

# The Descendants of Nancy Shawhan (1799-1882)

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## First Generation

**1. Nancy SHAWHAN.** Born on 10 Oct 1799 in Bourbon, County, Kentucky. Nancy died in Pike County, Mo. 14 Dec., 1882; she was 83. On 12 Jan 1816 when Nancy was 16, she first married Nicholas SMITH II, son of Nicholas SMITH I (1739-1826) & Catherine (1756-1825). Born ca 1787 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Nicholas died in Bourbon County, Kentucky on 24 Nov. 1834; he was 47.

Nicholas Smith II,<sup>1</sup> son of Nicholas I, was born around 1787 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He was the second oldest of five children: Peter, Nicholas, Jacob, Joseph, and Elizabeth. He grew up on the homestead in the bends of the South Fork of the Licking River and Stoner Creek. It was located near the junction of the Shawhan-Ruddle's Mill Road near the settlement of Shawhan, originally called Shawhan Station. There was much interchange between the Smith and Shawhan families and later Nancy Shawhan married Nicholas II and a son of theirs married a Shawhan granddaughter. A moderate rise leading to the south bluff provided a view of the river valley. The homestead houses were very isolated and the approach roads were rough. The original locations were chosen for the prospect of excellent farm land and the availability of water.

A description of this land found in a collection of letters of the William David family who owned the adjoining property follows: "The only outlet from our place was a narrow strip of land that lay along the river side of the Ewalt land, beginning at the foot of a rocky slope and later bending to the left to become a road with a straight corridor through the narrowest part of the Ewalt Estate...We found the dirt road level and dusty in warm weather, but in cold weather it was muddy or frozen in deep ruts. About half way between the pike and the river cliffs was a large depression on one side that became a pond in the spring and fall, a mud hole in the summer and in winter an icy menace...The road turned to the right and when we were past the bend, we could see the river far below the wooded cliff as the buggy crazily crept up a slope of rock shelves into level ground to face another menace. A tree had large roots growing into the road and a bend in the road around the tree made the road very close to the cliff edge...We dreaded the jolting dangers of the road ahead for its rock shelves were like uneven steps, the horse almost sliding down the gate which let us into our own place. Soon we were rolling smoothly across the woods, out the river gate onto the final stretch between the low river bank and our lower field. Then we reached the double gates and turned into the orchard gate for the horse and buggy were kept in the barn at the old stone house."

Nicholas II died intestate on November 24, 1834, leaving Nancy a widow at the age of 36 with five minor children. He had survived his father by only seven years. An inventory of the estate of Nicholas Smith II was made on February 19, 1835 and signed by Nancy Smith. As appointed guardians to the children, witnesses signing the document were: Samuel Ewalt, a neighbor who later married Margaret, George Rush, who later married the widowed Nancy, and John Ivy. The value of the slaves was placed at \$2425 to be split three ways, or \$808.33 each portion. Part of the estate was "Dower property," the 98 acres that reverted to Nancy at the time of Nicholas' death. The family burial plot was on this piece of land. Partial settlement of the estate was made in January 1838 although final distribution of property was tied up in the courts and couldn't be completed until after Nancy's death. Due to her longevity, this wasn't until 1884. In the meantime, some of her children had sold off their share without valid deeds because of the lack of a will to establish a legal distribution. The property settlement of Nicholas I had been the subject of a legal squabble between Boone family heirs and the Smith family that went all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court and covered a period of over thirty years and was also involved in the final 1884 settlement. Refer to Volume II, p. 161, for further information about Nancy SHAWHAN and Nicholas SMITH II.

They had the following children:

- 2      i.      Kittie Ann (1816->1870)
- 3      ii.     John Shawhan (1820-1885)
- 4      iii.    Nicholas (1823-1855)
- iv.     Joseph. Born Feb. 1827.<sup>2</sup> Joseph died unmarried<sup>3</sup> 27 Nov 1850; he was 23.
- 5      v.      Margaret Elizabeth (1834-1904)

On 29 Jan 1839 when Nancy was 39, she second married George RUSH. Born on 16 Sep 1796 in North Carolina. George died in Bourbon County, Kentucky on 16 May 1856; he was 59. The marriage of George RUSH to

Nancy SHAWHAN represents a very interesting twist in the family history of the Bourbon County Shawhans. Through my research into this family, I discovered that George was the father of Tabitha RUSH, the wife of the venerable Major John Shawhan (1811-1862), the Civil War hero about whom much is written. Refer to Volume II, (p. 171) for a historical sketch of John SHAWHAN.. Refer also to Volume II (p. 168) for further information about George RUSH. Nancy SHAWHAN and George RUSH had one child, George Ann (1840-).George Ann married Hervey C. IRELAND and had one child, Charles.

On 25 Mar 1861 when Nancy was 61, she third married William READING, son of George READING Jr. (1761-1846) & Nancy McCUNE (1770-1842). Born on 9 Oct 1792 in Bourbon Co., KY. in 1812 Served in War of 1812. William died in Pike Co., MO on 2 Sep 1868; he was 75. William, a first cousin to Nancy (their mother's were sisters), originally married Nancy's next older sister Margaret. Soon after Margaret's death in May, 1860, Nancy married the widowed William. Since Nancy and Margaret were so close (they both married only a day apart in January, 1816), it is very likely that they promised to take care of one another should the other die first. Refer to Vol. II, p. 221, for further information about the READING family.

## Second Generation

**2. Katherine "Kittie Ann" SMITH.** Born in 1816. Kittie Ann died before 6 Dec 1886; she was 70. On 15 May 1834 when Kittie Ann was 18, she married Elias BATTERTON, son of Benjamin BATTERTON (1767-1833) & Susannah GUTHRIE (1767-1852). Born on 6 Nov 1808 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky.<sup>3</sup> Elias died bef 1870; he was 61.

They had the following children:

- i. James. Born ca 1840.<sup>4</sup> James married Ida SAUER.
- ii. Wallace.<sup>5</sup> On 12 Apr 1866 Wallace married Elsie DAVID, daughter of Jacob DAVID (1809-1866) & Lucretia SMITH (1818-).
- iii. Josephine. Josephine married George SEEVER.
- iv. Nicholas. Died unmarried.<sup>6</sup>
- v. Benjamin. Born ca 1843.<sup>7</sup> Died unmarried.<sup>8</sup>

**3. John Shawhan SMITH.** Born on 25 Nov 1820 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. John Shawhan died in Pike County, Missouri on 16 Feb 1885; he was 64. Buried in Wright Cemetery, Hartford Township.

"John Smith farmer and stock raiser was born in Bourbon Co, Ky on November 25, 1820 where he was reared and educated. After leaving school he engaged in farming continuing until 1846, when he went with D.P. Stickney's circus, remaining in the business about five years. He then returned to his birthplace where he remained until 1855 then came to Missouri locating in Clay Co where he commenced farming and continued until 1861 when he went to Lewis Co, Mo remaining there until 1866. He then came to Pike Co. where he has since resided following farming and stock-raising owning a fine farm of 240 acres. He has a good residence, finely located surrounded by timber. He has one of the finest stock farms in the county, selling about 30 head of cattle per year. He was married in Kentucky to Miss Melvina Hinkson. By this union they had five children: Nancy, John T., Margaret M., Emma R. And Nicholas. His wife died Nov 26, 1864. He was married the second time to Miss Mary M. Davis (sic) Of Pike Co Jan. 14, 1872. By this union they have two children Charley T. And Mary E.<sup>9</sup>

On 10 Nov 1850 when John Shawhan was 29, he first married Melvina (or Malvina) HINKSON, daughter of Humphrey HINKSON (ca1805-) & Nancy RAVENSCRAFT (1812-), in Harrison County, Kentucky. Born on 9 Oct 1830 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Melvina died in Lewis County, Missouri on 26 Nov 1863; she was 33. Melvina was the great granddaughter of the Kentucky pioneer COL John Hinkson who was the half-brother of John Smith's great grandfather, William McCune. Refer to Volume II (p. 147) for further information about William McCune and John Hinkson. For further information on the RAVENSCRAFT family, refer to Vol. II (p. 228).

They had the following children:

- 6** i. Nancy Shawhan (1851-1929)
- 7** ii. John Thomas (1854-1916)
- iii. Nicholas M.. Born on 31 Oct 1863. Buried in Old Settlers Graveyard. "Nicholas M. Smith...never married, but visited among his sisters, spending most of the time with Nancy and her husband, "Uncle Billie." He was buried in the Old Settlers Graveyard, known as "Smyrna" Churchyard, where many of the same family are buried."<sup>10</sup>

On 14 Jan 1872 when John Shawhan was 51, he second married Mary M. TAUL,<sup>11</sup> daughter of Micah TAUL (1808-1887). Born on 28 Aug 1841 in Missouri. Mary M. died in Pike County, Missouri on 21 Mar 1899; she was 57.

They had the following children:

- i. Charles Taul. Born on 8 Oct 1876.

- 8 ii. Margaret E. (1857-)
- 9 iii. Emma K. (1861-)

**4. Nicholas SMITH III.** Born in 1 Jul 1823 in Bourbon County, Ky.<sup>12</sup> Nicholas died in Bourbon County, Ky. on 9 Nov 1855; he was 32.<sup>13</sup> On 5 Dec 1844 when Nicholas was 21, he married Amanda M. ALLISON, daughter of Frances Or Aaron ALLISON (1799-<1850) & Susan SHAWHAN (1806-). Born in 1824.<sup>14</sup> Amanda M. died in Harrison County, Kentucky ca 1905; she was 81.

Nicholas Smith III<sup>15</sup> was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky in 1823, the third child of Nicholas and Nancy Smith. Although he was raised on a farm, he became a carpenter. A marriage bond was filed December 2, 1844 for the marriage of Nicholas to Amanda Allison. The bridegroom posted his own bond as his father had died in 1835 when he was twelve. Since Amanda's father had apparently died prior to 1840, her grandfather John Shawhan also signed as a bondsman.

