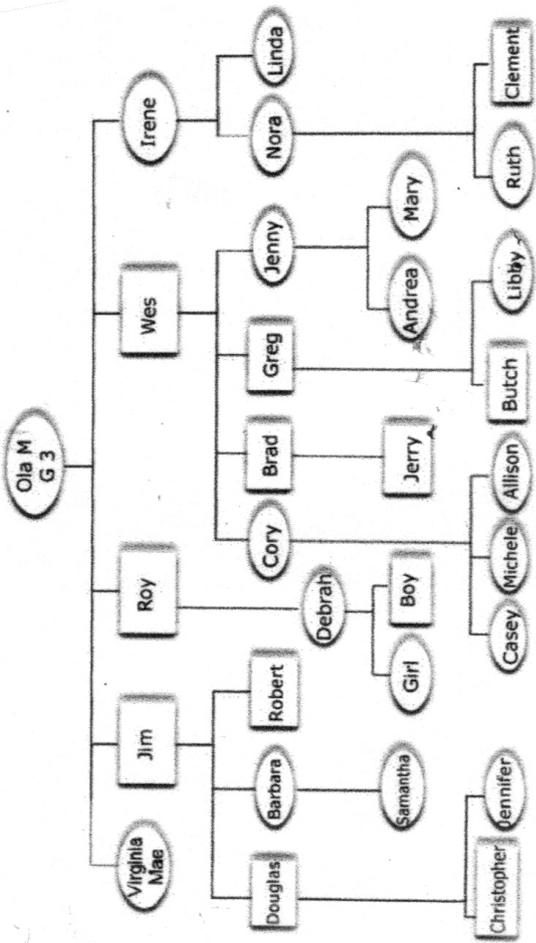
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[JOHN - ADAH DOVIE]

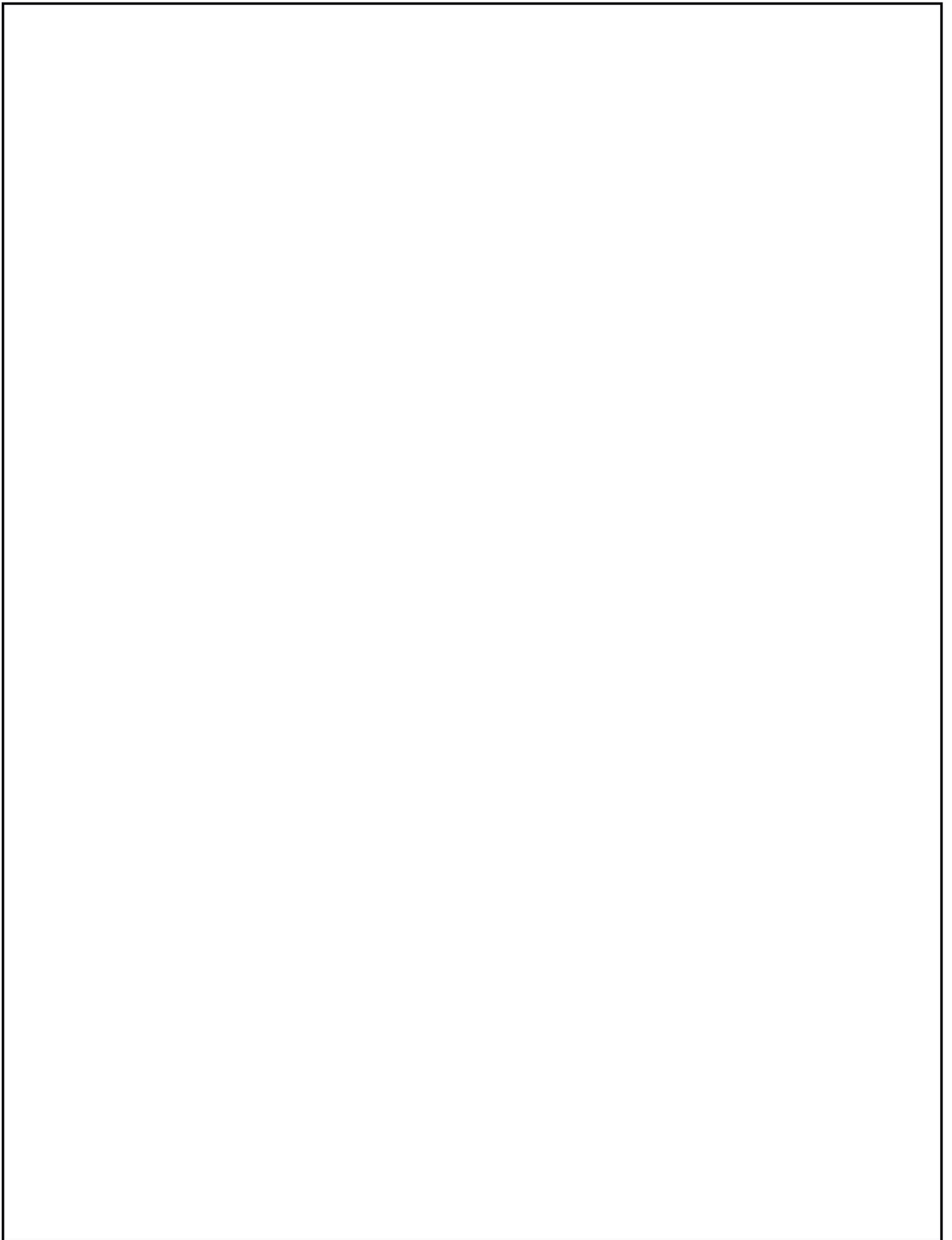




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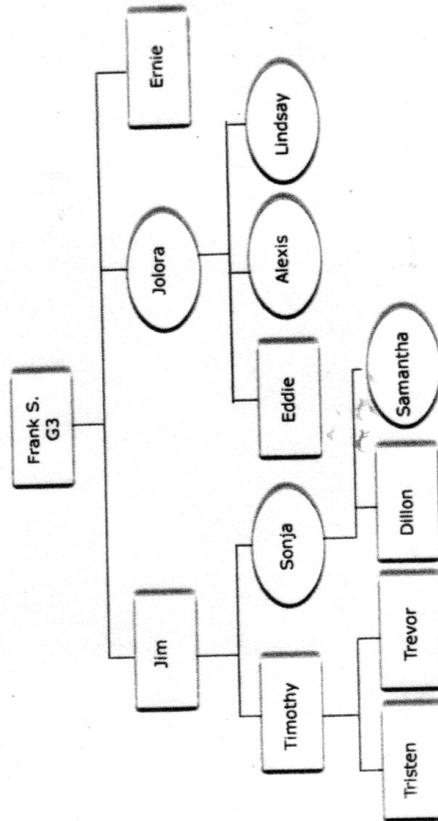
DESCENDANTS OF OLA SMITH BROSMAN MAY





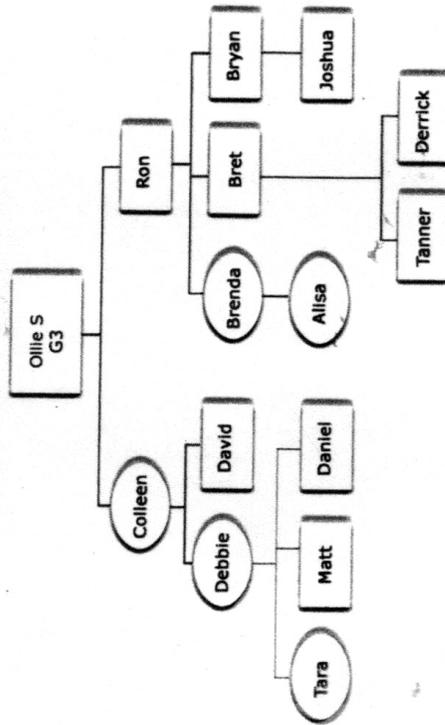
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DESCENDANTS OF JAMES FRANKLIN SMITH