The marriage of Nicholas Smith III and Amanda Allison was solemnized on December 5 1844 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Amanda was born in Kentucky in 1826, the oldest of three daughters born to Aaron (?) Allison and Susan Shawhan. (see separate section on the Shawhans). Amanda's younger sisters were: Margaret, who later married a Hinkston, and Mary Ann (Molly) who married Henry Ewalt. Nicholas and Amanda were first cousins as their mothers were sisters. This seems strange but was not unusual for a time when rural homesteads were miles apart and neighbors depended on each other and formed close ties, but it does make it complicated for genealogists. The big farms bordering the Smith's were then owned by Sarah Ewalt, William David, Henry David, and Daniel Shawhan.

Three children were born to the couple: John Oscar, (1845) (The author's great-grandfather), Margaret, (Maggie A. 1847), and Nicholas IV, (1848). Tragedy struck this young couple when their youngest son Nicholas died in 1853 at five years of age. Just two years later, on November 2, 1855, Nicholas III died suddenly at the age of 32, when John Oscar was ten and Maggie was eight.

There is record of a premarital contract dated October 28, 1858 between Amanda M. Smith and Richard J. Wisden. It stipulated Amanda would retain use, control, and profits from property she had previously owned, or expected ultimately to inherit including her own dower rights. The attesting witnesses were her mother Susan Allison and H. Ewalt. Acting as trustee, "I except the forgoing trust," was nephew Daniel B. Shawhan, who lived on adjacent property. The contract was certified by county clerk Richard J. Brown but the marriage apparently never took place.

The 1860 census indicates that Amanda's son John Oscar, fifteen years old, was by then a ward of Willis D. Collins who was an officer of the court. Amanda was living with her cousin Catherine Batterson who was also a widow and owned a farm near Shawhan's Station. The census also showed Amanda to be a "farm laborer." A deed of sale dated November 7, 1868 shows that John Oscar sold 98 acres to his mother Amanda Allison Smith for \$625. This was his allotment of dower property that he had inherited from his grandmother Nancy Smith. There was also a land transfer dated September 25, 1893 by Amanda M. Smith, Margaret A. David, and her husband William H. David. Thirty Acres of land was being transferred to a Thomas Doolin of Bourbon County, Kentucky for a sum of \$1400 as described: Lot #3 of the division of land of Nicholas Smith, except for the family graveyard one rod by two rods on said premises. There was one thousand cash in hand, and balance of \$400 due on or before March 1, 1894, bearing 6% interest.

Amanda lived with her daughter after Maggie A. lost her husband William H. David, and kept house for her and her seven children. Amanda died about 1905 in Harrison County, Kentucky when she was around 80 years old. They had the following children:

- 10 i. John Oscar (1845-1897)
- 11 ii. Margaret A. (1847-)
- iii. Nicholas. Born in 1848. Nicholas died in 1853; he was 5.

**5. Margaret Elizabeth SMITH.** Born in 1834 in Kentucky. Margaret Elizabeth died in Bourbon County, Kentucky before 21 Jan. 1904; she was 70.

On 7 Aug 1848 when Margaret Elizabeth was 14, she first married COL Samuel EWALT,<sup>16</sup> son of John EWALT (1789-1857) & Elizabeth "Betsy" RAVENSCRAFT (1793-<1827). Born in Feb 1826. Samuel died in Bourbon County, Kentucky on 8 Aug 1868; he was 42.

They had the following children:

- i. John Henry. John Henry married Anna S. OFFUTT.
- 12 ii. Sallie
- iii. Edwin. Edwin married Elizabeth CURRENT.
- iv. Samuel. Samuel married Anna Lee CURRENT.

Margaret Elizabeth second married August "Gus" PUGH. Born in 1834. August "Gus" died in 1934; he was

100. They had the following children: Stella, who first married John M. DUVALL and second married George B. MEYERS; Georgia, who married Gus McCARTHY; Fannie, who married A.T. CRAWFORD.

I found the following information on Margaret during a rresearch trip to Bourbon County, Kentucky, October 1-10, 1999:

The True Kentuckian

April 27, 1870

At the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, last evening, Gus Pugh of Shawhan Station to Mrs. Margaret Ewalt nee Smith, of Ruddell's Mill's, widow of COL Sam. Ewalt. We recently gave account of the marriage of one of Mrs. Ewalt's four children, John Henry Ewalt, to a daughter of Dr. Offutt of Scott.

Margaret Pugh will:<sup>1</sup>

I Margaret Pugh, being of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament:

1st—It is my will that at my death all of my property, which is a house and lot about twenty-three acres of land near Shawhan, in Bourbon County, Ky., be sold, and from the money derived from said sale of said property I give one hundred dollars thereof to my son John H. Ewalt and a like sum to my daughters Stella Duvall & Sallie Lair. The remainder of said money after deducting the above bequests I desire to be equally divided, and one-half thereof to be reinvested in a house and lot, which house and lot my daughter Fannie Crawford shall have for & during her natural life, and at her death it shall descend to her children.

2nd—The other half of said money I desire shall be invested in a house and lot, which house and lot I give to my daughter Georgia McCarthy for her separate use and benefit, free from debts & control of her present husband and said husband shall have no interest whatever in same. My said daughter Georgia shall not have power to dispose of said house and lot, during the life of her present husband, but if she survives him she shall take a fee simple title to said property.

3rd—I appoint T. E. Moore, Jr., my executor of this my last Will and I give him power to sell the property referred to in the Will & to \_\_\_\_\_ the same to the purchases but said sale must be made to the highest and best bidder and the premises, after said sale, and the time and place of holding it has been advertised in at least three issues of a newspaper published in Bourbon County, and my Executor shall also purchase the house & lots referred to in this Will, but the house and lot purchased for Fannie must be approved by her, and the one purchased for Georgia must be approved by her.

Witness my hand this Nov. 20, 1902

Att: Alice Simpson

Margaret Pugh

J. C. Crawford

Jan. 8, 1904

I make this Codicil to my Will—I want my grandson Eddie Crawford, son of Fannie & A. T. Crawford, to have (\$200.00) Two Hundred Dollars. If anything should happen to him it shall go to his mother.

Witnesses:

Allie Fightmaster

Margaret Pugh

F. Fithian

Bourbon County Court, January term, Jan. 21, 1904

The foregoing instrument purporting to the last Will & Testament thereto of Margaret Pugh, deceased, was this day produced to Court and the said Will was proven in due form of law by the oath of Alice Simpson, one of the attending witnesses thereto who also proved the attestation of J. C. Crawford, the other attesting witness thereto; & the said Codicil was proved in due form of law by the oath of Frank Fithian one of the attesting witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of Allie Fightmaster the other attesting witness thereto whereupon said instrument is ordered to be recorded as the last Will & Codicil of said Margaret Pugh, deceased.

Witness: Ed D. Paton, Clerk of said Court, date above

(Signed) Ed D. Paton, Clerk

#### Sources

1.. Bourbon County, Kentucky, Will Bk. U, pp. 151-151. Margaret's will was probated in the Bourbon County Court, January term, January 21, 1904.

## Third Generation

**6. Nancy Shawhan SMITH.** Born on 24 Aug 1851 in Harrison County, Kentucky. Nancy Shawhan died in Pike County, Missouri on 11 Aug 1929; she was 77. Called "Aunt Sis," Nancy was said to resemble her grandmother, the first Nancy Shawhan, all her life, even into old age. As of Madsen's account... "a portrait of Nancy as a little girl in hoop skirts is now in the possession of Willie T. Vanarsdale, and his second wife, on the farm near New Hartford, Mo."<sup>17</sup> Nancy Shawhan Smith Hinkson Vanarsdale took care of John Frances Smith, the youngest son of Julia and John Thomas Smith, after Julia died shortly after giving birth.<sup>18</sup>

On 8 Dec 1867 when Nancy Shawhan was 16, she first married Humphrey HINKSON, son of John HINKSON (1804-1872) & Margaret EWALT (1813-1873). Born on 18 Aug 1846 in Lewis County, Missouri. Humphrey died in Labelle, Missouri on 27 Oct 1882; he was 36.

They had the following children: Margaret Melvina, born in 1869 in Pike County, Missouri; Henry, born in 1871 in Pike County, Missouri; John, born in Aug 1880 in Pike County, Missouri.

Circa 1887 when Nancy Shawhan was 35, she second married William M. VANARSDALL<sup>19</sup> son of Ambrose J. VANARSDALL & Phoebe BURTON, in Pike County, Missouri. Born in May 1842 in Pike County, Missouri. A native of Pike County (known as "Uncle Billie" to relatives), he was "a scholarly old man with a flair for inventing contraptions to make work easy around the farm near Hartford, Mo."<sup>20</sup> They had one child, William T. "Willie" VANARSDALE. Born in Nov 1891 in Pike County, Missouri. "Willie has twice been married, and by his first wife, Stella, had two golden-haired daughters with whom we played when we were children. They grew up and married, after Stella died, we lost track of them."<sup>21</sup> William T. "Willie" married Stella.

**7. John Thomas SMITH.** Born on 30 Jan 1854 in Harrison County, Kentucky. John Thomas died on 8 Apr 1916; he was 62. Buried in Old Smyrna Graveyard, Louisiana, Pike County, Mo. On 19 Dec 1875 when John Thomas was 21, he first married Julia Frances "Fannie" TROWER, daughter of Andrew Jackson TROWER (1828-1896) & Sarah Ann (Sally) BUTLER (1827-1914), in Pike County, Mo. Born on 28 May 1854 in Missouri. Julia Frances "Fannie" died on 9 Feb 1890; she was 35.

"He studied law and practiced it, along with farming, and running horses at the County Fairs, raising his own tobacco, and making most of his own liquor using malt that he made himself from his own barley shoots. He was a gregarious and vocal character, known as "Squire" and "Judge" in the county where he was widely acquainted. He sang well, and often led the singing at revivals and in the church. He was the Superintendent of the church at Estes, but would never join it because he did not want to pin his religious convictions to any creed that was not flexible. What the denomination of the church at Estes was, I have not learned, but I doubt that it made much difference to grandfather. He was a fun-loving man, and liked to hear himself talk, and he liked people. His funeral in Pike County was almost as big an affair in the county as was that of Adolph Busch in St. Louis, which he and a trainload of politicians attended, staying for three days and having the time of their lives."<sup>22</sup>

"After the birth of her last baby, John Frances, Julia Frances Trower Smith died on the day of February 9, 1890, and is buried with many friends and relatives in the Old Smyrna Church Graveyard, Pike County, Mo. She had auburn red hair, and was greatly mourned by her many brothers and sisters, as well as by her father, Andrew J. Trower, and her mother, Sarah A. Butler Trower."<sup>23</sup> Julia Trower's ancestors can be traced all the way back to Charlemagne in the 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

"After Julia's death, John Thomas Smith raised his five children with the help of his sisters and relatives, who lived nearby. Nancy Shawhan Smith Vanarsdale took the baby John Frances Smith for a while until he was old enough to be cared for by the girls at home. This family of children lived on the road between Gazette, Mo. and Vandalia, Mo. in a house which was then next door to the old Clithero place, not far up the road from the Chandler place, both places still known by those names even now in 1951. When his family were growing up, many incidents of interest happened to them which have been told in 'Meet My Association'<sup>24</sup> by Isobel Chandler Madsen, a manuscript in preparation to preserve the tales of interest and general knowledge about the years gone by. The house where they lived has long since been moved to another location."<sup>25</sup>

They had the following children:

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| <b>13</b> | i.   | Archie Pearl (1877-1927) |
| <b>14</b> | ii.  | Sallie Jackson (1879-)   |
| <b>15</b> | iii. | Margaret Melvina (1881-) |
| <b>16</b> | iv.  | Edith Mae (1886-1933)    |
| <b>17</b> | v.   | John Francis (1889-1962) |

In Oct 1904 when John Thomas was 50, he second married Ella KILBY.<sup>26</sup>

**8. Margaret E. SMITH.** Born on 7 Oct 1857. On 24 Feb 1875 when Margaret E. was 17, she married Wesley B. TROWER, son of Andrew Jackson TROWER (1828-1896) & Sarah Ann (Sally) BUTLER (1827-1914). Born on 13

Feb 1853. Wesley B. died on 29 Jan 1919; he was 65. Wesley was the brother of Julia TROWER. They had the following children: Albert, Larry, Ralph, Edna, Jessie, Vernie, and Dot.

**9. Emma K. SMITH.** Born on 3 Jun 1861. Isobel Madsen mentioned Emma Smith and family in her genealogy as follows: "...they had a large farm and a large family in Pike County. There used to be a number of Wrights visit us when they came into Bowling Green, Missouri, where we lived, the county seat. They were a hearty, healthy family."<sup>27</sup> On 3 Sep 1878 when Emma K. was 17, she married Charles WRIGHT, in First Christian Church.

They had the following children:

- i. Edward.
- ii. Beulah.
- iii. Oscar.
- 18** iv. Zora (1890-ca1958)
- v. Abbie.

**10. John Oscar SMITH.** Gerald and Janice DeWitz write these words about John Oscar: "John Oscar Smith was born October 7, 1845 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He was the eldest of three children born to Nicholas III and Amanda M. Allison Smith. John O. lost his father in 1855 when he was just ten years old. It must have been a struggle for Amanda, the 29 year old widow, to provide for her two remaining children. The 1860 census shows that John O. was by then a ward of Willis P. Collins, an officer of the court. Perhaps this 15-year old was apprenticed to Collins to learn skills of farming, although John later became a carpenter like his father.

"On July 5, 1866, John Oscar married Elizabeth A. Smith, in Clay County, Missouri. Why John O. Smith went to Missouri from Kentucky is unclear, perhaps there was a connection between the two lines of Smith families, or because of mutual familiarity with the Duncans of Paris, Kentucky who had relocated from Bourbon County. There may have been a connection with the Civil War as there was much action along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. A marriage certificate was filed for record on July 16, 1866. Whereby, 'William Warren, a minister of the gospel, solemnizes the rites of matrimony between John O. and Bettie A. Smith, both of this county.'" This marriage brought together the two Smith lines.

"On November 7, 1868, John Oscar and 'Elizabeth A. Smith,' his wife, sold a 98 acre plot of land in Bourbon County, Kentucky to his mother Amanda Allison Smith for \$625. This property was the allotment of "Dower" from John's grandmother Nancy Shawhan Smith, the widow of Nicholas II. John O. was obviously severing ties with Bourbon County, Kentucky as he had moved on to Missouri.

"The 1870 census verifies that John O. and Bettie A. were living in Liberty Township, Clay County, Missouri with a two year old son, Eddie. The 1880 census shows John and Bettie A. and five children living in Platte Township next to her widower brother Ephraim Jr. and his three year old daughter Lola. Living in an adjacent house was their 68 year old widowed mother Elizabeth Duncan Smith. Bettie A.'s brother Bazil and sister Sallie had never married and were still living with their mother. Ephraim Smith Sr. had just died and was enumerated on the mortality schedule of 1880.

"Throughout John Oscar's lifetime, he attempted several different occupations. Besides farming and the carpentry of his youth, records show that in the 1870s he ran a restaurant. In 1891, he was appointed Postmaster at Linden, a small town north of Kansas City. This was where several Smith family members moved after leaving their farms.

"Clay County Cemetery records show that John Oscar Smith, born in Bourbon County, Kentucky on October 7, 1845, died in Clay County, Missouri, December 6, 1897 at age 52. He was buried in the Faubion Chapel Graveyard located in Gallatin Township, eight miles southwest of Liberty. A gravestone, barely readable, still stands. Bettie A. was buried beside her husband but has no grave marker."<sup>28</sup>

They had the following children:

- i. Edward. Born in Sep 1868. Edward Bazil ("Strawberry") Smith, eldest son of John O. and Bettie A., married Anna Kimbrell, a milliner or trimmer of hats, on August 13, 1891. He got the nickname "Strawberry" because he grew them in Kansas in his later years. They had four children. Eddie's younger brother Levy (Eleven T.) lived with them until his premature death in 1906. The 1910 census indicates that Edward and Anna had divorced. Edward died at Bethany Hospital at Wyandotte County, Kansas on January 26, 1953 at the age of 85.<sup>29</sup>

- ii. John Oscar. Born in Jan 1871 in Clay County, Missouri. John Oscar Smith Jr. married Vida C. Breckenridge, a girl from a neighboring farm, on February 18, 1894, in Platte Township, Clay County, Missouri. They rented their house and took in a boarder named Charles Russell, who was possibly a relative of the John B. Russell who married John Oscar's sister Mary Margaret. John O. Jr. and Vida had one child named Edith.<sup>30</sup>

- iii. Mary Margaret. Born on 16 Sep 1873 in Smithville, Clay County, Missouri Mary Margaret Smith married John Benjamin Russell on January 28, 1890 at Smithville. They had three children: Ethyl,

Ellis (Mike), and Iola, who died young. Mary Margaret died April 26, 1907 at only 34 years of age. Mary Ann Meares of Smithville is the daughter of Ellis Russell.<sup>31</sup>

- 19 iv. Claude E. (1876-1953)
- 20 v. William D. (1877-1965)
- 21 vi. Julia Elizabeth "Lizzie" (1881-1963)
- vii. Eleven T. (Levy) Born on 23 May 1884. Eleven T. died on 6 Jan 1906; he was 21.
- viii. Ephraim. Born on 13 Mar 1889 in Missouri. Ephraim Smith died on March 21, 1906 at

the age of seventeen, just two months after his brother Levy. The gravestone at Barry Cemetery near Gladstone bears the inscription: "Eleven T. and Ephie — Children of J.O. and Bettie A. Smith."<sup>32</sup>

**11. Margaret A. SMITH.** Born in 1847. On 4 Aug 1864 when Margaret A. was 17, she married William Henry DAVID, son of William DAVID (1800-1881) & Elizabeth JACOB (1804-1874), in Bourbon County, Kentucky.<sup>33</sup> Born on 25 Oct 1840. William Henry died on 30 Jul 1897; he was 56.

They had the following children:

- 22 i. John George (1872-1956)
- ii. Keller.
- iii. King.
- 23 iv. Alice
- 24 v. Sarah "Sallie"
- 25 vi. Elizabeth "Bessie"
- vii. Willie. Willie married James THOMPSON.
- viii. Mattie. Mattie married George CURRENT.
- ix. Flora. Flora died leaving a small daughter who was given out for adoption through a Catholic orphanage in Covington, Kentucky, by her father, Charles Long.<sup>34</sup> Flora married Charlie LONG.
- x. Margaret.
- xi. Georgie.

**12. Sallie EWALT.** Sallie married Luther LAIR, son of Matthias LAIR (1813-) & Rowena (Roanna) LAIR. Refer to Volume II-Historical Sketches for further information about the ancestors of Luther Lair.

They had the following children:

- 26 i. Tinnie
- ii. Daisy. Daisy first married Frank SHARP. Daisy second married Harvey RANSDALE.

## Fourth Generation

**13. Archie Pearl SMITH.** Born on 30 Jul 1877 in Pike County, Mo. Archie Pearl died in 1927; he was 49. On 23 Jan 1903 when Archie Pearl was 25, he married Maude LAIRD.