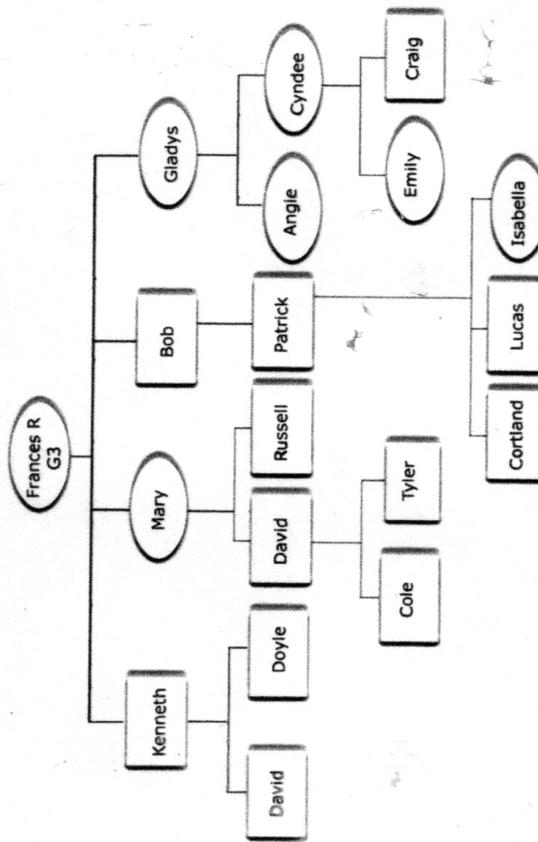
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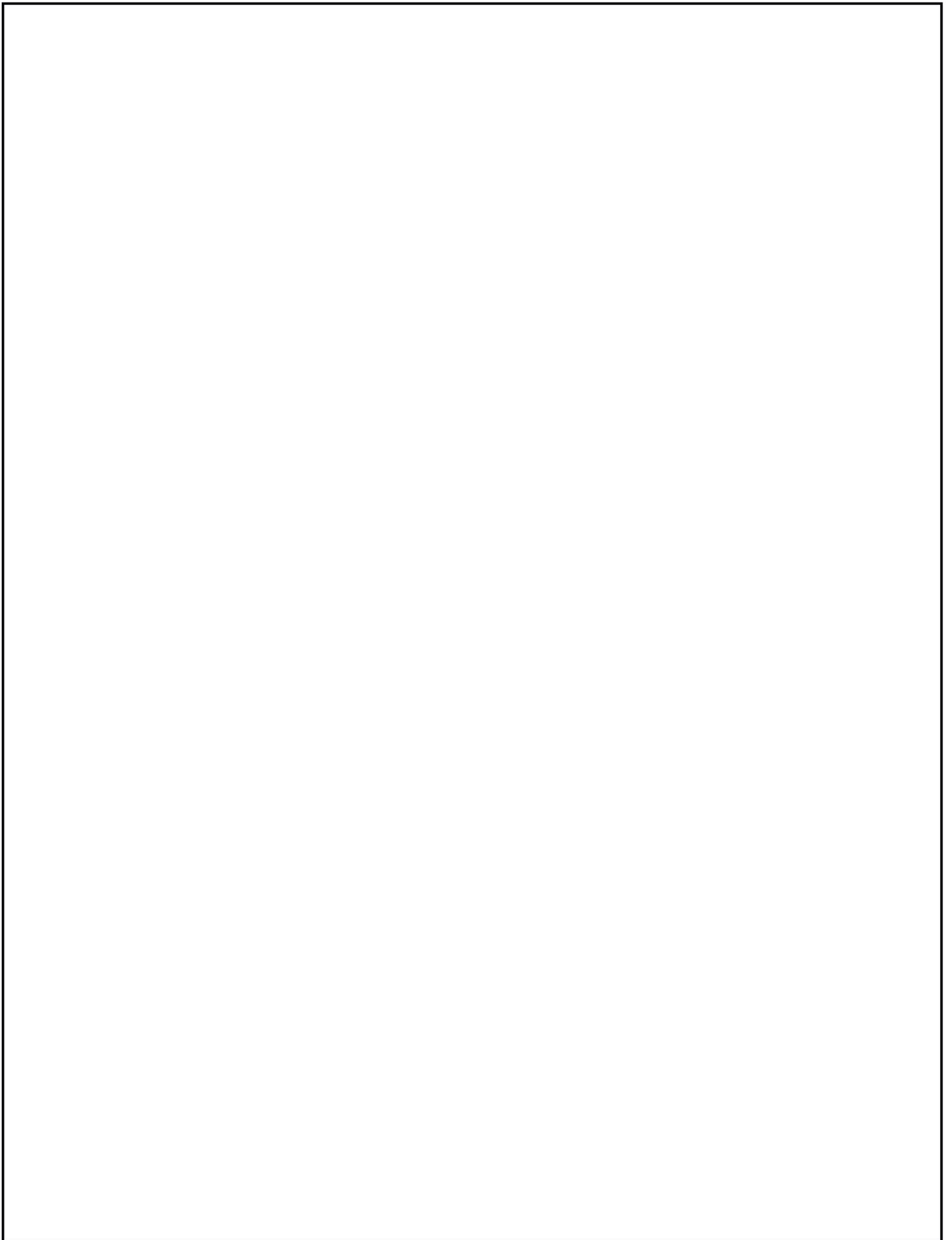
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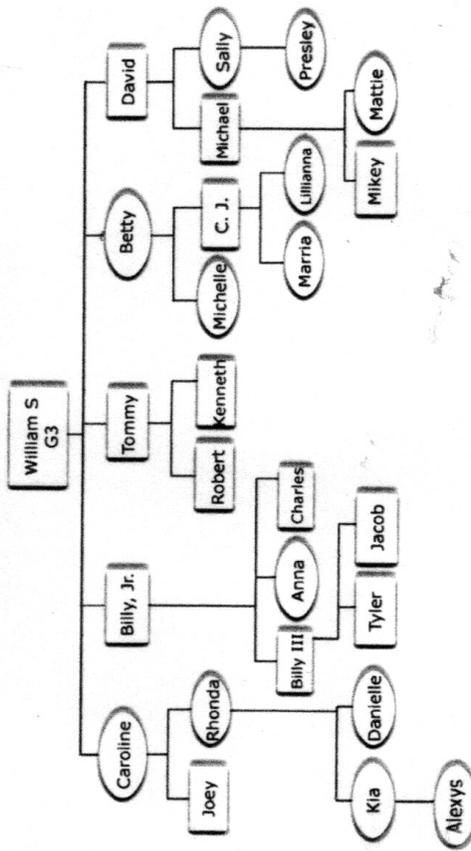
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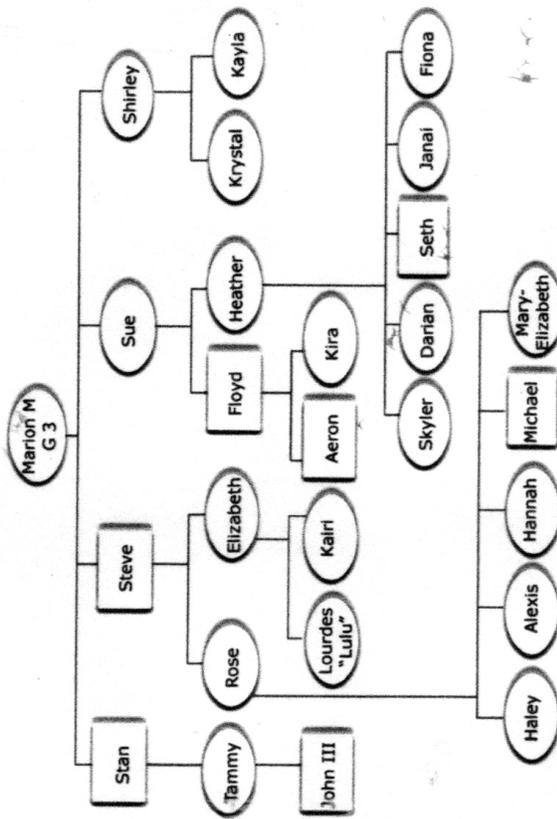
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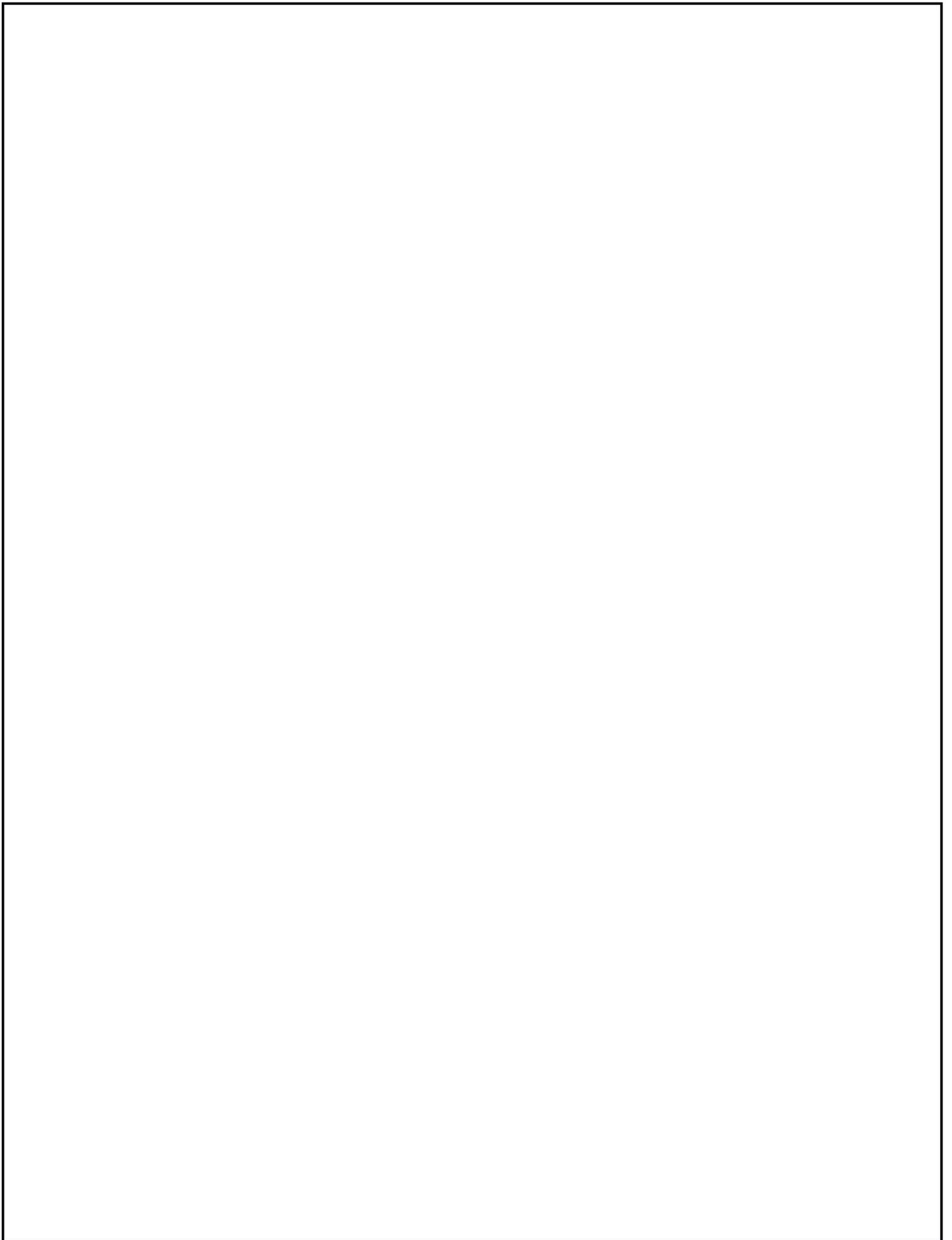
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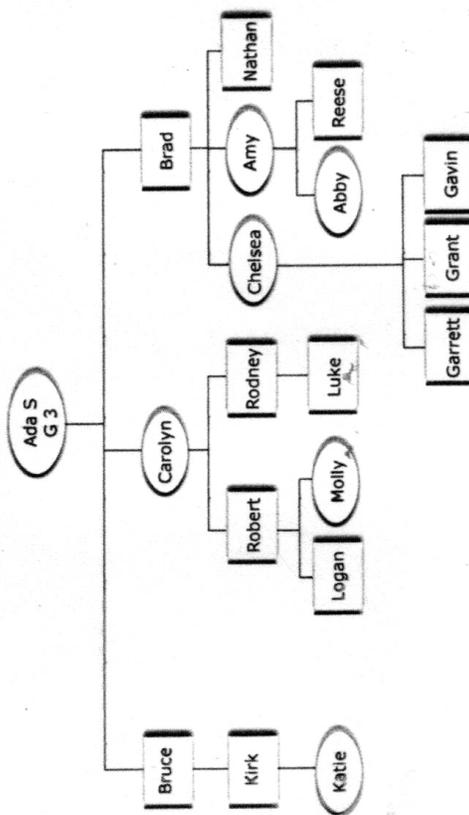
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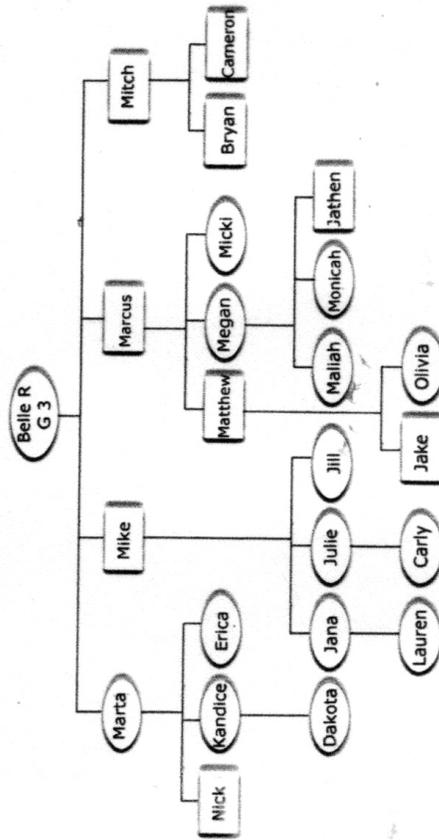
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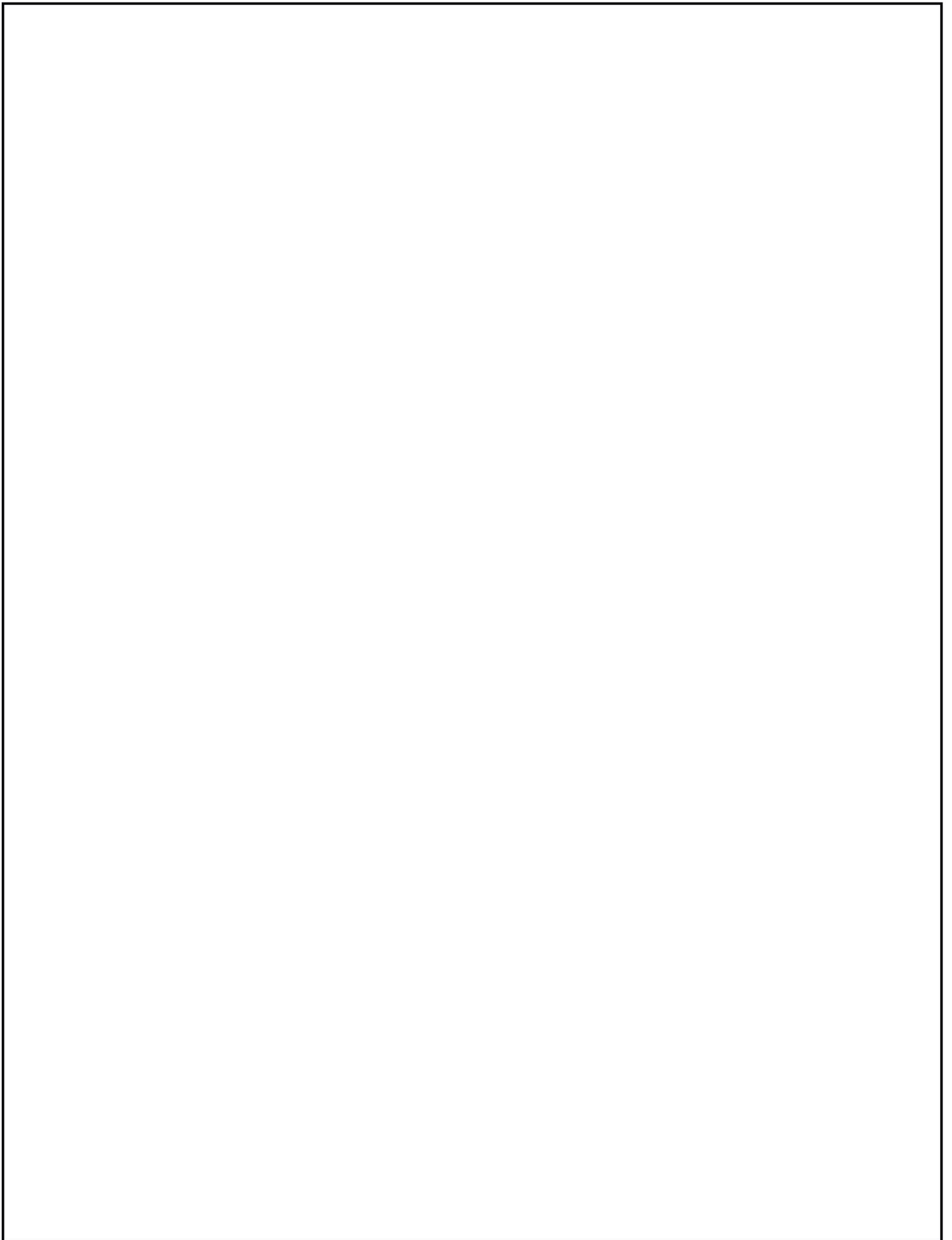
DESCENDANTS OF ADA SMITH SPENCER