They had the following children:

- 27 i. Nadene (Twin) (1905-)
- 28 ii. Irene (Twin) (1905-)

**14. Sallie Jackson SMITH.** Born on 22 Sep 1879 in Kansas. On 27 Oct 1897 when Sallie Jackson was 18, she married Mason BRANSTETTER.

They had the following children:

- 29 i. Eunice (1900-)
- 30 ii. Lloyd Mason (1902-)
- iii. Dymple Frances. Born on 9 Oct 1904. On 24 Dec 1931 when Dymple Frances was 27, she married Mark MEDARIS.

- 31 iv. Mancell Pearl (1908-)

**15. Margaret Melvina SMITH.** Born on 28 Nov 1881 in Pike County, Mo. On 24 Dec 1899 when Margaret Melvina was 18, she married Oscar William CHANDLER, son of Matthew CHANDLER & Cecelia Holdcraft McMILLIAN. Born on 26 Nov 1876 in Pike County, Mo.

Isobel Chandler Madsen waxes a bit philosophically about Melvina and Oscar in her biographical sketch: "Margaret Melvina Smith and Oscar William Chandler married December 24, 1899, Pike County, Mo., by Rev. Oaks. They lived the first year with the family of Matthew and Cornelia Chandler, Vandalia, Mo., on (the) road to Gazette, on the Old Home Place, and then they struck out on their own, and continued to strike out for a good many years. They made their first real home for their children in the county seat of Pike County, Bowling Green, Mo., and years later in Warren, Ohio, another county seat. They managed to have three children, and to educate them as they

went along in public schools and high schools. Then the children left home to go away to college, and they really began to learn things, and never stopped learning more and more amazing things during the years when more changes were taking place that at any other time in history...changes in the average man's fundamental beliefs, in his philosophy, in his conception of religion, in his manner of governmental spread, in his whole world outlook, in transportation, communication, education...indeed more changes than occurred during the preceeding 4000 years all put together! In the lifetime of these children giant intellects in science were learning how to control nature in its application to human life. If it is true that problems are better teachers than lectures, then these children lived when all about them were problems, some being solved temporarily, and some left wide open to see working into chaos, getting deeper into chaos and farther away from a solution."<sup>35</sup>

They had the following children:

- 32** i. Rex Eugene (1901-)
- 33** ii. Isobel Frances (1903-1971)
- 34** iii. Oscar William (1913-)

**16. Edith Mae SMITH.** Born on 6 Nov 1886 in Pike County, Mo. Edith Mae died in 1933; she was 46.<sup>9</sup> Buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1910 when Edith Mae was 23, she married General F. HAMLETT.

They had the following children:

- i. Forest Smith (Died as Infant). Born on 3 Jan 1911.
- 35** ii. Wayne (1912-1961)
- 36** iii. John Phillip (1913-1982)
- 37** iv. Jefferson Edward (1916-1975)
- 38** v. Paul Richard (1922-)
- 39** vi. Betty (1926-)

**17. John Francis SMITH.** Born on 21 Aug 1889 in Pike County, Mo. John Francis died in Cahokia, Illinois on 16 Mar 1962; he was 72. Buried in Valhalla Burial Park, St. Clair County, Belleville, Illinois. On 25 Nov 1912 when John Francis was 23, he married Ina Mae McDONALD, daughter of Robert McDONALD (-1943) & Nancy HANKS (-1941), in Berry, Illinois. Born on 8 Aug 1888 in Barry, Illinois. Ina Mae died in Decatur, Illinois on 19 Sep 1979; she was 91. Refer to Volume II—Historical Sketches for further information about this family.

They had the following children:

- 40** i. John Francis (1915-)
- ii. Robert. Born in 1918 in East St. Louis, Illinois. Robert died in Cahokia, Illinois in 1921; he was 3. Robert was named after Ina's father, Robert McDonald.<sup>36</sup> "Grandma Hanks had a brother, a doctor, named Robert. I believe he delivered all us kids. When Robert (her brother) was sick and all bloated up, Dr. Hanks stayed with him until he died. From that day onward, Pop (John Francis Smith) refused to talk about the death of his son. He would not even mention his name. Pop had a fear of death."<sup>37</sup>
- 41** iii. Archie Pearl (1921-1968)
- 42** iv. Margaret Louisa (1924-)
- 43** v. Sarah Ann (1928-)

**18. Zora WRIGHT.** Born on 7 Jul 1890 in Gazette, Pike County, Missouri. Zora died ca 1958; she was 67. On 19 Aug 1908 when Zora was 18, she married Ivan COLLINS, son of Edward Gains COLLINS & Sarah Elizabeth CANTER, in Vandalia, Missouri. Born in 1886. Ivan died in 1960; he was 74.

They had the following children:

- 44** i. Lorene (1914-1962)
- 45** ii. Pearl Ivan (Twin) (1910-1946)
- iii. Earl (Twin).
- iv. Buford (Died as Infant).

**19. Claude E. SMITH.** "Claude E. Smith was born February 29, 1876 at Smithville, Clay County, Missouri. He was the fourth of eight children of John O. and Bettie A. Smith. Because of his unusual "Leap Year" birthday, he used to joke that he was really only "sixteen or eighteen years old." He usually celebrated on March 1, as his actual birthday only came around every fourth year. The Smiths were among the early settlers who pioneered in Missouri, settling in Smithville, a small town north of Kansas City.

"Claude married Ella Mae Hughes, daughter of Robert Wilson and Sarah Catherine Conway Hughes, (see Hughes family line) on April 14, 1898 at Linden, Clay County, Missouri. "Conformably to the ordinances of God and the laws of the state," the bonds of holy matrimony were solemnized at Linden Baptist Church by Rev. C. A. Waters.

"According to the 1900 census, the family was living in Kansas City where three daughters were born to

Claude and Ella Mae: Opal Oletha (1899), Ruth MeAam, (the author's mother, 1902), and Helen Katherine (1905). They lived in a rented house and Claude worked as a streetcar motorman for the transit system. Tragedy overtook the family when Ella Mae died on July 15, 1912 at 12:15 P.M. of complications of Bright's Disease or nephritis. At just 33, she left three daughters, Opal, age thirteen, Ruth, age ten, and Helen, age seven. As was the common custom of the time, the two younger girls were sent to live with relatives. Ruth went to live with Aunt Lizzie, and Helen went to Gramma Hughes while Opal stayed at home to keep house for Claude. Ella Mae was buried at Barry Cemetery in Linden, Missouri, on July 16, 1912.

"My mother didn't talk much about her mother but remembered that she had beautiful long auburn hair. Aunt Helen remembered being called to her mother's sick bed to say goodbye."

"Two years after Ella's death, in 1914, Claude was remarried to a young widow named Clara Hoppes. The wedding took place in Omaha, Nebraska where the family had moved. Clara was just twenty-five and Claude was thirty-eight at the time. Clara was only nine years older than Opal and must have seemed more like a sister than a stepmother. She had a two year old son named Everett Harold who was eventually legally adopted by Claude. This was the only grandmother I knew and we called her "Ca." Although it is unknown just when Claude adopted Everett, a 1920 record shows that he was then still Everett Hoppes. Later when he showed signs of withdrawing and becoming a problem child, Claude adopted him in an attempt to make him feel more a part of the family. Sometime after 1930 both Opal and Helen moved to California with their husbands. Shortly after, Claude and Clara followed them west.

"There was extreme economic hardship in the country in those days during the peak of the depression and California was considered the promised land of opportunity. Many people from mid-America followed the early settlers example and turned west for a better life. Unemployed families were taken in by those members more fortunate. Claude and Clara bought a small frame house in Inglewood, California and started a printing and advertising business, stenotyping business circulars and letter heads. How Claude went from being a motorman to a printer is unexplained, but Clara joined him in the venture and worked beside him.

"The children were grown and all three girls had married. Helen and her painter-decorator husband Herbert McCauley, daughter Bonnie Jean, and new baby Joan Eileen lived for a time in the back room of Claude and Clara's Inglewood home. They eventually moved into a little house next to sister Opal and Jimmy Kiniry in Rosemead. Hard times struck the Wiesners in Omaha, Nebraska when Lester lost his employment as a mechanic for the Yellow Cab Company, leading to his nervous breakdown. In 1933, Ruth and Lester with their two daughters Joyce and Janice, (the author's family) packed up and headed for California, joining the rest of the Smith family. Everett had joined the Navy when he was sixteen, about 1928.

"Claude was an avid deep-sea fisherman and took advantage of the proximity of the Pacific Ocean. He went fishing with the same group of buddies at least once a week year in and year out. A pattern formed where they would fish all morning and play poker in the stern of the boat all afternoon. Claude was never without a cigar in his mouth and his crumpled fishing hat that he wore shoved back on his head. In his free time at home, he devoured the paperback western "dime novels" that were popular at the time.

"During World War II Claude expressed his fierce patriotism by hanging a large framed picture of General Douglas MacArthur, his idol, on the living room wall. Clara proudly displayed the navy blue serviceman's flag with a single star by the mailbox. There was never a holiday meal without at least one serviceman as a guest. Clara was very superstitious and always had to count the number of expected guests for a dinner party because it wouldn't do to have thirteen at the table. This was often the case with the Smith family, and extra guests were always invited, usually servicemen from the U.S.O.

"Claude turned his fishing hobby into an avocation in his retirement years. He opened a fishing tackle shop called "Smittie's Fishing tackle" on Venice Boulevard next door to son-in-law Lester Wiesner's auto repair shop. The building was a joint venture but not entirely successful because the two men both had stubborn, querulous personalities and didn't get along.

"Clara, "Ca," died around 1946, leaving Claude a widower for the second time. The family grieved for the woman they regarded as their mother and grandmother. Claude buried his grief and loneliness by becoming extremely active in the Christian Church. He was "born again" and renounced all the evils of his past: fishing, the dime novels, smoking, and poker. This new life was commendable, perhaps, but very difficult for the old man. Whether from religious zeal or merely trying to impress the ladies, he spent a great deal of time at his church. He married a lady from the church, Lulu Bell, to the family's surprise as he was over 70-years old. They never accepted her.

"Claude E. Smith died on October 21, 1953 at Inglewood, California. The Last Will and Testament dated May 6, 1953 was filed on November 16. In it he declared that his real property was separate, and terminated joint tenancy. He gave a tenth of his estate to Helen, Ruth, and grandson Edward to be divided equally. The remainder was to be divided between wife Lulu and daughter Opal. He appointed Opal Smith Kiniry executrix. The will was

admitted to probate December 4, 1953.”<sup>38</sup>

Claude E. and Ella May HUGHES had the following children:

**46** i. Ruth Meriam (1902-1958)

ii. Opal Oletha. Born on 19 Jun 1899 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Opal Oletha Smith married James Kiniry but remained childless. She was an independent person and always had a career. She was a legal secretary for many years, and later was in the florist business. She divorced Jimmy, moving to Lancaster moved to California and went into the real estate business. In her later years she moved to Marysville in northern California and continued as a realtor. She was remarried to a man named Fred Fulkerson. She died December 29, 1965 and was buried at Shady Grove Cemetery, Portola, California.<sup>39</sup>

iii. Helen Katherine. Born on 14 Dec 1905 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri Helen Katherine Smith married Herbert Glenmere McCauley on July 10, 1926 in Toledo, Ohio. They had two daughters: Bonnie Jean born February 8, 1929, and Joan Eileen born August 18, 1934. Herbert was a painter-decorator and suffered financially along with most Americans during the depression years. They lived in Rosemead, California next to sister Opal until Helen divorced Herb, around 1940. She was remarried to Henry Herbert Gingham and moved to Arizona, and they eventually moved to Tustin, Orange County, California. Helen died July 11, 1995 in a Santa Ana hospital and is buried at Pacific View Cemetery, Newport Beach, California.<sup>40</sup>

Claude and his second wife, Clara HOPPES, had one child, Everett Hoppes (adopted), born on 11 Dec 1911 in Omaha, Nebraska. Everett Harold Smith, falsifying his age, joined the Navy when he was just sixteen and served in China on the “gunboat” Panay that cruised the Yangtze River. He was aboard the river vessel when it was torpedoed and sunk by the Japanese about 1936. Everett survived and returned to the States. He married Annabelle Jett in about 1938 and had a son, Edward Everett. Annabelle didn’t have the moral fortitude necessary to stick by a career serviceman and deserted her husband and child Eddie when he was four. Eddie lived with his Aunt Ruth and Uncle Lester until Everett retired from the Navy after the Second World War. There is no record of the later years of either Everett or Eddie although Everett did remarry at least twice.<sup>41</sup>

**20. William D. SMITH.** Born in Oct 1877 in Missouri. William D. died in 1965; he was 87. On 15 Aug 1900 when William D. was 22, he married Etta Elizabeth MOSBY. They had the following children: Jessie Mardell. and Willetta E..

**21. Julia Elizabeth “Lizzie” SMITH.** Born on 12 Mar 1881 in Smithville, Clay County, Missouri. Julia Elizabeth “Lizzie” died in Osawatomie St. Hospital, Miami County, Kansas on 23 Mar 1963; she was 82. Circa 1901 when Julia Elizabeth “Lizzie” was 19, she married Arva E. HUDSON. They had the following children: Elmo and Mary.

**22. John George DAVID.** Born on 10 Apr 1872. John George died on 10 Jun 1956; he was 84. On 15 Aug 1879 when John George was 7, he married Minnie Blanche LOWE, in Maysville, Kentucky. Born on 15 Aug 1879 in Maysville, Kentucky. Minnie Blanche died in Lexington, Kentucky on 24 Aug 1959; she was 80.

They had the following children:

**47** i. William Russell (1897-)

**48** ii. Alvin (1901-1961)

**49** iii. Amos Ray (1904-)

iv. Alma.

**23. Alice DAVID.** Alice married Noah KELLER. They had one child, Noah.

**24. Sarah “Sallie” DAVID.** Sarah “Sallie” married GUNSAULEY. They had the following children: Taylor, Alice, Emma, Worthington (born in Sep 1898), Larkin, Charles, and William.

**25. Elizabeth “Bessie” DAVID.** Elizabeth “Bessie” married William CHOWNING. They had the following children: Ella Belle, who married JERRILL; Helen; David.

**26. Tinnie LAIR.** Tinnie married Mr. COURTRIGHT. They had one child: Russell, who was killed in World War I.

## Fifth Generation

**27. Nadene SMITH.** Born on 27 Jun 1905. Nadene first married John BANCROFT. They had one child, William Pearl. Nadene second married Mr. HOWARD.

**28. Irene SMITH.** Born on 27 Jun 1905. Irene married Jewel GREGG. They had one child, Richard P. Smith.

**29. Eunice BRANSTETTER.** Born on 3 Apr 1900. On 23 Nov 1916 when Eunice was 16, she married Edward MEDARIS.

They had the following children:

i. Mason. Mason first married unknown. They were divorced. On 17 Apr 1945 Mason second married Mary PECOLA.

- 50 ii. Vivian (1919-)
- 51 iii. Dymple (1922-)

**30. Lloyd Mason BRANSTETTER.** Born on 23 Jul 1902. On 6 Apr 1923 when Lloyd Mason was 20, he married Emma DORSTEN.

They had the following children:

- i. Lloyd. Born on 7 Mar 1925. Lloyd died on 13 Jul 1927; he was 2.
- ii. Fred B. Born on 15 Sep 1928. Isobel Madsen writes, "The Son of Lloyd Branstetter, named Fred Branstetter, was drafted into the Army in 1950. and in the winter of 1951 was stationed at Camp Chaffee Arkansas. One of his bunkmates was another Missouri boy, the son of Leslie and Eunice Chandler, Paul Chandler. These two boys had never met and had never even heard of each other. It seems that Fred mentioned the fact that his dad had cousin who was a General, and Paul mentioned that HIS father had a cousin who was a General. Imagine their surprise when they discovered that they were each one equally related to the same General, who is Brigadier General Rex Chandler.

"These two draftees become buddies and chummed around together until Fred received a medical discharge for having a bad kidney which was removed at the Veteran's Hospital in St. Louis in April, 1951. Fred graduated in June 1950 from Washington University in St. Louis, a major in chemical engineering, and Paul was a student at Missouri University when he was drafted, where he commuted between his father's home In Middletown, Mo., to Columbia, Mo., in his own plane whenever he felt he could spare the time. Fred's first job after graduation was with a chemical dye company in Buffalo, N. Y., at the east end of Lake Erie, and his grandfather Drosten had given him a car for a graduation present. Fred arrived at our house in Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio, driving his first car, on his way to take over his first job, very happy and proud. He stayed a couple of days, and then during the summer drove down from Buffalo over week ends, because Fred became interested In Carl G. "Duff" (10) Madsen, Jr., who had just graduated in pre-med from Princeton University and was preparing to enter Ohio State Medical College for the next four years. Fred also became intrigued with the beach along Lake erie, and all the people on summer vacation from all over the country, and in watching Mayor carl G. Madsen, Sr., hold court at the Town Hall, known as the Gripe Center. It was all new to him, and Fred liked everybody he met and was well liked in return."<sup>42</sup>

- iii. Shirley. Born on 28 Sep 1932.
- iv. Sally. Born on 9 Mar 1934.

**31. Mancell Pearl BRANSTETTER.** Born on 12 Sep 1908. On 17 Jul 1938 when Mancell Pearl was 29, he married Zela BRADER. They had one child, Zoe Ann, born on 27 Sep 1942.

**32. Rex Eugene CHANDLER.** Born on 24 Jun 1901 in Gazette, Pike County, Missouri. On 10 Jun 1925 when Rex Eugene was 23, he married Ann PAGE, in San Antonio, Texas. Refer to Vol. II, p. 190, for further information about Rex and Ann Chandler.

They had the following children:

- i. Rex E. Born in May 1926. Rex E. died in Feb 1929; he was 2.
- 52 ii. Robert Page (1929-)
- 53 iii. Ann Page (1931-)

**33. Isobel Frances CHANDLER.** Born on 2 Dec 1903 in Frankford, Pike County, Mo. Isobel Frances died in Ohio in Sep 1971; she was 67. On 9 Jul 1927 when Isobel Frances was 23, she married Carl G. MADSEN, son of Soren MADSEN & Sophia Ann. Born on 1 Aug 1907 in Litchfield, Minnesota.

It was reading Isobel Chandler Madsen's chronicle of the Shawhan and Smith families that peaked my interest in taking up the task of bringing the family history up to date for my generation. Her genealogical monograph "SHAWHAN, SMITH, CHANDLER, MADSEN" (1699-1963) has been an invaluable resource in compiling this version of the SHAWHAN/SMITH family history. Refer to Volume II, p. 188, for further information about this family.

They had the following children:

- 54 i. Carl G. (1928-)
- ii. Neal Christian. Born on 6 Apr 1945 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**34. Oscar William CHANDLER.** Born on 20 Feb 1913. On 17 Apr 1937 when Oscar William was 24, he married Alpha MORRIS, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Born on 5 Jan 1914.

They had the following children:

- 55 i. Robert Grant (1938-)
- ii. Lawrence Dale. Born on 26 Feb 1941.
- iii. William Morris. Born on 28 Jan 1947.

**35. Wayne HAMLETT.** Born on 30 Jan 1912. Wayne died in Glen Lake, Minnesota in 1961; he was 48. Wayne married Laverne McIVOR. Born on 7 Aug 1911. Laverne died on 23 Nov 1981; she was 70.