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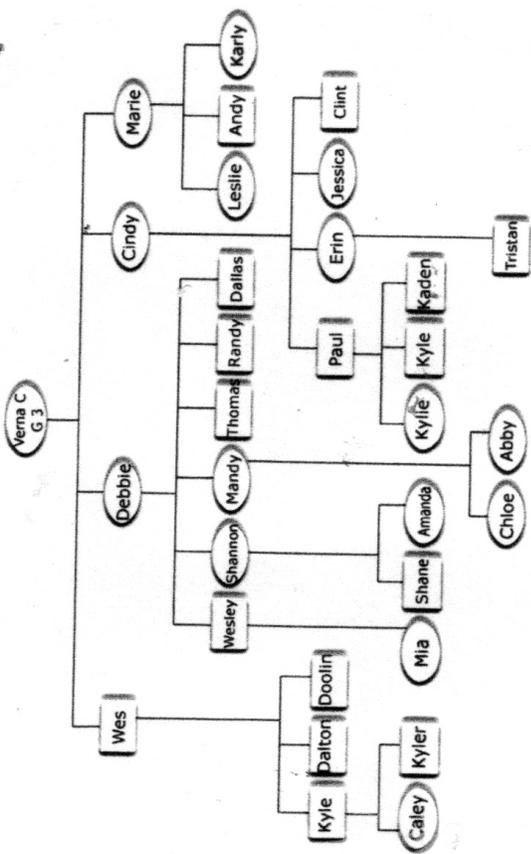
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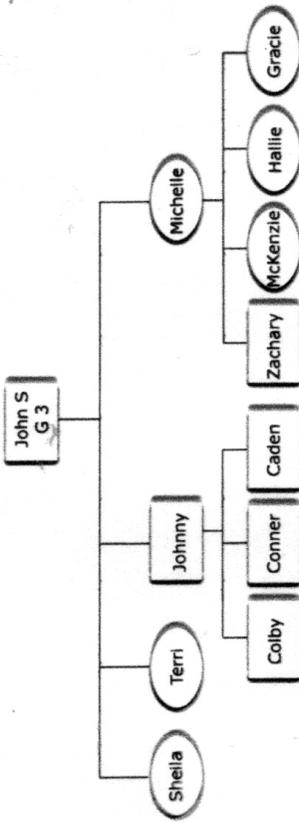
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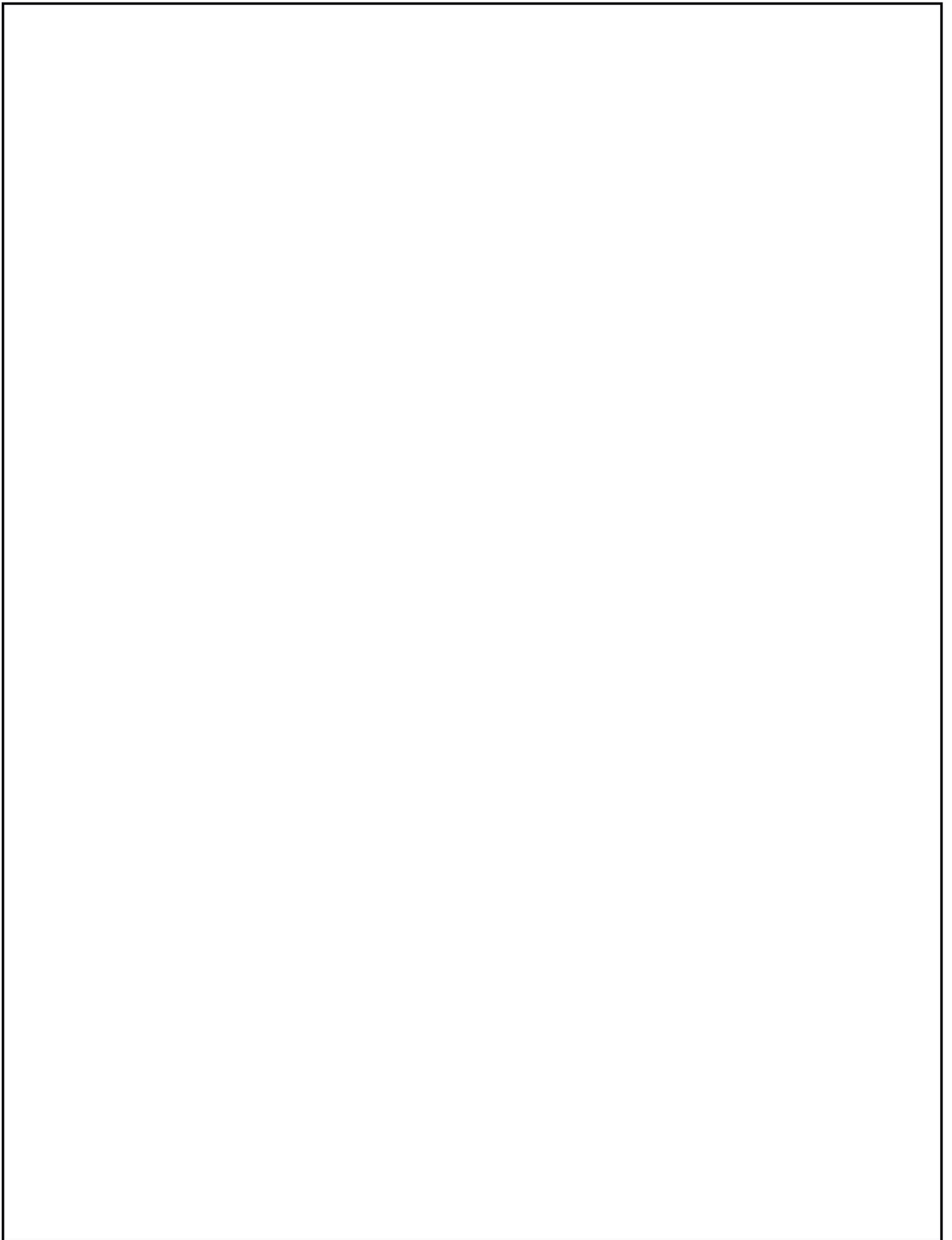
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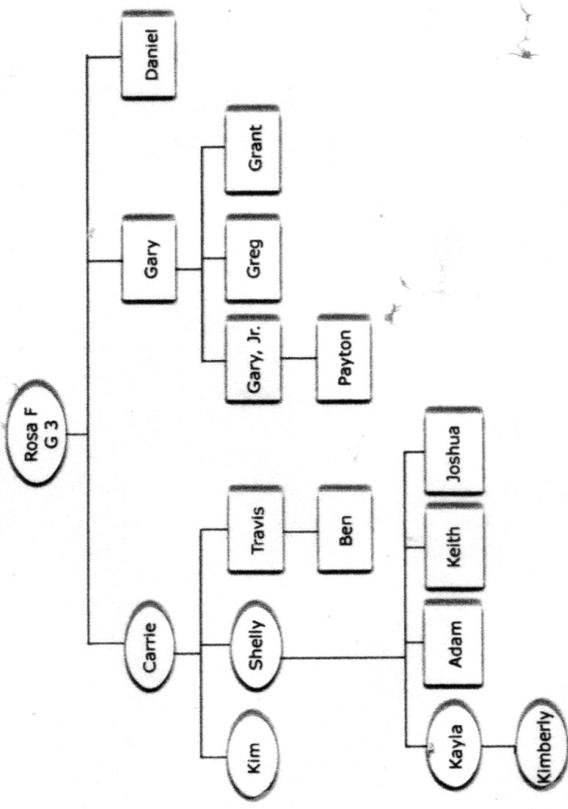
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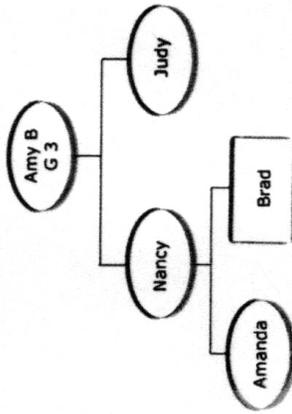
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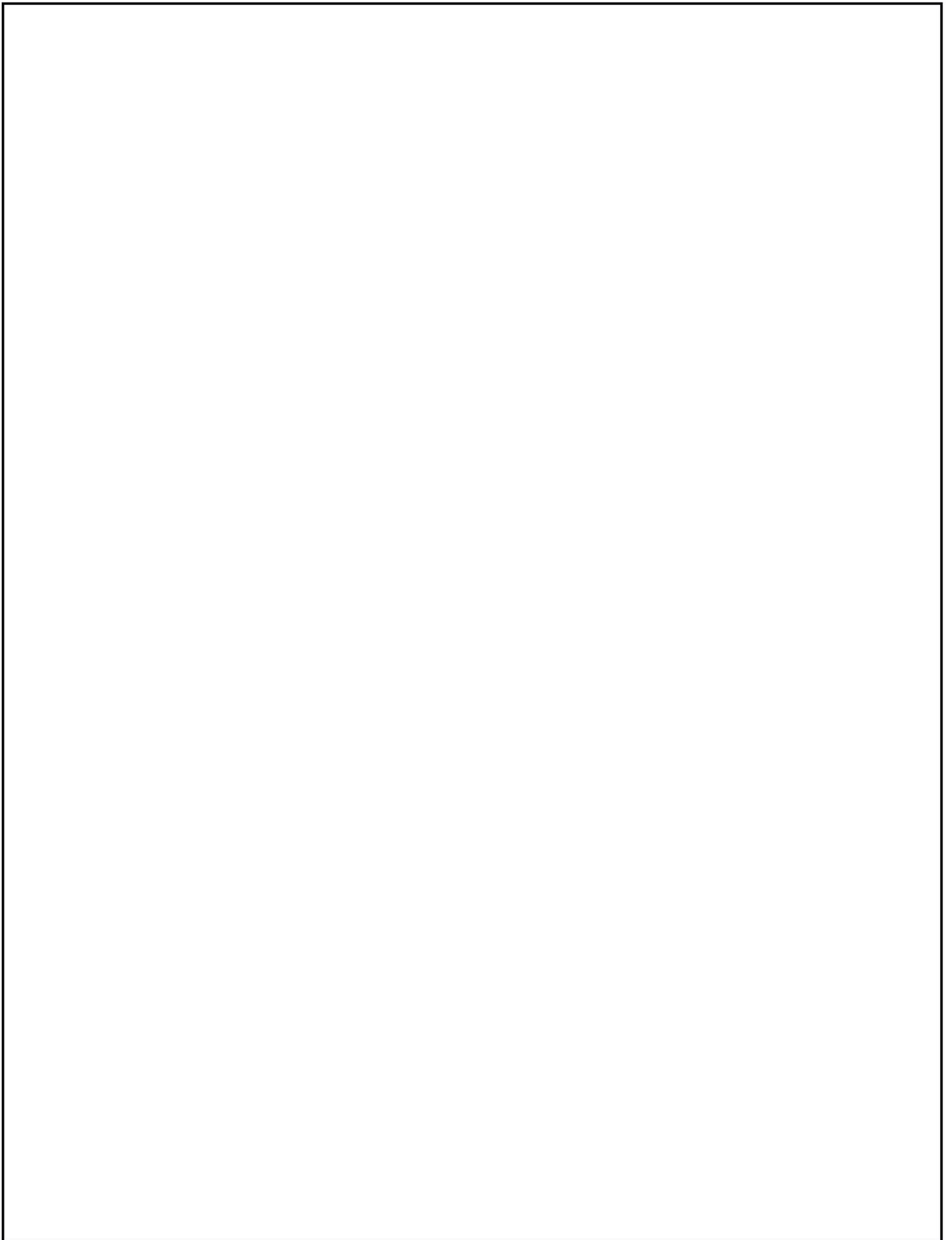
DESCENDANTS OF ROSA FAIRCHILD FARRELL



UNIT 48

DESCENDANTS OF AMY FAIRCHILD BOYER

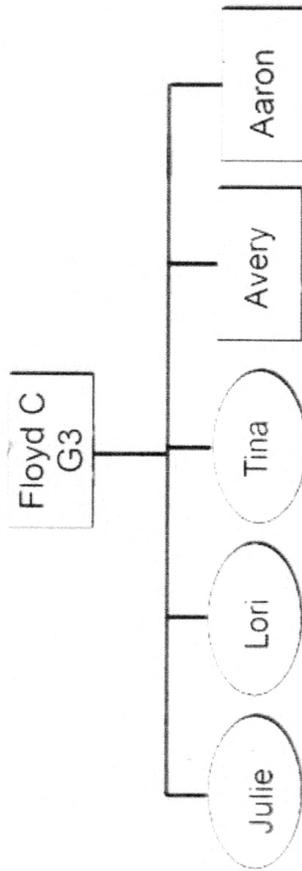


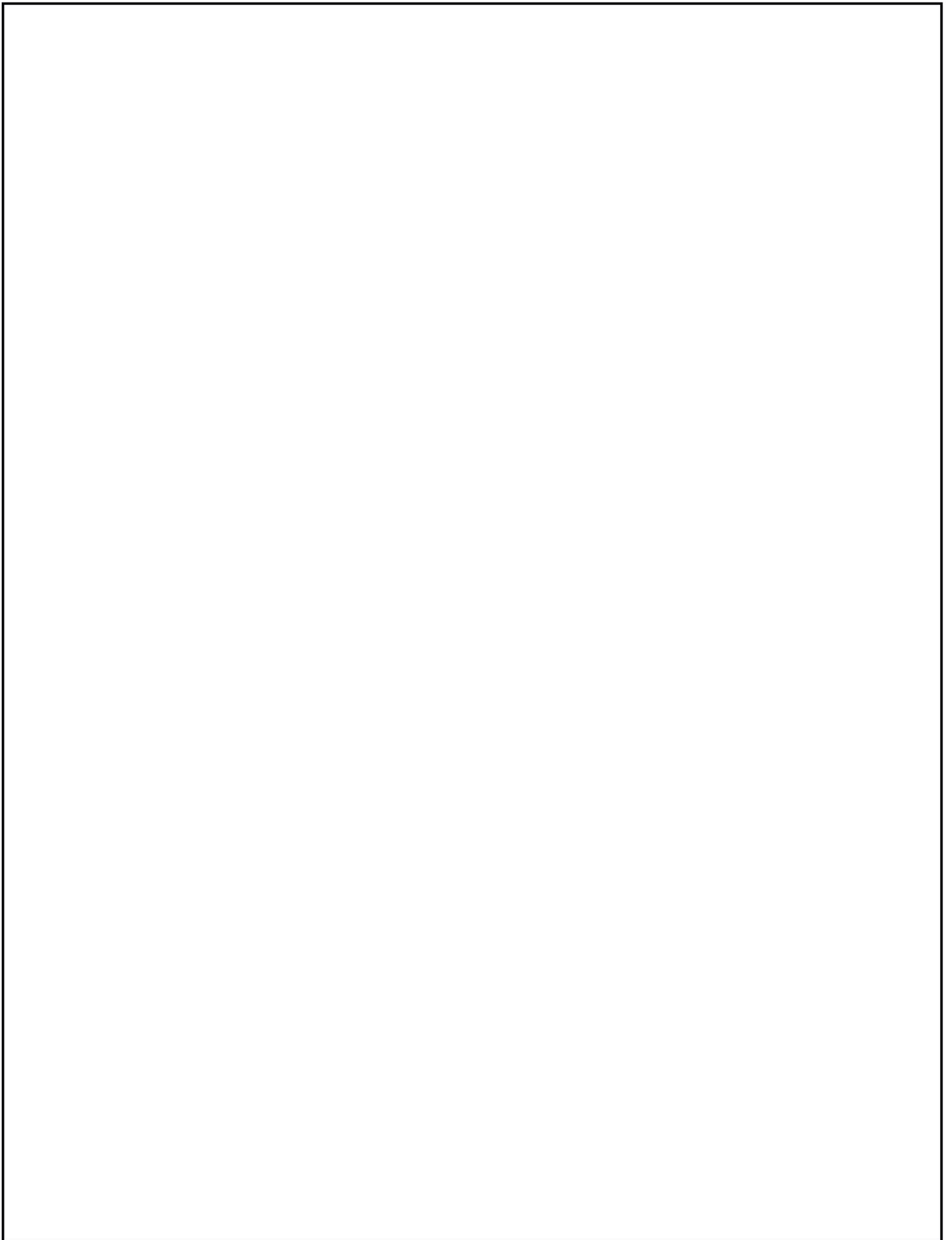




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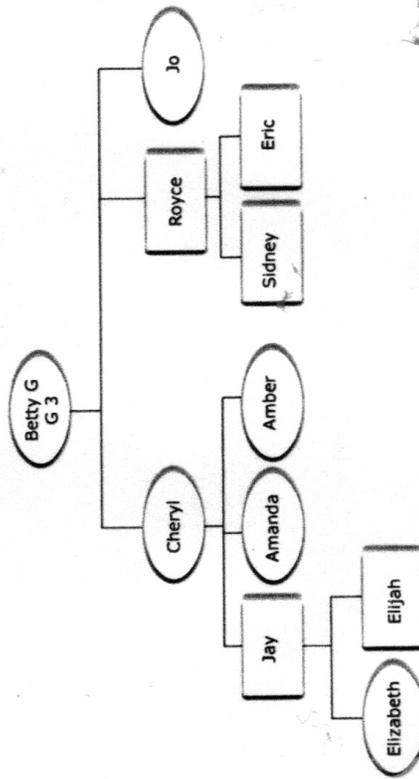
DESCENDANTS OF FLOYD CRAIN





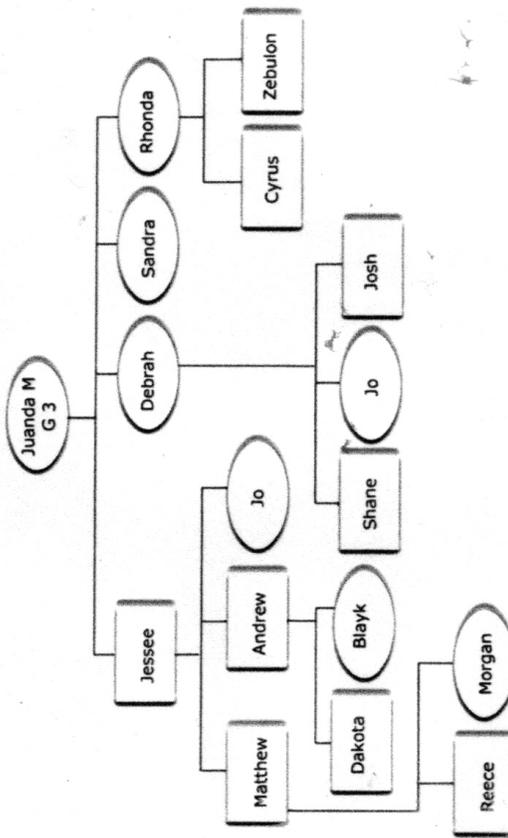
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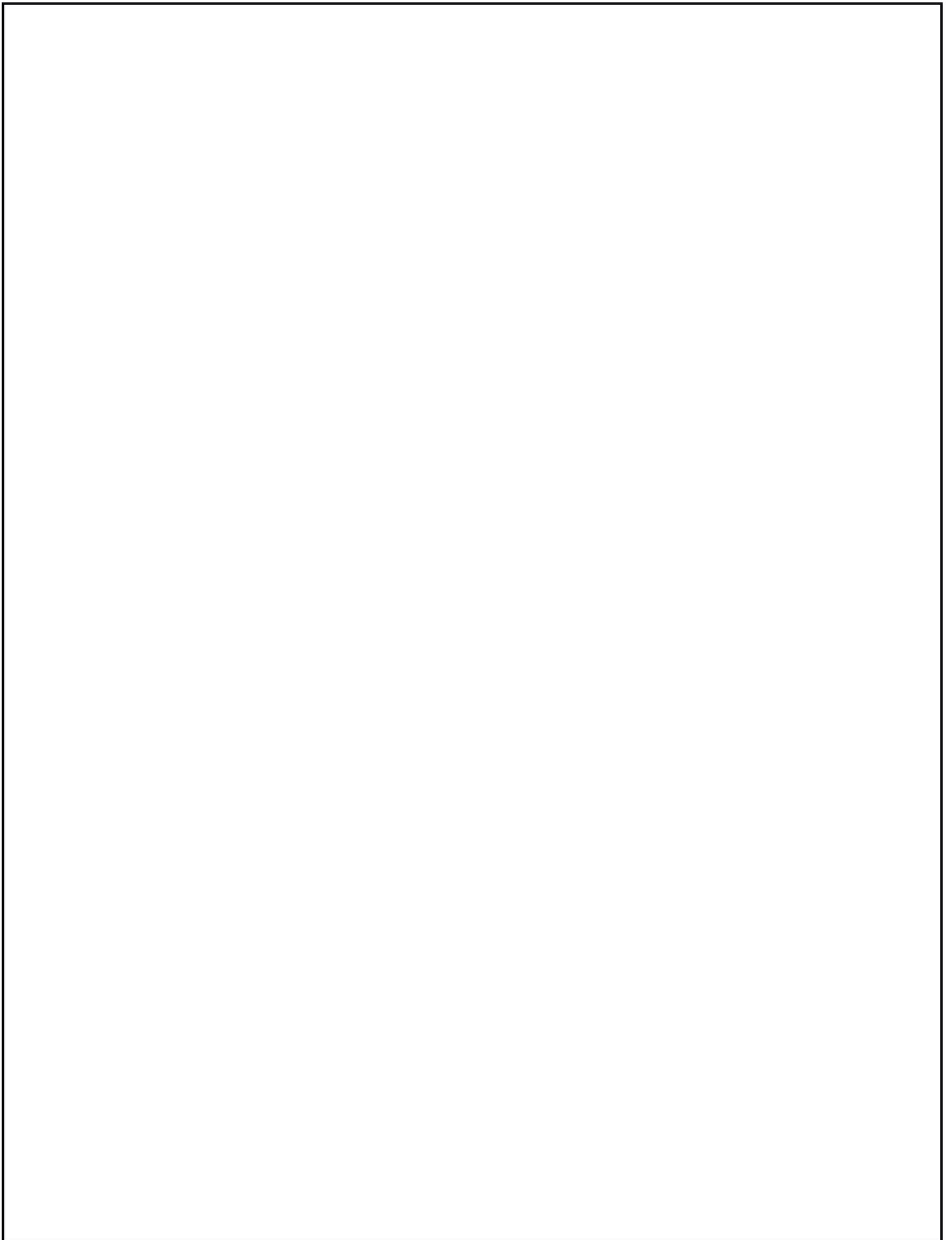
DESCENDANTS OF BETTY BARTON GASTON



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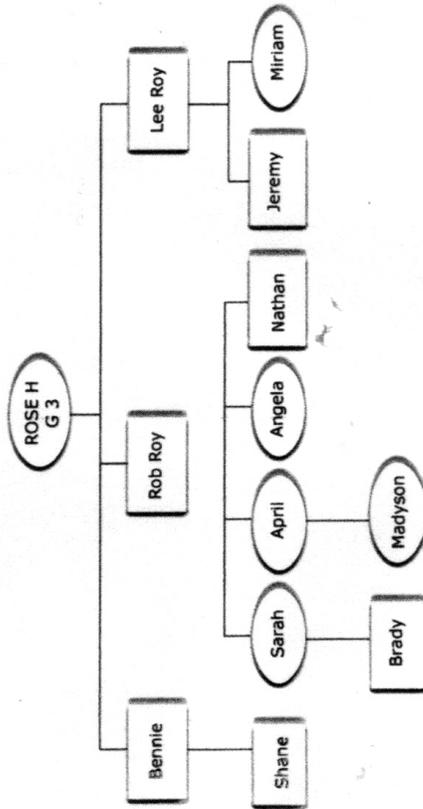
DESCENDANTS OF JUANDA M BARTON MIDDICK





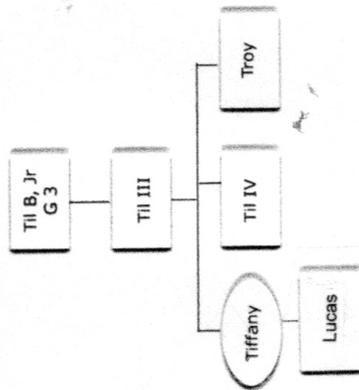
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DESCENDANTS OF ROSE BARTON HUNN

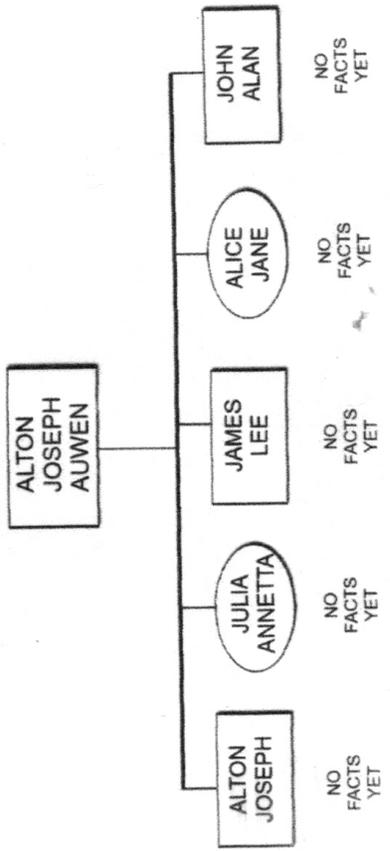


UNIT 54

DESCENDANTS OF TILFORD JAMES BARTON, JR.