They had one child:

**56** i. Dayle (1934-)

**36. John Phillip HAMLETT.** Born on 4 Oct 1913. John Phillip died on 8 Sep 1982; he was 68. John Phillip married Virgie. They had the following children: Phyllis, Joann, Suzette, LaRea, John Phillip.

**37. Jefferson Edward HAMLETT.** Born on 24 Jun 1916. Jefferson Edward died on 5 Mar 1975; he was 58. Jefferson Edward married Lorraine SMITH. Born in 1914. Lorraine died in 1977; she was 63. They had the following children: Dennis, Michael (Twin), Patrick (Twin), Kathleen and Timothy.

**38. Paul Richard HAMLETT.** Born on 17 Aug 1922. Paul Richard married Dorothy GORSKI.

They had one child:

**57** i. Cheryle

**39. Betty HAMLETT.** Born on 24 Sep 1926. On 2 Mar 1946 when Betty was 19, she first married Holmes TYRRELL. Born on 28 Oct 1921. Holmes died in Columbia, Missouri on 7 Jul 1990; he was 68.

They had the following children:

**58** i. Patie Edith (1948-)

ii. Holmes A.. Born on 2 Jan 1952 in Missouri.

**59** iii. Bettye Alice (1953-)

On 24 Jun 1973 when Betty was 46, she second married Salvatore "Sam" LAROCCA. Born on 25 Aug 1912 in Sicily. Betty and Sam owned a well-known family restaurant "LaRocca's" in St. Louis, Missouri, for many years. They have now retired and are spending time enjoying their family and friends. Betty was recently reunited with her daughter Bettye Alice after many years of separation. Betty had given her daughter up for adoption as an infant. Their reunion was wonderful and Bettye is now learning all about her new-found brother, sister and mom. The information for the HAMLETT family has been generously provided by Bettye and her mother.

**40. John Francis SMITH Jr.** Born on 30 Sep 1915. John Francis married Edna GREEN. They had the following children: John William "Billie", born in 1940; Bobbie, born on 26 Jun 1943.

**41. Archie Pearl SMITH.** Born on 13 Sep 1921 in East St. Louis, Illinois. Archie Pearl died in Cahokia, Illinois on 13 Oct 1968; he was 47. Archie Pearl married Vivian DAVIS. Born on 16 May 1928. Vivian died ca 1970; she was 41. They had the following children: Dennis, born on 17 Mar 1945 (Dennis died in California on 9 Mar 1969); Diane.

**42. Margaret Louisa SMITH.** Born on 30 Aug 1924 in East St. Louis, Illinois. On 5 Sep 1942 when Margaret Louisa was 18, she first married John Virgil FRANCIS. Born on 1 Jul 1915 in St. Louis, Missouri. They were divorced in 1952. Refer to Volume II, p. 194, for further information about this family.

They had the following children:

**60** i. John Virgil (1943-)

**61** ii. Thomas Russell (1945-)

iii. James Edward. Born on 16 Jun 1946 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. in 1966/1968 U.S.A.F.

James Edward died in Korat AFB, Thailand on 11 Mar 1968; he was 21. Buried on 22 Mar 1968 in Wichita, Kansas. In 1967 when James Edward was 20, he married Carolyn SMITH, daughter of Robert SMITH. Refer to Volume II, p. 198, for further information about James Edward FRANCIS.

**62** iv. Robert Eugene (1949-)

Margaret Louisa second married Richard Marion BUCK. Born on 8 Jan 1921 in Nevada, Iowa. Richard Marion died in Tucson Arizona on 26 Feb 1997; he was 76. Refer to Volume II, p. 196, for further information about Richard M. BUCK.

**43. Sarah Ann "Sally" SMITH.** Born on 12 May 1928 in East St. Louis, Illinois. In 1943 when Sarah Ann was 14, she first married Russell Franklin McKEOWN, son of Mac McKEOWN (-1948) & Ethel Nancy EPPERLY (1889-1960). Born on 23 May 1920 in Dodsland, Canada. Sarah Ann second married Norman STARNES.

Russ and Sally Smith McKeown had the following children:

**63** i. Judith Ann (1944-)

**64** ii. Nancy Mae (1946-)

**65** iii. Russell Franklin (1948-)

**66** iv. Carol Jean (1951-)

**67** v. Sallie Joan (1954-)

"Aunt Sallie," as I call her, is my favorite aunt. She always treated me with a special kindness and consideration. In a recent telephone conversation, aunt Sally told me that when she heard that my mom had a little boy, she embroidered a beautiful blanket for me. Aunt Sally is a fine Christian woman who, for many years, almost single-handedly shouldered the responsibility for taking care of my grandmother Ina McDonald Smith. I know there were

times when the constant care really got to her, but she took it all in stride. In the same telephone conversation, I asked her what it felt like to now being one of the two matriarchs of the family. She just laughed and said "it feels like I'm getting old.!"

When I was a child, the McKeowns lived in Decatur, Illinois, and we used to visit them quite often. I always thought they lived in a big house until recently as I looked through old photos for this publication. As it turned out, their house was very modest; but, as they say, everything is relative. In comparison to my childhood home in Cahokia, Illinois, their house was indeed large.

The McKeown children were my favorite cousins. We loved playing together in their neighborhood, climbing the nearby Jungle Jim and exploring the "Hills" down the road. Of the McKeown children, my favorite cousin was Carol Jean. We were pals who did everything together. Sally Jo, the youngest, used to "pal around" with us. Sadly, I have lost contact with Carol Jean over the years. On the bright side, I have maintained contact with Sally Jo. Sally Jo is one of the most intelligent and insightful people I have the honor of knowing. She has a Masters degree in metalurgy and currently works for Duracell, the Energizer folks.

My close relationship with the McKeowns extends to Nancy, the second oldest. It's hard to find proper words to describe this gentle soul. She radiates compassion, gentleness, empathy, and quiet strength. I love just being in her presence. Now, take all that I just said and multiply it by 1000 and you have the very special relationship between Nancy and my older brother, Tom. I have never seen two people more in love than these two wonderful people. My, you say, but aren't they first cousins! Yes, I say, and the world is made better by their love. Tom and "Nance" always had a special bond with each other, even in childhood. Whereas Carol Jean and I were "pals" kicking around with each other on our various childhood adventures, Tom and Nance were magically bound in a relationship that only believers in destiny can understand. They always knew, though not always consciously, that they were meant for each other. However, conventional societal strictures kept this couple apart until they reached middle age. Both married, had children, and lived their lives without the slightest clue that someday their paths would cross and join. The fateful spring of 1990 unleashed a chain of events that culminated in the marriage three years later of Tom Francis and Nancy McKeown, officiated by yours-truly.<sup>43</sup>

**44. Lorene COLLINS.** Born in 1914. Lorene died in 1962; she was 48. Lorene married BETHEL.

They had one child:

**68** i. Charles Randall

**45. Pearl Ivan COLLINS.** Born in 1910 in Vandalia, Missouri. Pearl Ivan died in Wayne, Michigan in 1946; he was 36. Drowned. Pearl Ivan first married Ann Marie MUELLER, daughter of Lafayette Henry MUELLER & Cornelia Louise COTTON. Born on 11 Nov 1912 in Wellsville, Montgomery, Missouri.

Child:

**69** i. Charles Lowell (1935-)

**46. Ruth Meriam SMITH.** From Gerald and Janice DeWitz's genealogy "Before You":

Ruth Meriam Smith was born February 2, 1902 in Kansas City, Missouri. She was the second child and daughter of Claude E. and Ella Mae Hughes Smith. The Smiths were among the early pioneering families that had come from Kentucky, settling in Clay County, Missouri. The 1900 census indicates that by that time Claude and Ella Mae were living in a rented house, (316 Drury Street), in Kansas City and that Claude was a motorman for the transit system. Ruth was a tiny, frail, premature infant and wasn't expected to survive. It was said that she could fit in a sewing machine drawer, about 4" x 12," and that a teacup could fit on her head. On her second birthday, she was dressed up in a fussy white dress, sat upon a high stool, and had a photographic portrait done as a permanent memorial because it was feared that she wouldn't have another birthday. When Ruth was three and a half, a third girl, Helen Katherine, was born to Claude and Ella. At that time, big sister Opal was six.

In 1912, when Ruth was ten, her mother Ella Mae died of nephritis after a lingering illness of six years. Tuberculosis involving the right lung weakened her and contributed to her demise. The younger girls were sent to live with relatives. Ruth went to "Aunt Lizzie," (Julia Elizabeth Smith Hudson O'Dell), Claude's sister. Helen was sent to Gramma Hughes, the maternal grandmother. Growing up without a mother at this tender age in the Victorian era, Ruth had no one to talk to or ask questions. The normal changes of maturing came as a total shock and the young girl thought she was following her mother to the grave.

Claude remarried a young widow and mother of a two year old son in 1914. Clara Hoppas was just twenty-three, thirteen years younger than her new husband. Suddenly Clara had three step-daughters in addition to her son, Everett. Opal was just ten years younger and probably relieved to have most of the housekeeping chores lifted off her shoulders. The family had relocated to Omaha, Nebraska where Claude worked for Calender House as a "commercial trader," perhaps learning the printing business. Although loved and accepted as a brother by the big sisters, Everett was a moody problem child. This prompted Claude to adopt him officially, thinking it would help him feel more accepted as a part of the family. One Christmas, the girls tied a bundle of sticks together, placing it under the

tree for the “naughty boy.” He was devastated! The country was in the throws of World War I in 1916. Claude was intensely patriotic and insisted that Ruth drop the German language course that she was taking at High School. Since she couldn’t matriculate without a language, Ruth never graduated. 1920 found her working as a file clerk for the Telephone Company.