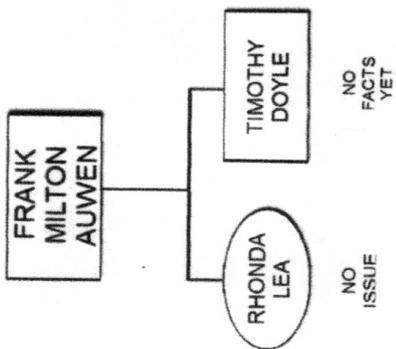


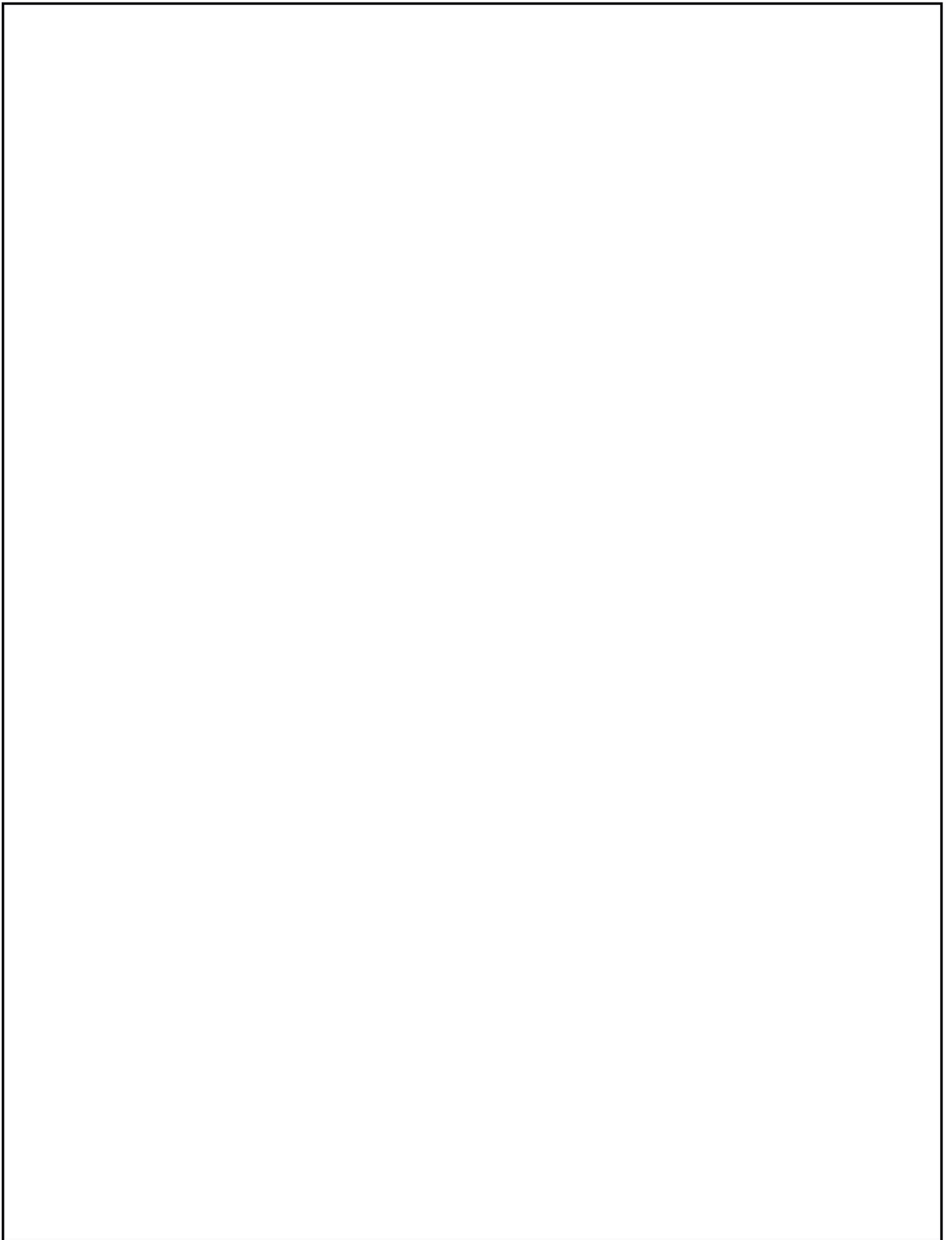
ALTON JOSEPH AUWEN & DESCENDANTS  
1928-



UNIT 56

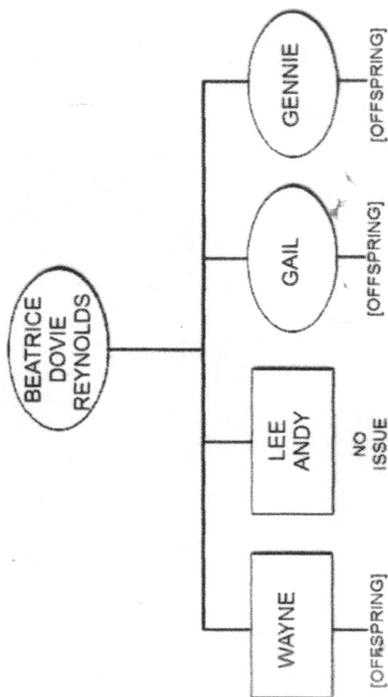
FRANK MILTON AUWEN & DESCENDANTS  
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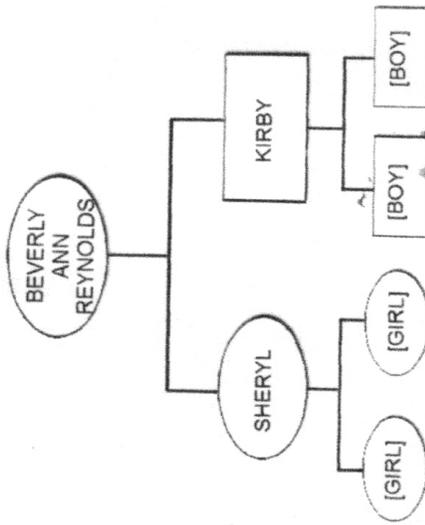
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BEATRICE DOVIE REYNOLDS POWELL & DESCENDANTS  
[JOHN-DOVIE-BEATRICE]



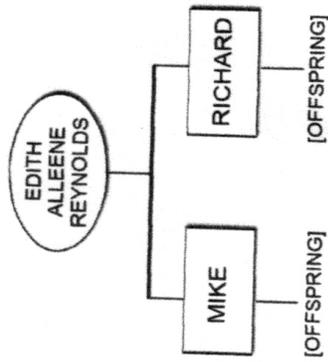
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[JOHN-DOVIE-BEVERLY]



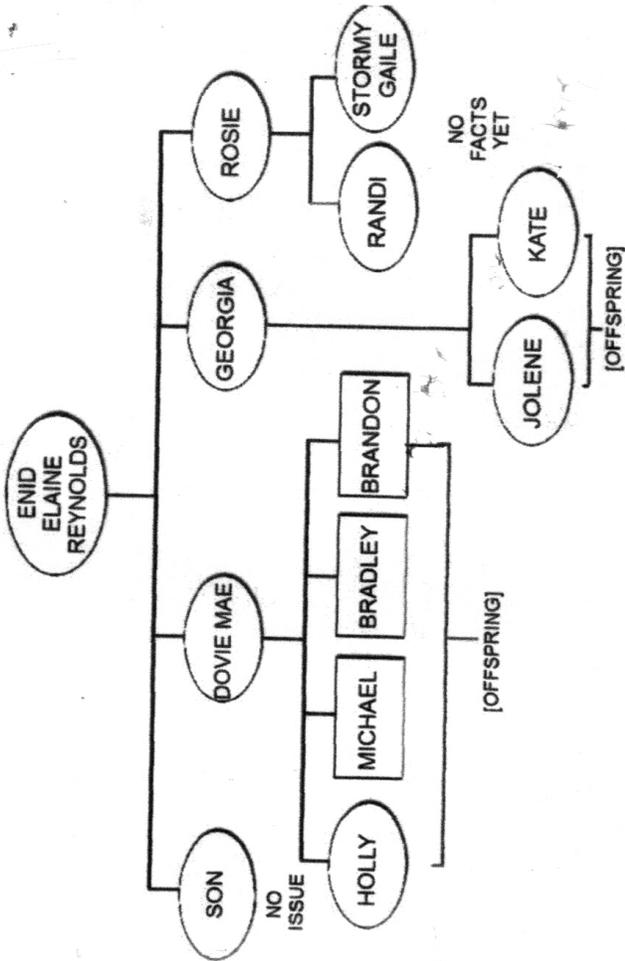
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[JOHN-DOVIE-EDITH]



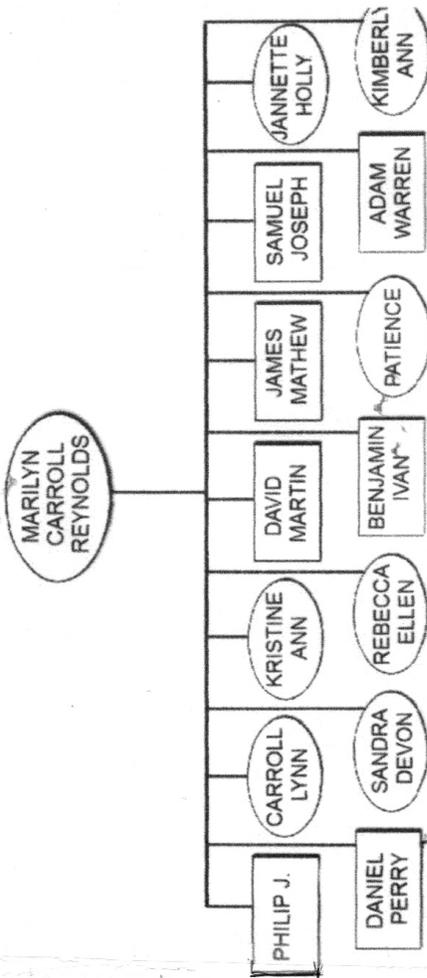
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ENID ELAINE REYNOLDS WATTS & DESCENDANTS  
[JOHN-DOVIE-ENID ELAINE]



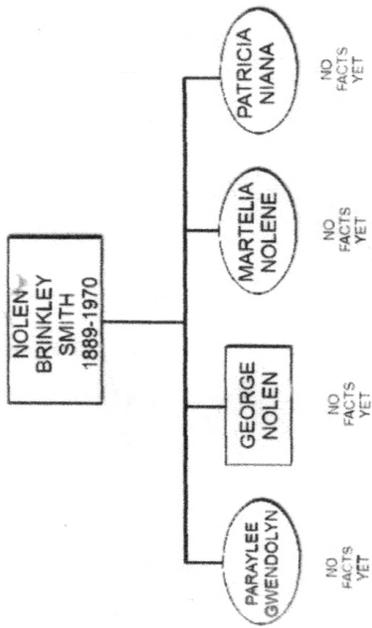
UNIT 62

MARILYN CARROLL REYNOLDS GLEASON & DESCENDANTS  
[JOHN-DOVIE-MARILYN]



UNIT 63

NOLEN BRINKLEY SMITH & DESCENDANTS  
[ALVIN-JOHN-NOLEN]



## UNIT 64— CLAN BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

1-----Sarah Buchanan Smith-----[ALVIN---FRANK] {Sarah} 1864---1937

1-----Michael Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---MICHAEL]

2-----Cyrus William Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---RHONDA] {Cyrus}

3-----Jane Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY] {Jane}

6-----John David Fitzgerald-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---AMANDA] {John}

6-----Carrie Jean Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE]

6-----Gary Dean Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY]

6-----Floyd Liss-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---FLOYD]

6-----Melanie Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3] {Melanie}

9-----Ada Louise Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA]

10---Cory Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY]

11---Robert Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT]

14---Marvin Boyer-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY] {Marvin}

14---Chloe Belle Smith-----[FRANK---TOM] {Chloe} 1890---1979

14---David Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID]

16---Hannah Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---  
HANNAH]

17---John Alvin Smith-----[ALVIN---JOHN] 1868---1953

18---Wes Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES]

20---Ernie Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---ERNIE]

22---Susan Miller Powell-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE]

24---Jessee Reese Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA] {Jessee}

25---Susan Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG---SUSAN]

26---Kia Cordell-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA---  
KIA]

27---Presley Larson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---  
SALLY---PRESLEY]

29---JoRessa Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---  
JORESSA]

## FEBRUARY

1-----Erin McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---ANDY]  
{Erin}

2-----John Wesley Smith-----[FRANK---ERNEST---JOHN]

3-----Cole Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID---  
COLE]

4-----Kenneth Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---KEN]

4-----Samantha deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---SONJA---  
SAMANTHA]

4----Tommy Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY]

5----Wes Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES]

5----Mary Ann Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---JENNY---  
MARY]

5----Kenny Erwin-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---SALLY]  
{Kenny}

6----Daniel Lee Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---DANIEL]

6----Amber Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GREG]  
{Amber}

7----Brad Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD]

8----Rick Coffman-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY] {Rick}

12---Brad Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---BRAD]

14---Tyler Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID---  
TYLER]

14---Jolora Hatch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA]

15---Barbara Gregg-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM---BARBARA]

15---Mary E. Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---  
MARY]

15---Kyle Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---KYLE]

17---Doyle Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES] {Doyle} 1907---2000

20---Til Barton, Jr-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL]

20---Jessica Hall-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---JESSICA]

21---Thomas Williams----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---  
THOMAS]

21---Dan Soreide---[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---JESS]  
{Dan}

24---Stanley Gene Miller-----FRANK---TOM---MARION---STAN]

25---Nancy Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY]

25---Krystal Brown-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SHIRLEY---KRYSTAL]

26---Andrea Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---JENNY---  
ANDREA]

27---Betty Coffman-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY]

28---David Allen Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---KENNETH---  
DAVID]

## MARCH

1-----Vivian Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY]  
{Vivian}

1-----Amanda Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---  
SHANNON--- AMANDA]

1-----Tina Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina}

1-----April Durbin-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/April}

2-----Ron Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON]

3-----Matthew Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---  
MATTHEW]

3-----Cristy Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL]  
{Cristy}}

6-----Adam M. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---ADAM]

7-----Jenny Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID/BILLY JR]  
{Jenny}

8-----Kenneth Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY---KENNETH]

9-----Anna Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---JOEY]  
{Anna}

12---Joanne Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS] {Joanne}

13---Janai Stevens-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---JANAI]

17---Shane Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---SHANNON--- SHANE]

18---James Alvin Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JAMES]

19---Randy Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/Randy}

20---Angie Brown-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---ANGIE]

20---Lillianna Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ---LILLIANNA]

21---Monicah Marae Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELL---MARCUS---MEGAN--- MONICAH]

22---Julia McConnell Smith-----[ALVIN'S WIFE---FRANK & JOHN'S MOTHER] BORN 1847

24---David Reszewski-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---LINSDAY] {David}

26---David Worman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DAVID]

26---Doolin Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---DOOLIN]