On July 11, 1925, Ruth married Lester Albin Wiesner at the North Side Christian Church in Omaha, Nebraska. The pastor performing the ceremony was F. K. Hargrove and the witnesses were Clarence Wiesner, Lester’s brother, and Herbert McCauley, who was to marry Ruth’s younger sister Helen the following year. Lester was a dashing twenty-three year old auto mechanic from Omaha. On August 15, 1926, the young couple was blessed with a baby daughter. The home birth almost ended in disaster when the baby presented in a breech position and appeared stillborn. The Catholic doctor quickly baptized the infant Joyce Elizabeth, and then shocked her into gasping for breath by dipping her in hot and cold water. Ruth, who had always been frail, was warned not to have any more children, but having a strong maternal nature, she ignored the warning and exactly three years later on August 16, 1929, Janice Elaine was born at Lord Lister Hospital in Omaha. The depression hit the family when Lester lost his job as repair shop foreman for The Yellow Cab Company. This led to a nervous breakdown. In 1933, the family left everything in Omaha and moved to California to be near Ruth’s relatives who were already settled there.

Ruth was a petite 5' 1" tall, and wore a sample sized shoe (4B). She had a “sweet tooth” and would frequently make fudge or other goody, much to the delight of the girls who got to lick the pan. No shopping trip downtown was complete without a trip to the candy counter or doughnut shop. Although never a gourmet cook, her specialties were old-fashioned favorites like oat-meal cookies and rice pudding. She was an avid gardener and the yard was always bursting with colorful blooms. During World War II, her “Victory Garden” filled the entire back half of the big back yard. Fresh vegetables were always plentiful and were her pride and joy. She was a very gentle lady and never smoked, drank, or drove a car. Ruth was a very loving mother and lived for her children. There was never a time when the family did not have financial problems but this was never evident to the girls. Ruth worked for a time as a bookkeeper for the telephone company. In 1938, she strained her heart and had to spend a year of complete bed rest. She was never strong and suffered from hypertension at a time when good blood pressure medication was not available. All this was compounded by a tyrannical and demanding husband. Planning for the weddings of Joyce and Janice the summer of 1949, although stressful, brought her great joy. She stitched both dresses with tender, loving care. The arrival of Tommy, her first grandchild, two years later was certainly one of the biggest events of her life. She adored Tommy as she did Debbie, Joyce’s first child, who arrived eight months later. Tragically, she never really knew her other grandchildren as she suffered a severe stroke the summer of 1953 when she was just fifty-one years of age. When the doctor told the family that “it would have been better if she had died,” Lester threw him out of the house. The next five years were torturous and proved that the doctor had been right. Ruth struggled to regain some speech and strength but each gain would be lost with another stroke. She died on December 5, 1958 when she was fifty-six years of age. Her remains are in the mausoleum of Inglewood Park Cemetery at Inglewood, California.

Ruth Meriam SMITH and Lester Albin WIESNER had the following children:

- 70           i.           Joyce Elizabeth (1926-)
- 71           ii.          Janice Elane (1929-)

**47. William Russell DAVID.** Born on 11 Nov 1897 in Lair Station, Harrison County, Kentucky. William Russell married Josephine THOMAS. Born on 29 Jun 1896 in Spencer County, Kentucky.

They had the following children:

- i.           William Russell. Born on 3 Jun 1919.
- 72           ii.          Barbara (1924-)
- 73           iii.         Allen Ray (1926-)

**48. Alvin DAVID.** Born on 26 Jun 1901. Alvin died on 17 Jan 1961; he was 59. Alvin first married Cecil SANFORD. They had one child, Eva Jean. Alvin second married Callie CUNNINGHAM.

They had the following children:

- i.           John Russell. Born on 30 Jul 1948 in Lexington, Kentucky.
- 74           ii.          Minnie Sue (1949-)
- 75           iii.         Chester Richard (1950-)
- iv.         Alvin Dee. Born on 16 Mar 1958 in Lexington, Kentucky.
- v.          Thomas Estill. Born on 23 Feb 1954 in Lexington, Kentucky.
- vi.         Patricia Ann. Born on 6 Sep 1952 in Lexington, Kentucky.

**49. Amos Ray DAVID.** Born on 4 Jun 1904 in Lexington, Kentucky. On 27 Jun 1931 when Amos Ray was 27, he married Corelli Brown ALGER. Born on 21 Jan 1906 in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

They had the following children:

- 76           i.           Donald Lowe (1933-)

- 77      ii.          Evelyn Corelli (1936-)  
 iii. Virginia Lea. Born on 2 Mar 1943 in New York, New York. On 4 Sep 1966 when Virginia Lea was 23, she married George Kenneth LUCEY. Born on 13 Nov 1937 in New Orleans, Louisiana.  
 iv. Carol Grace, born on 25 Feb 1947 in Alexandria, Virginia.

## Sixth Generation

- 50. Vivian MEDARIS.** Born on 24 Feb 1919. On 2 Mar 1940 when Vivian was 21, she married James Edward RAMSEY. They had the following children: Chris, born on 22 Sep 1937; James Edward, born on 31 Dec 1942; Eunice Vickie, born on 27 Jul 1944.
- 51. Dymple MEDARIS.** Born on 28 May 1922. On 19 May 1940 when Dymple was 17, she married James BRAY. They had the following children: Michael, born on 28 Jul 1943; James Patrick, born on 8 Jun 1948.
- 52. Robert Page CHANDLER.** Born on 3 Jan 1929 in West Point, New York. Robert Page married Sally Etta Charlotte GROOVER. Born on 18 Feb 1932 in Opelika, Alaska. They had the following children: Charlotte Victoria, born on 17 May 1952; Deborah Elizabeth, born on 11 Nov 1954; Cynthia Gale, born on 3 Jan 1956; Rex Eugene; Angela Fay, born on 14 May 1960.
- 53. Ann Page CHANDLER.** Born on 9 Oct 1931. Ann Page married Clair RUBLEE Jr.. Born on 17 Feb 1928 in Newport, Vermont. They had the following children: Mark, born on 15 Nov 1954; Lynn, born on 28 May 1956; Craig, born on 14 Jul 1958; Gale Louise, born on 29 Nov 1961.
- 54. Carl G. MADSEN Jr.** Born on 9 Dec 1928 in Warren, Ohio. On 20 Jun 1954 when Carl G. was 25, he married Alice Rosalyn LESLIE. Born on 19 Feb 1933 in Elwood City, Pennsylvania. They had the following children: Anders, born on 22 Jul 1955 in Topeka, Kansas; Stephen, born on 26 Jun 1959 in Mainbridge, Maryland; Alec, born on 7 Jul 1961 in Painsville, Ohio.
- 55. Robert Grant CHANDLER.** Born on 21 Mar 1938. On 11 Mar 1961 when Robert Grant was 22, he married Myrna Lee DENTON. They had one child: William Travis, born on 7 Jan 1962 in Bog Spring, Texas.
- 56. Dayle HAMLETT.** Born on 25 Aug 1934. Dayle married Jim DUFF. They had the following children: Sally A., born on 9 Jun 1958—she married WILEY; Mary J., born on 11 Mar 1962—she married MOODY; John Michael, born on 3 Aug 1963.
- 57. Cheryle HAMLETT.** Cheryle married Bob CARLESON. They had two children, Carrie and Patrick.
- 58. Patie Edith TYRRELL.** Born on 16 Oct 1948 in Missouri. Patie Edith married CORNELL. They had the following children: Donald Thomas, born on 5 Sep 1978, and Michael, born on 8 Dec 1981 in California.
- 59. Bettye Alice TYRRELL.** Born on 8 Feb 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri. On 12 Jun 1971 when Bettye Alice was 18, she married Thomas Francis WARNER. They had the following children: Thomas Francis, born on 25 Mar 1971 in Farmington, Missouri, and Corey Wayne, born on 4 Jun 1978 in Farmington, Missouri.

Bettye's story is a living testimony of the importance of family research and embodies the whole purpose of this present study. She contacted me only weeks ago (November 1998) after discovering some familiar names on my internet family web site. Until then, she knew almost nothing about her family history except for the name of her birth father, Holmes Tyrell. She thought that her mother's name was Betty but was uncertain about her surname (Hamlett). Bettye's reason for finding her birthparents was very important: she recently found out that she had breast cancer and her doctor asked about the family history of the disease.

Bettye found the key to her past within her own adopted family. She is the adopted child of Walter C. Jones and Lilly Mae Jones. The family adopted Bettye in 1953 or 1954 and changed her name to Bettye Karen Jones. Bettye talked with her aunt Dorothy whose husband was the best man at Holmes Tyrell and Betty's wedding. She hit paydirt! Her aunt not only knew her birth parents but had an address for Bettye's mother who, as it turned out, was none other than Betty Hamlett, the only daughter of General F. Hamlett and Edith Mae Smith (1886-1933).

Bettye finally met her birth mother on November 30, 1998, and what a reunion they had! Bettye was so excited that she had a solid family heritage and living relatives that she could get to know for the first time in her life! She was very apprehensive that her brother and sister might not take kindly to this new "sister" in their midst; but, Bettye wrote to me and said that they were all so excited to see their long lost little sister at last.

My, what a story...

**60. John Virgil FRANCIS Jr.** Born on 8 Jul 1943. In 1965 when John Virgil was 21, he first married Sandy GORMAN. They had one child: Suzanne Irene, born on 21 Aug 1967. In Sep 1996 when Suzanne Irene was 29, she married Brian NORVELLE.

In 1969 when John Virgil was 25, he second married Sonya SCHAAF.

They had one child:

**78** i. Kacie (1970-)

In 1983 when John Virgil was 39, he third married Elyndale JONES. Born in 1965. In 1985 when John Virgil was 41, he fourth married Christine CRAVENS. Born on 2 Aug 1947. They had one child: Christy Nicole, born on 13 Jul 1989.