28----Elijah Hong-Jie Lin Moore [FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---  
JAY---ELIJAH]

29----Skyler Powell-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---  
SKYLER]

30----Gregory Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GREGORY]

31----Doyle John Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANES---KEN---DOYLE]]

31----Kimberly Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES]  
{Kimberly}

#### APRIL

2----Cyndee Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---  
CYNDEE]

3-----Darryl Haas-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA]  
{Darryl}

3-----Debbi G. Middick Curry----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBBI]  
deceased

3-----Alisa Locricchio-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRENDA---  
ALISA]

4-----Troy Fowler-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER] {Troy}

4-----Eddie Stankevich-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---EDDIE]

5-----Mike Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---  
KAYLA] {Mike}

5-----Irene Brosman Gobble-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE]

6-----Jake Matthew Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---  
MATTHEW-- -JAKE]

8----Ernest Franklin Smith-----[FRANK---ERNEST] 1902---1980

8----Chrystal Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY] {Chrystal}

10---Michelle Jones-----FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---  
MICHELLE]

11 ---Molly Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT---  
MOLLY]

11----Liza Hong-Wen Lin Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---  
JAY---LIZA]

12-----Chelsea Haas-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA]

14---Tina Scott Wulff----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina}

1---Angela Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---ANGIE]

15---Fiona Stevens-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---  
FIONA]

16---Logan Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---  
ROBERT---LOGAN]

17----Steve Miller-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE]

20----Julia Ellen Smith Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA] 1908—1983

21----Leslie Lentz-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---LESLIE]

21--Abby Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---MANDY---  
ABBY]

21---Wendy Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Wendy}

22---Allison Mullis-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY---ALLISON]

22---Olivia Grace Wright-----[FRANK---BELLE---MARCUS---MATTHEW---  
OLIVIA]

22---Dallas Guy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---DALLAS]

23---Tommy Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---KIM] {Tommy}

24---Reece Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY---  
REECE]

24---Brenda Locricchio-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRENDA]

24---Tara Yanak-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE---  
TARA]

26---Gavin Rose-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CHELSEA---GAVIN]

26---Alexis Stankeich-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---ALEXIS]

26---Sally Ervin-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---SALLY]

27---Michele Lenore Gamble-----FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY---  
MICHELE]

27---Michael Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL]

29---Dakota Colt Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---  
ANDY--- DAKOTA]

30---HR Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN] {HR}

30---Daniel Yanak-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE---  
DANIEL]

MAY

2-----Erin Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---ERIN]

3-----Payton Dean Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GARY  
JR---PAYTON]

3----Les Ham-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE] {Les}

5----Reece Allan Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---  
MATT---REECE]

6----Elizabeth Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG---  
ELIZABETH]

7----Rhonda Middick Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---RHONDA]

7----Pam Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB] {Pam}

7---Kaden Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---PAUL---  
KADEN]

10---Danielle Thompson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---  
RHONDA--- DANIELLE]

10---Mandy Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---MANDY]

11---Franklin Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK] 1913---1965

11---Judy Boyer-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---JUDY]

11---April Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---APRIL]

13---Bradley Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY---BRADLEY]

14---Juanda Barton Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA] 1927---2005

16---Gerald Reynolds-----[JULIAN---JOHN---DOVIE---GERALD] 1890-  
1920

17---Jay Gershon Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---JAY]

17---Josh Jarvis-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---SARAH] {Josh}

20--John Lentz-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---LESLIE]  
{John}

22---Jim Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM]

22---Andrew R. Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---ANDREW]

23---Craig Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNTHIA--- CRAIG]

24---Micki Leigh Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MICKI]

25---James Wesley Smith-----[FRANK---JAMES-] 1893---1921

26---Nora Jones Smith-----[FRANK---TOM] {Nora}

31---Timothy deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIM]

31---Mike Guy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE] {Mike}

31---Heather Wolff-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina/Heather}

## JUNE

2-----Linda Devore-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---LINDA]

4-----C.J. Jones -----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---C.J.]

4-----Seth Bradford-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---SETH]

5-----Wesley Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---WESLEY]

5-----Chris Cordell-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA---KIA] {Chris}

7-----Eric McKinley Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---ROYCE---ERIC]

7-----Bruce Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE]

7-----Nick Dean-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRENDA] {Nick}

7-----Debbie Guy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE]

7----Terry Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Terry}

9-----Patrick Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK]

11---Matthew A. Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---  
MATTHEW]

12---Tiffany Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TIFFANY]]

13---Arnold Spencer-----[FRANK---TOM---ERNEST---ADA] {Arnold}

15---Russell Lee Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---  
RUSSELL]

15---Sonja Lee deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRAK---JIM---SONJA]

17---Jenny Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---JENNY]

18---Royce Gene Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---ROYCE]

18-----Pam Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE] {Pam}

18---Mia Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---  
WESLEY---MIA]

23---Rodney Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---  
RODNEY]

23---Clement Scott-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---NORA---  
CLEMENT]

23---Dustan Wolff-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina/Duston}

24---Jeanie Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL] {Jeanie}

24--Hazel Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE---JACK] {Hazel}

26---Jack Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE---JACK]

27---Charles Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---CHARLES]

27---Debbie Ham-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE]

28---Rose Laverne Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE] 1931---1978

29---Amanda Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY---AMANDA]

30---Ollie Thomas Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE] 1916---1964

30---Gladys Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS]

30---Michalan Bayless-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2]  
{Jeanie/Rick/Jessica/Michalyn}

## JULY

4-----David Robert Simms----- [FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---  
DAVID]

5-----Morgan Leann Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---  
MATT--- MORGAN]

6-----Faye Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID]  
{Faye}

7-----Jacob Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---BILLY III---  
JACOB]

9-----Shane Dee Curry -----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBORAH--  
SHANE]

10---Roy Lee Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---ROY]

11---Randy Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---RANDY]

14---Alexys Cordell-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---  
RHONDA---KIA--- ALEXYS]

15---Nathan Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---NATHAN]

16---Marion Smith Miller-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION]

16---Bret Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRET]

17---Grant Marcus Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GRANT]

17---Ricky Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---ANNA]  
{Ricky}

17---Rowena Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/Jessica/  
Rowena}

21---Troy Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TROY]

23---Rosa Ellen Farrell -----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA ELLEN]

23---Amy Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY]

25---Tristan J. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIM---TRISTEN]

27---Lillian Smith Moore-----[FRANK---LILLIAN] 1897---1971

28---Karly Van Dune-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---KARLY]

29---Danny Curry-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBBI] {Danny}

30---Jathen Wendell Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---MARCUS---  
MEGAN--- JATHEN]

30---Alton Auwen-----[JULIAN---JOHN---ADDIE---ALTON]

31---Floyd Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE---Floyd]

31---Daniel Thompson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA] {Daniel}

31---Jaycee Wulff-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina/Heather/Jaycee}

## AUGUST

1-----Luke Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---RODNEY---LUKE]

1-----Katie Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK]

1-----Kyley Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---PAUL---KYLEY]

1-----Kyle Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---PAUL---KYLE]

3-----Grant Rose-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA---GRANT]

4-----Regina Kay Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM] {Regina}

5-----Bennie H Smith-----[FRANK---BENNIE] 1895-

6-----Cindy Hughes-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY]

7-----Suzanne Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY] {Suzanne}

7-----Mike Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---MANDY] {Mike}

8-----Carol Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---RUSSELL] {Carol}

11---Billy Bob Walker-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBBI---JO GAYLE] {Billy}

1---Bryan Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRYAN]

13--Caley Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES---KYLE---  
CALEY]

14---Maliah Monet Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---  
MEGAN--- MALIAH]

17---Beth Reynolds-----[JULIAN---JOHN---DOVIE---GERALD---BETH]

19---Jessee Reese Middick, Jr.-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE]

20---Ola Smith Brosman May-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA] 1911---1995

20Amanda Fitzgerald-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---  
AMANDA]

20---Elizabeth Cisneros-----FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---  
ELIZABETH]

20---Henry Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE]  
{Henry}

21---Garrett Rose-----[FRANK---ERNST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA---  
GARRETT]

22---Madyson Adkinson-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---APRIL---  
MADYSON]

24---Nancy Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD] {Nancy}

24---Carla Jo Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK]  
{Carla Jo}

24---Thomas Alvin Smith-----[FRANK---TOM] 1825---1960

25---JoGayle Curry-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBORAH---  
JOGAYLE]

26---Carla Jo Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK]  
{Carla Jo}

27---Butch Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG---BUTCH]

27--- Anna Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---ANNA]

27---Lillian Smith Moore-----[FRANK---LILLIAN]

28---Robert Doyle Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB]

29--Mikey Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL---  
MICKEY]

29--Andy McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNESST---VERNA---MARIE---ANDY]

30--Joey Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---JOEY]

## SEPTEMBER

1-----William Emery Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM] 1923---1988

3-----Rick Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick}

5-----Mary Russell Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY]

5-----Brady Hunter Jarvis-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---SARAH---  
BRADY]

5-----Tyler Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---BILLY III,  
TYLER]

6-----Isabella A. Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---  
PATRICK---ISABELLA]

9-----Kirk Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK]

9-----Michelle L. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---  
MICHELLE]

9-----Robert Worman-----[FRANK-TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEG] {Robert}

10---Abby Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY---ABBY]

11---Cheryl Gaston Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL]

11---Rhonda Thompson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA]

12---Frances Smith Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES] 1918---1990

13---Haley Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---HALEY]

15---Robert Worman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLEEN] {Robert}

17---Emily Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNDEE--- EMILY]

18---Betty Jo Barton Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY] 1925---2007

18---Robert Patrick Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM---ROBERT]

18---Sidney Lee Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---ROYCE---SIDNEY]

18---Randy Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY]

18---Kairi Cisneros-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ELIZABETH---KAIRI]

18---Larry McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE] Larry}

21---Virginia Mae Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---VIRGINIA]

21---Alex Edwards-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL 2---TIL 3] {Alex}

22---Steve Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY] {Steve}

22---Alexis Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---ALEXIS]

23---Jeanne Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---  
RODNEY] {Jeanne}

23---Robert Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY---ROBERT]

23---Kayla Brown-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SHIRLEY---KAYLA]

23---Chloe Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---MANDY---  
CHLOE]

24---Floyd Miller-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION] {Floyd}

24---Nonie Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON] {Nonie}

25---Rose Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE]

26---Tanner Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRET---TANNER]

26---Jessica Bayless-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Terry/Jessica}

26---Jonah Davis Fitzgerald-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---  
AMANDA--- JONAH]

27---Shirley Lin Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---JAY]  
{Shirley}

27---Anna Lee Auwen-----[JULIAN---JOHN---ADDIE---ALTON] {Anna Lee}

27---Alex Edwards-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3] {Alex}

28 ---Til Barton, Sr-----[FRANK---JULIA] {Til} 1908---1996

29---Aeron Liss-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---AERON]

## OCTOBER

1---Alejandra Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK]  
{Alejandra}

1---Zachery Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---ZACK]

2---Les Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNDEE] {Les}

3---Sandra B. Middick -----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---SANDRA]

3---Keith Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KEITH]

3---Emile Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3]  
{Jeanie/Rick/Angela/Emile}

4---Kimberly Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KAYLA--- KIMBERLY]

4---Jessica Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---JESSICA]

5---Verna Smith Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA]

5---Casey Lee Gamble-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY---CASEY]

6---Rosie Smith Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE] 1905---1983

6---Sandy Beth Middick-----[FRANK---JUANDA---SANDY] deceased

6---Sophie Talvo-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---MELISSA---SOPHIA]

6---Til Barton IV-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TIL4]

7---Amy Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ] {Amy}

7---Joshua Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRIAN---JUSUA]

9---Blayke Eva Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JAUNDA---JESSEE---ANDY---BLAYKE]

10--Til Barton III----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL JR---TIL III] 1967---2006

11---Serena Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ---  
SERENA]

13---Keith Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---  
KEITH]

14---Kayla F. Espejo-----FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---  
KAYLA]

14---Derrick Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRET---DERRICK]

15---Heather Liss Fowler-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---  
HEATHER]

16---Julia Addeline Auwen-----[ALVIN---JOHN---JULIA] 1893-1976

17---Kira Fore' Liss-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---FLOYD---KIRA]

18---Fabian Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---  
SHANNON] {Fabian}

19---Bill Hatch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA] {Bill}

20 ---Douglas Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM---DOUGLAS]

21 ---Rob Roy Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB]

21---Lee Roy Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---LEE]

22---William Richard Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL]  
{William}

26---Caesar Cisneros-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---  
ELIZABETH] {Caesar}

27---Jennifer Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---  
JENNIFER]

28---Billy Smith Jr-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY

29---Marcus Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS]

29---Shannon Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---  
SHANNON]

## NOVEMBER

2-----Jennifer Matli Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---  
MATTHEW] {Jennifer}

3-----Lucas J. Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK---  
LUCAS]

4-----Kimberly Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---  
KAYLA--- KIMBERLY]

4-----Cortland Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK---  
CORTLAND]

5-----Barron Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY] {Barron}

6-----Amy Fairchild Boyer-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY]

6-----Colleen Worman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN]

7-----Art Fairchild-----[FRANK---ROSIE] {Art} 1888---1952

8-----Frankie Jones-----[FRANK---TOM] {Chloe---Frankie} 1908---1932

8-----Tana Yalk Curry-----[FRANK---ERNEST---JUANDA---DEBBI---  
SHANE] {Tana}

8-----Mattie Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL---  
MATTIE]

9-----Greg Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG]

9----Pam Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB] {Pam}

10---Wilma Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRYAN] {Wilma}

11---Belle Rawson-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE]

11---Caroline Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE]

12---Nathan Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---NATHAN]

13---Kevin Hughes-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY] {Cindy}

13---Lucas Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TIFFANY---LUCAS]

15---William Franklin Smith-----[ALVIN---FRANK] 1865---1921

16---Tristan Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---ERIN---  
TRISTAN]

18---Joshua Joel Curry-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBORAH---  
JOSHUA]

18---Billy Smith III-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---BILLY III]

18---Angela Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Terry/Angela}

19---Zebulon H. Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---RHONDA---  
ZEBULON]

21---Marie McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE]

23---Jeremy Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY]  
{Jeremy}

25---Trevor A. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIM---TEVOR]

28---Gary Powell-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE] {Gary}

28---Lourdes Cisneros-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---  
ELIZABETH----- LOURDES]

29---Marria Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ---MARRIA]

30---Shandie Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---KYLE]  
{Shandie}

30---Ashley Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---PAUL]  
{Ashley}

## DECEMBER

1-----Dalton Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---DALTON]

2-----Ruth Scott-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---NORA---RUTH]

2-----Hallie Newcomb Smith-----[FRANK---ERNEST] {Hallie}

2-----Kimberly A. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---  
KIMBERLY]

3-----Sarah Jarvis-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---SARAH]

4-----Julie L. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM] {Julie}

6-----Benjamin F. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---  
TRAVIS---BEN]

6-----Melissa Talvo-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---MELISSA]

6-----Matt Yanak-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE---  
MATT]

7-----Jerome Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---BRAD---  
JEROME]

9----Dillon T. deBord----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---SONJA---  
DILLON]

10---Darian Zephra Anderson-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---  
HEATHER--- DARIAN]

10--Otis Smith-----[JOHN---OTIS]

11--Nora Scott----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---NORA]

13--Kyler Choate----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES---KYLE---  
KYLER]

14---Travis M. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---TRAVIS]

15---Aaron Thomas Hargrave-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---  
MARCUS---MICKI] {Aaron}

17---Harriett Smith-----[FRANK---WILLIAM] {Harriett}

20---Paul Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---PAUL]

21---Jamey Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT]  
{Jamey}

22---Owen Brown-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SHIRLEY---KRYSTAL---  
OWEN]

24---Megan Michelle Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---  
MEGAN]

24---Gwen Neal Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY] {Gwen}

24---Jessee Reece Middick, Sr-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA] {Jessee}

24---Lindsay Reszewski-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---  
LINDSAY]

28---Clint Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---CLINT]

29--Timothy J. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIMOTHY]

30---Gary Dean Farrell, Jr-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY SR---  
GARY JR]

30---Joe Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE] {Joe}

31---Carolyn Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN]

31-Joshua Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---  
JOSHUA]

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## UNIT 64 ALVIN SMITH CLAN BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

1-----Sarah Buchanan Smith-----[ALVIN---FRANK] {Sarah} 1864---1937

1-----Michael Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---MICHAEL]

2-----Cyrus William Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---RHONDA] {Cyrus}

3-----Jane Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY] {Jane}

6-----John David Fitzgerald-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---AMANDA]  
{John}

6-----Carrie Jean Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE]

6-----Gary Dean Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY]

6----Floyd Liss-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---FLOYD]  
6----Melanie Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3] {Melanie}  
9----Ada Louise Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA]  
10---Cory Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY]  
11---Robert Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT]  
14---Marvin Boyer-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY] {Marvin}  
14---Chloe Belle Smith-----[FRANK---TOM] {Chloe} 1890---1979  
14---David Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID]  
16---Hannah Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---HANNAH]  
17---John Alvin Smith-----[ALVIN---JOHN] 1868---1953  
18---Wes Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES]  
20---Ernie Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---ERNIE]  
22---Susan Miller Powell-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE]  
24---Jessee Reese Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA] {Jessee}  
25---Susan Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG---SUSAN]  
26---Kia Cordell-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA---KIA]  
27---Presley Larson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---SALLY---PRESLEY]  
29---JoRessa Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---JORESSA]

## FEBRUARY

1----Erin McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---ANDY] {Erin}  
2----John Wesley Smith-----[FRANK---ERNEST---JOHN]  
3----Cole Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID---COLE]  
4----Kenneth Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---KEN]

4----Samantha deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---SONJA---SAMANTHA]

4----Tommy Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY]

5----Wes Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES]

5----Mary Ann Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---JENNY---MARY]

5----Kenny Erwin-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---SALLY] {Kenny}

6----Daniel Lee Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---DANIEL]

6----Amber Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GREG] {Amber}

7----Brad Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD]

8----Rick Coffman-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY] {Rick}

12---Brad Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---BRAD]

14---Tyler Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID---TYLER]

14---Jolora Hatch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA]

15---Barbara Gregg-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM---BARBARA]

15---Mary E. Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---MARY]

15---Kyle Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---KYLE]

17----Doyle Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES] {Doyle} 1907---2000

20---Til Barton, Jr-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL]

20---Jessica Hall-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---JESSICA]

21---Thomas Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---THOMAS]

21---Dan Soreide---[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---JESS] {Dan}

24---Stanley Gene Miller-----FRANK---TOM---MARION---STAN]

25---Nancy Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY]

25---Krystal Brown-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SHIRLEY---KRYSTAL]

26---Andrea Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---JENNY---ANDREA]

27---Betty Coffman-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY]

28---David Allen Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---KENNETH---DAVID]

## MARCH

1-----Vivian Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY] {Vivian}

1-----Amanda Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---SHANNON---AMANDA]

1-----Tina Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina}

1-----April Durbin-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/April}

2-----Ron Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON]

3-----Matthew Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MATTHEW]

3-----Cristy Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL] {Cristy}

6-----Adam M. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---ADAM]

7-----Jenny Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID/BILLY JR] {Jenny}

8-----Kenneth Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY---KENNETH]

9-----Anna Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---JOEY] {Anna}

12---Joanne Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS] {Joanne}

13---Janai Stevens-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---JANAI]

17---Shane Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---SHANNON---SHANE]

18---James Alvin Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JAMES]

19---Randy Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/Randy}

20---Angie Brown-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---ANGIE]

20---Lillianna Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ---LILLIANNA]

21---Monicah Marae Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELL---MARCUS---MEGAN---MONICAH]

22---Julia McConnell Smith-----[ALVIN'S WIFE---FRANK & JOHN'S MOTHER] BORN 1847

24---David Reszewski-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---LINSDAY] {David}

26---David Worman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DAVID]

26---Doolin Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---DOOLIN]

28---Elijah Hong-Jie Lin Moore [FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---JAY---ELIJAH]

29---Skyler Powell-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---SKYLER]

30---Gregory Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GREGORY]

31---Doyle John Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANES---KEN---DOYLE]

31---Kimberly Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES] {Kimberly}

## APRIL

2-----Cyndee Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNDEE]

3-----Darryl Haas-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA] {Darryl}

3-----Debbi G. Middick Curry----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBBI] deceased

3-----Alisa Locricchio-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRENDA---ALISA]

4-----Troy Fowler-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER] {Troy}

4-----Eddie Stankevich-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---EDDIE]

5-----Mike Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KAYLA] {Mike}

6-----Irene Brosman Gobble-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE]

6----Jake Matthew Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MATTHEW---JAKE]

8----Ernest Franklin Smith-----[FRANK---ERNEST] 1902---1980

8----Chrystal Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY] {Chrystal}

10---Michelle Jones-----FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---MICHELLE]

11 ---Molly Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT---MOLLY]

11----Liza Hong-Wen Lin Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---JAY---LIZA]

12----Chelsea Haas-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA]

14---Tina Scott Wulff----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina}

1---Angela Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---ANGIE]

15---Fiona Stevens-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---FIONA]

16---Logan Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT---LOGAN]

17----Steve Miller-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE]

20---Julia Ellen Smith Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA] 1908—1983

21----Leslie Lentz-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---LESLIE]

21--Abby Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---MANDY---ABBY]

21---Wendy Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Wendy}

22---Allison Mullis-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY---ALLISON]

22---Olivia Grace Wright-----[FRANK---BELLE---MARCUS---MATTHEW---OLIVIA]

22---Dallas Guy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---DALLAS]

23---Tommy Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---KIM] {Tommy}

24---Reece Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY---REECE]

24---Brenda Locricchio-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRENDA]

24---Tara Yanak-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE---TARA]

26---Gavin Rose-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CHELSEA---GAVIN]

26---Alexis Stankeich-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---ALEXIS]

26---Sally Ervin-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---SALLY]

27---Michele Lenore Gamble-----FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY---MICHELE]

27---Michael Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL]

29---Dakota Colt Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---ANDY---  
DAKOTA]

30---HR Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN] {HR}

30---Daniel Yanak-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE---DANIEL]

## MAY

2-----Erin Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---ERIN]

3-----Payton Dean Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GARY JR---PAYTON]

3-----Les Ham-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE] {Les}

5-----Reece Allan Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---MATT---REECE]

6-----Elizabeth Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG---ELIZABETH]

7-----Rhonda Middick Burks-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---RHONDA]

7-----Pam Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB] {Pam}

7---Kaden Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---PAUL---KADEN]

10---Danielle Thompson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA---  
DANIELLE]

10---Mandy Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---MANDY]

11---Franklin Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK] 1913---1965

11---Judy Boyer-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---JUDY]

11---April Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---APRIL]  
13---Bradley Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY---BRADLEY]  
14---Juanda Barton Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA] 1927---2005  
16---Gerald Reynolds-----[JULIAN---JOHN---DOVIE---GERALD] 1890-1920  
17---Jay Gershon Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---JAY]  
17---Josh Jarvis-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---SARAH] {Josh}  
20--John Lentz-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---LESLIE] {John}  
22---Jim Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM]  
22---Andrew R. Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---ANDREW]  
23---Craig Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNTHIA---  
CRAIG]  
24---Micki Leigh Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MICKI]  
25---James Wesley Smith-----[FRANK---JAMES-] 1893---1921  
26---Nora Jones Smith-----[FRANK---TOM] {Nora}  
31---Timothy deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIM]  
31---Mike Guy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE] {Mike}  
31---Heather Wolff-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina/Heather}

## JUNE

2-----Linda Devore-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---LINDA]  
4-----C.J. Jones -----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---C.J.]  
4-----Seth Bradford-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---SETH]  
5-----Wesley Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---WESLEY]

5-----Chris Cordell-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA---KIA]  
{Chris}

7-----Eric McKinley Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---ROYCE---ERIC]

7-----Bruce Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE]

7-----Nick Dean-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRENDA] {Nick}

7-----Debbie Guy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE]

7----Terry Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Terry}

9-----Patrick Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK]

11---Matthew A. Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---MATTHEW]

12---Tiffany Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TIFFANY]]

13---Arnold Spencer-----[FRANK---TOM---ERNEST---ADA] {Arnold}

15---Russell Lee Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---RUSSELL]

15---Sonja Lee deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRAK---JIM---SONJA]

17---Jenny Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---JENNY]

18---Royce Gene Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---ROYCE]

18-----Pam Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE] {Pam}

18---Mia Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---WESLEY---MIA]

23---Rodney Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---RODNEY]

23---Clement Scott-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---NORA---CLEMENT]

23---Dustan Wolff-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Tina/Duston}

24---Jeanie Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL] {Jeanie}

24--Hazel Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE---JACK] {Hazel}

26---Jack Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE---JACK]

27---Charles Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---CHARLES]

27---Debbie Ham-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE]  
28---Rose Laverne Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE] 1931---1978  
29---Amanda Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY---AMANDA]  
30---Ollie Thomas Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE] 1916---1964  
30---Gladys Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS]  
30---Michalan Bayless-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/Jessica/Michalyn}

## JULY

4-----David Robert Simms----- [FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID]  
5-----Morgan Leann Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE---MATT---MORGAN]  
6-----Faye Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---DAVID] {Faye}  
7-----Jacob Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---BILLY III---JACOB]  
9-----Shane Dee Curry -----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBORAH--SHANE]  
10---Roy Lee Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---ROY]  
11---Randy Williams-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---RANDY]  
14---Alexys Cordell-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA---KIA---ALEXYS]  
15---Nathan Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---NATHAN]  
16---Marion Smith Miller-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION]  
16---Bret Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRET]  
17---Grant Marcus Farrell-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY---GRANT]  
17---Ricky Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---ANNA] {Ricky}  
17---Rowena Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick/Jessica/ Rowena}

21---Troy Barton-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TROY]  
23---Rosa Ellen Farrell -----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA ELLEN]  
23---Amy Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY]  
25---Tristan J. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIM---TRISTEN]  
27---Lillian Smith Moore-----[FRANK---LILLIAN] 1897---1971  
28---Karly Van Dune-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE---KARLY]  
29---Danny Curry-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBBI] {Danny}  
30---Jathen Wendell Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---MARCUS---MEGAN---  
JATHEN]  
30---Alton Auwen-----[JULIAN---JOHN---ADDIE---ALTON]  
31---Floyd Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE---Floyd]  
31---Daniel Thompson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA]  
{Daniel}  
31---Jaycee Wulff-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/ Tina/Heather/Jaycee}

## AUGUST

1-----Luke Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---RODNEY---LUKE]  
1-----Katie Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK]  
1-----Kyley Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---PAUL---KYLEY]  
1-----Kyle Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- CINDY---PAUL---KYLE]  
3-----Grant Rose-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA---GRANT]  
4-----Regina Kay Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM] {Regina}  
5-----Bennie H Smith-----[FRANK---BENNIE] 1895-  
6-----Cindy Hughes-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY]  
7-----Suzanne Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY] {Suzanne}

7----Mike Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---MANDY] {Mike}  
8----Carol Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY---RUSSELL] {Carol}  
11---Billy Bob Walker-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBBI---JO GAYLE] {Billy}  
1---Bryan Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRYAN]  
13--Caley Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES---KYLE---CALEY]  
14---Maliah Monet Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MEGAN---MALIAH]  
17---Beth Reynolds-----[JULIAN---JOHN---DOVIE---GERALD---BETH]  
19---Jessee Reese Middick, Jr.-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---JESSEE]  
20---Ola Smith Brosman May-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA] 1911---1995  
20Amanda Fitzgerald-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---AMANDA]  
20---Elizabeth Cisneros-----FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ELIZABETH]  
20---Henry Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE] {Henry}  
21---Garrett Rose-----[FRANK---ERNST---ADA---BRAD---CHELSEA---GARRETT]  
22---Madyson Adkinson-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---APRIL---MADYSON]  
24---Nancy Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD] {Nancy}  
24---Carla Jo Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK] {Carla Jo}  
24---Thomas Alvin Smith-----[FRANK---TOM] 1825---1960  
25---JoGayle Curry-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBORAH---JOGAYLE]  
26---Carla Jo Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK] {Carla Jo}  
27---Butch Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG---BUTCH]  
27--- Anna Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---ANNA]  
27---Lillian Smith Moore-----[FRANK---LILLIAN]

28---Robert Doyle Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB]

29--Mikey Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL---MICKEY]

29--Andy McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNESST---VERNA---MARIE---ANDY]

30--Joey Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---JOEY]

## SEPTEMBER

1-----William Emery Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM] 1923---1988

3-----Rick Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Rick}

5-----Mary Russell Simms-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY]

5-----Brady Hunter Jarvis-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---SARAH---BRADY]

5-----Tyler Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---BILLY III, TYLER]

6-----Isabella A. Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK---ISABELLA]

9-----Kirk Spencer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRUCE---KIRK]

9-----Michelle L. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---MICHELLE]

9-----Robert Worman-----[FRANK-TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEG] {Robert}

10---Abby Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY---ABBY]

11---Cheryl Gaston Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL]

11---Rhonda Thompson-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE---RHONDA]

12---Frances Smith Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES] 1918---1990

13---Haley Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---HALEY]

15---Robert Worman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLEEN] {Robert}

17---Emily Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNDEE---EMILY]

18---Betty Jo Barton Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY] 1925---2007

18---Robert Patrick Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM---ROBERT]

18---Sidney Lee Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---ROYCE---SIDNEY]

18---Randy Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY]

18---Kairi Cisneros-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ELIZABETH---KAIRI]

18---Larry McCuller-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE] Larry}

21---Virginia Mae Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---VIRGINIA]

21---Alex Edwards-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL 2---TIL 3] {Alex}

22---Steve Miller-----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY---NANCY] {Steve}

22---Alexis Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE---ALEXIS]

23---Jeanne Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---RODNEY] {Jeanne}

23---Robert Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---TOMMY---ROBERT]

23---Kayla Brown-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SHIRLEY---KAYLA]

23---Chloe Carroll-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- DEBBIE---MANDY---CHLOE]

24---Floyd Miller-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION] {Floyd}

24---Nonie Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON] {Nonie}

25---Rose Ashton-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ROSE]

26---Tanner Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRET---TANNER]

26---Jessica Bayless-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Terry/Jessica}

26---Jonah Davis Fitzgerald-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---AMANDA---JONAH]

27---Shirley Lin Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL---JAY] {Shirley}

27---Anna Lee Auwen-----[JULIAN---JOHN---ADDIE---ALTON] {Anna Lee}

27---Alex Edwards-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3] {Alex}

28 ---Til Barton, Sr-----[FRANK---JULIA] {Til} 1908---1996

29---Aeron Liss-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---AERON]

## OCTOBER

1---Alejandra Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK] {Alejandra}

1---Zachery Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---ZACK]

2---Les Hildenbrandt-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---GLADYS---CYNDEE] {Les}

3---Sandra B. Middick -----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---SANDRA]

3---Keith Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KEITH]

3---Emile Scott-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3] {Jeanie/Rick/Angela/Emile}

4---Kimberly Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KAYLA---KIMBERLY]

4---Jessica Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---JESSICA]

5---Verna Smith Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA]

5---Casey Lee Gamble-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---CORY---CASEY]

6---Rosie Smith Crain-----[FRANK---ROSIE] 1905---1983

6---Sandy Beth Middick-----[FRANK---JUANDA---SANDY] deceased

6---Sophie Talvo-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---MELISSA---SOPHIA]

6---Til Barton IV-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TIL4]

7---Amy Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ] {Amy}

7---Joshua Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRIAN---JUSUA]

9---Blayke Eva Middick-----[FRANK---JULIA---JAUNDA---JESSEE---ANDY---BLAYKE]

10--Til Barton III-----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL JR---TIL III] 1967---2006

11---Serena Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ---SERENA]

13---Keith Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KEITH]  
14---Kayla F. Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KAYLA]  
14---Derrick Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRET---DERRICK]  
15---Heather Liss Fowler-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER]  
16---Julia Addeline Auwen-----[ALVIN---JOHN---JULIA] 1893-1976  
17---Kira Fore' Liss-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---FLOYD---KIRA]  
18---Fabian Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---SHANNON]  
{Fabian}  
19---Bill Hatch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA] {Bill}  
20 ---Douglas Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---JIM---DOUGLAS]  
21 ---Rob Roy Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB]  
21---Lee Roy Hunn-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---LEE]  
22---William Richard Moore-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY---CHERYL] {William}  
26---Caesar Cisneros-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ELIZABETH] {Caesar}  
27---Jennifer Raasch-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---RANDY---JENNIFER]  
28---Billy Smith Jr-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY]  
29---Marcus Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS]  
29---Shannon Trinidad-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---DEBBIE---SHANNON]

## NOVEMBER

2-----Jennifer Matli Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MATTHEW]  
{Jennifer}  
3-----Lucas J. Russell-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK---LUCAS]  
4-----Kimberly Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---KAYLA---  
KIMBERLY]

4----Cortland Russell----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---BOB---PATRICK---CORTLAND]

5----Barron Simms----[FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY] {Barron}

6----Amy Fairchild Boyer----[FRANK---ROSIE---AMY]

6----Colleen Worman----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN]

7----Art Fairchild----[FRANK---ROSIE] {Art} 1888---1952

8----Frankie Jones----[FRANK---TOM] {Chloe---Frankie} 1908---1932

8----Tana Yalk Curry----[FRANK---ERNEST---JUANDA---DEBBI---SHANE] {Tana}

8----Mattie Smith----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---DAVID---MICHAEL---MATTIE]

9----Greg Brosman----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---GREG]

9----Pam Hunn----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB] {Pam}

10---Wilma Smith----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---RON---BRYAN] {Wilma}

11---Belle Rawson----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE]

11---Caroline Stotts----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE]

12---Nathan Hunn----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---NATHAN]

13---Kevin Hughes----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY] {Cindy}

13---Lucas Barton----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2---TIL3---TIFFANY---LUCAS]

15---William Franklin Smith----[ALVIN---FRANK] 1865---1921

16---Tristan Kennedy----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---ERIN---TRISTAN]

18---Joshua Joel Curry----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---DEBORAH---JOSHUA]

18---Billy Smith III----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BILLY JR---BILLY III]

18---Angela Scott----[FRANK---JULIA---TIL2] {Jeanie/Terry/Angela}

19---Zebulon H. Burks----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA---RHONDA---ZEBULON]

21---Marie McCuller----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---MARIE]

23---Jeremy Robbins-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---BRAD---AMY] {Jeremy}

25---Trevor A. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIM---TEVOR]

28---Gary Powell-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE] {Gary}

28---Lourdes Cisneros-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---ELIZABETH-----  
LOURDES]

29---Marria Jones-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---BETTY---CJ---MARRIA]

30---Shandie Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---KYLE] {Shandie}

30---Ashley Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---PAUL] {Ashley}

## DECEMBER

1-----Dalton Choate-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---WES---DALTON]

2-----Ruth Scott-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---NORA---RUTH]

2-----Hallie Newcomb Smith-----[FRANK---ERNEST] {Hallie}

2-----Kimberly A. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---KIMBERLY]

3-----Sarah Jarvis-----[FRANK---JULIA---ROSE---ROB---SARAH]

4-----Julie L. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM] {Julie}

6-----Benjamin F. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---TRAVIS---BEN]

6-----Melissa Talvo-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---STEVE---MELISSA]

6-----Matt Yanak-----[FRANK---TOM---OLLIE---COLLEEN---DEBBIE---MATT]

7-----Jerome Brosman-----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---WES---BRAD---JEROME]

9-----Dillon T. deBord-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---SONJA---DILLON]

10---Darian Zephra Anderson-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SUE---HEATHER---  
DARIAN]

10--Otis Smith-----[JOHN---OTIS]

- 11--Nora Scott----[FRANK---TOM---OLA---IRENE---NORA]
- 13--Kyler Choate----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA--- WES---KYLE---KYLER]
- 14---Travis M. Millar-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---TRAVIS]
- 15---Aaron Thomas Hargrave-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MICKI]  
{Aaron}
- 17---Harriett Smith-----[FRANK---WILLIAM] {Harriett}
- 20---Paul Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---PAUL]
- 21---Jamey Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN---ROBERT] {Jamey}
- 22---Owen Brown-----[FRANK---TOM---MARION---SHIRLEY---KRYSTAL---OWEN]
- 24---Megan Michelle Wright-----[FRANK---ERNEST---BELLE---MARCUS---MEGAN]
- 24---Gwen Neal Gaston-----[FRANK---JULIA---BETTY] {Gwen}
- 24---Jessee Reece Middick, Sr-----[FRANK---JULIA---JUANDA] {Jessee}
- 24---Lindsay Reszewski-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JOLORA---LINDSAY]
- 28---Clint Kennedy-----[FRANK---ERNEST---VERNA---CINDY---CLINT]
- 29--Timothy J. Smith-----[FRANK---TOM---FRANK---JIM---TIMOTHY]
- 30---Gary Dean Farrell, Jr-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---GARY SR---GARY JR]
- 30---Joe Stotts-----[FRANK---TOM---WILLIAM---CAROLINE] {Joe}
- 31---Carolyn Archer-----[FRANK---ERNEST---ADA---CAROLYN]
- 31-Joshua Espejo-----[FRANK---ROSIE---ROSA---CARRIE---SHELLY---JOSHUA]

**Author's note**---This birthday listing is ongoing. The information contained herein was current as of May 1, 2011. If you see an error or know of a missing birthday, please contact the author. [For contact information see Unit 65]

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## CHAPTER 8---CLOSING

## **UNIT 65---POST SCRIPT**

The eight-year period between 1916 and 1924 is my favorite era of Smith Clan history. That was when Frank Smith and family tried to tame the Wild West up in Moffat County, Colorado. Since then nearly 100 years have passed, and it seems exciting, romantic and fascinating to look back at what happened back then. However, it must have been frightening, frustrating, painful, boring and heartbreaking for those early pioneers who were actually living in Moffat County and struggling to keep body and soul together.

It would be wonderful if our ancestors could somehow know that their descendants would one day honor their memory with a pilgrimage to their old homestead sites and graves. Don't you know it would please them that even after 95 years, we have not forgotten about their brave attempt to make their homes in the wilderness?

In 2008 the OKC Smith Clan Reunion attendees made a side trip to Noble OK and visited John Alvin Smith's old homestead. At that time we were not certain where Frank's homestead was located—only somewhere near to John's homestead. In 2010 the OKC Smith Clan Reunion attendees made a second side trip to Noble OK, and thanks to Cousins Adele and Frank Auwen, we were able to actually stand on the ground that John and Frank had homesteaded over 100 years earlier. This was thrilling! It was inspiring! We felt a part of our family history.

In 2011 the Smith Clan Reunion headquartered in Vernal, Utah, and spent an entire day making a side trip to the Blue Mountain area of northwestern Colorado to visit the old homestead sites of Frank & Jim Smith, Tom Smith, Art Fairchild, Robert Morris, and A. W. Wilson. We also joined forces and installed road signs on Bear Valley Road which show the location of these five homesteads. While in northwestern Colorado, we spent another day visiting cemeteries in Craig and Steamboat Springs where we paid our respects to numerous family members who are buried there.

In spite of the perils and suffering, most of these early pioneers were able to "prove up" on their land. A "Land Patent" signed by President Woodrow

Wilson is included in this Potpourri book. [See Unit 13]. James Smith “proved up” on his land only twelve months prior to being killed from ambush during the infamous potato feud.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many family members who contributed so generously to my research in creating the 2008 Smith Clan Potpourri, 2011 Smith Clan Potpourri, and Smith Family Curse books. Without their help and cooperation none of these books could have been created. Also, I would like to thank my niece, Cynthia Hildenbrandt, for being so kind as to put all three books online for any and all to read and/or download at no charge. Many thanks to each and every one of you!

If anyone would like to suggest additions or corrections to my books, please let me know. After spending hundreds of hours putting them together, I would love to have some feedback about my creations.

Best Wishes from your ever-loving cousin---

**Mary R. Simms**

**[ALVIN---FRANK---TOM---FRANCES---MARY]**

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