“Skip” is a professional musician and one of the most talented people I know. He works very hard at his profession and makes a nice living in Hollywood, Florida, where he and his family lives. He is a doting father to Christy Nicole. Christine, a Registered Nurse, has a warm sensible personality.

Skip recently had a heart condition which landed him in the hospital and which made him realize that he had better make radical changes in his diet and exercise. From all indications, he is now doing well.

**61. Thomas Russell FRANCIS.** Born on 12 Jul 1945 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. On 16 Jun 1967 when Thomas Russell was 21, he first married Betty HYMES, in Osage Beach, MO, in Betty’s parent’s home. Born in 1949. They were divorced in Jan 1991.

They had two children, Chad Alan and Candice Ann. Chad Alan was born on 16 Dec 1970 in Springfield, Illinois. Chad Alan first married Stephanie while stationed in Germany as a U.S. Army soldier. Chad Alan second married Julie KIRKWIG, in Nacagdoches, Texas. Tom and Betty’s second child, Candace Ann, was born on 21 Jun 1972 in Jefferson City, MO. On 26 Jul 1997 when Candace Ann was 25, she married John Mark JEFFRIES, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

On 15 May 1993 when Thomas Russell was 47, he second married Nancy Mae McKEOWN (56) , daughter of Russell Franklin McKEOWN (1920-) & Sarah Ann SMITH (39) (1928-), in Midway, Kentucky. Born on 17 Feb 1946 in Decatur, Illinois.

Tom and I have a deep and satisfying relationship as brothers and, more importantly, as friends that cannot be measured in the space of a few paragraphs. As a child, Tom was my Hero. He was always there for me, teaching me how to hunt, fish, play ball, and just about everything an Older Brother can do for his snot-nosed baby brother.

I’ll never forget the time that Tom taught me how to use a shotgun. We would go rabbit hunting and I finally noticed (after who-knows-how-many hunting trips) that my shot gun would made a noise but no buckshot would come out. Tom took me to the side and let me in on the secret: my step-dad had taken the buckshot out of the shotgun shell. So, Big Brother decided it was time to teach his Little Brother how to handle the “real-McCoy.” We went to a frozen pond and, after Tom carefully took me through the step-by-step guidelines of gun safety procedures, I promptly took the gun , held it toward Tom’s feet, and pulled the trigger! I just about blew his foot off, missing it by only inches. I’ll never forget the look of sheer dumbfounded terror in his eyes at that moment; yet, he didn’t say a word and, to my estimation, never mentioned that episode to our step-dad.

Our special bond was tested during my twenties and early thirties when I went through college and seminary. Like most young people, for me college and seminary represented a period of intense intellectual activity. Old conceptual boundaries were questioned, discarded, and replaced by ever-widening circles of new ideas that, at the time, seemed earth-shattering. I was in my element and loved the challenge of exploring this fascinating universe of ideas. This development of intellectual prowess, while wonderful and exciting in its own right, produced a rather ugly personality flaw. To put it bluntly, I became arrogant and enamored with my “superior” intellect. Poor Tom didn’t know what hit him. When we would visit one another, our conversations would turn harsh and confrontive. Tom, for his part, still saw me as his Kid Brother whom he loved to show the “Ways-of-the-World.” For my part, I was hell-bent on showing him how much I knew about this-and-that; we were truly like ships that passed in the night.

Our break came when we decided to stop debating and start *listening* to each other. We made a pact that, regardless of what subject we discussed (religion was the number one point of contention between us), we would listen with complete attention to the other person and try to understand the world from his perspective. The result was nothing less than miraculous. Tom and I came through this period with a much deeper appreciation of one another and, I believe, cast aside the old childhood notions of Older and Younger Brothers. We can now honestly talk about anything without the slightest fear of being misunderstood. Besides my wife Cindy, Tom is the best friend that I have in this world.

**62. Robert Eugene FRANCIS.** Born on 15 Mar 1949 in Knoxville, Tennessee. On 14 May 1972 when Robert Eugene was 23, he married Lucinda Leigh McCLURE, daughter of Richard Lee McCLURE (1921-) & Lucille CORBIN (1926-), in Osage Beach, Mo. Born on 11 Mar 1950 in Boonville, Mo. This is me, folks!

They had the following children:

**79** i. Rachel Deliath (1973-)

ii. Shoshana Leigh. Born on 10 Sep 1978 in Kansas City, Mo. Shana is a bright outgoing person with a great wit and easygoing personality. She is probably a genius, but is very modest about her intellec-

tual abilities. She is currently attending college and having the time of her life!

**63. Judith Ann McKEOWN.** Born in 1944. Judith Ann married Charles CUMMINS.

They had the following children:

- 80** i. Charles Brett (1966-)
- ii. Jo Anne "Joey". Born on 7 Apr 1970 in Decatur, Illinois. On 6 May 1989 when Jo Anne "Joey" was 19, she married Steven Eric CREVISTON. Born on 29 Mar 1964 in Decatur, Illinois.
- iii. Jenny. Born on 19 Jun 1971. In Jun 1989 when Jenny was 17, she married Tony MOON.

They were divorced.

**64. Nancy Mae McKEOWN.** Born on 17 Feb 1946 in Decatur, Illinois. In Jul 1966 when Nancy Mae was 20, she first married William Louis SANDERS. They were divorced in Jan 1969.

They had one child:

- 81** i. William Robert (1967-)
- On 22 Jul 1973 when Nancy Mae was 27, she second married Gary Lynn STARNES, son of Norman STARNES & Dorothy. They were divorced in Mar 1991.

They had the following children:

- i. Casey Jackson. Born on 5 Dec 1974 in Boulder, Colorado.
- 82** ii. Lindsay Morgan (1977-)

On 15 May 1993 when Nancy Mae was 47, she third married Thomas Russell FRANCIS (53), son of John Virgil FRANCIS (1915-) & Margaret Louisa SMITH (38) (1924-), in Midway, Kentucky. Born on 12 Jul 1945 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Refer to my comments about Nancy in the above description of the McKeown family.

**65. Russell Franklin McKEOWN.** Born on 12 May 1948 in Decatur, Illinois. Russell Franklin first married Marla.

They had the following children:

- 83** i. Jason
- ii. Allison.

Russell Franklin second married Sabrina.

**66. Carol Jean McKEOWN.** Born on 15 Dec 1951 in Decatur, Illinois. Carol had the following children: John, born on 24 Nov 1969 in Decatur, Illinois; Jamie Nicole, born on 7 Mar 1972.

While I have lost track of Carol Jean over the years, I remember her fondly as my childhood buddy and "side-kick." We used to have great fun together whenever our respective families got together.

**67. Sallie Joan McKEOWN.** Born on 24 Sep 1954 in Decatur, Illinois. In Jun 1972 when Sallie Joan was 17, she first married William BACKSTEIN. They were divorced in May 1976. In Aug 1981 when Sallie Joan was 26, she second married Tony HIGGINS. They had one child: Emily, born on 7 Dec 1981.

"Sallie Jo," as I call her, is one of my favorite cousins. I have very fond memories of our childhood when we visited the McKeown home in Peoria, Illinois. Sally Jo, the youngest daughter of my aunt Sallie and uncle Russ, was five years younger than me. She used to "tag along" with her sister Carol Jean and me on our adventures in the neighborhood. She has since grown into a woman of keen intellect who has mastered one of the more difficult fields of study, receiving a Masters degree in metallurgy. She now works for the Duracell Company in South Carolina. Her husband Tony is a professional chef and U.S. Army reservist. When he gets to talking about the great foods that he prepares, my mouth begins to water!

**68. Charles Randall BETHEL.** Charles married unknown and had the following children: Robbie Kay and Vickie Lynne.

**69. Charles Lowell COLLINS.** Born on 14 Apr 1935 in Wellsville, Montgomery, Missouri. On 23 Dec 1954 when Charles Lowell was 19, he first married Wanda Mae McDANIELS, in Louisburg, Missouri. Born in 1937. In May 1958 when Charles Lowell was 23, he second married Eleanor F. PALMA, in Albany, New York. Born on 3 Oct 1938 in Schenectady, New York.

They had the following children:

- 84** i. Charles Lowell (1959-)
- ii. Sharlene. Born on 27 Mar 1960 in Schenectady, New York.

On 11 Jun 1977 when Charles Lowell was 42, he third married Kristine M. RAFFERTY, in Clifton Park, New York. Born on 3 Jan 1949 in Schenectady, New York. They had one child: Erin Dawn, born on 4 Nov 1973 in Schenectady, New York.

On 31 Dec 1994 when Charles Lowell was 59, he fourth married Eleanor Ann "Ellie" BENNETT, daughter of Ferdinando Harvey BENNETT & Grace Frances BERRY, in Ballston Spa, New York. Born on 29 Mar 1946 in Gloversville, Fulton, New York.

**70. Joyce Elizabeth WIESNER.** Born on 15 Aug 1926 in Omaha, Nebraska. She had one child, Debbie.

**71. Janice Elane WIESNER.** Born on 16 Aug 1929 in Omaha, Nebraska. Lord Lister Hospital. On 20 Aug 1949 when Janice Elane was 20, she married Gerald Cairns DEWITZ, son of Walter Carl DEWITZ (1889-1973) & Mabel Anne CAIRNS (1904-1981), in Los Angeles, California. Born on 5 Apr 1928 in Chicago, Illinois.

The Dewitz's are the primary contributors to the Nicholas III line in this genealogy. Also, Jerry DeWitz has been exceptionally helpful in providing much of the original source material for the first generation ancestors, Nancy SHAWHAN and Nicholas SMITH.

They had the following children:

- 85** i. Thomas Shaun (1951-)
- 86** ii. Scott David (1955-)
- 87** iii. Pamela Jane (1956-)
- 88** iv. Kimberly Kay (1958-)

**72. Barbara DAVID.** Born on 5 Sep 1924 in Schenectady, New York. Barbara married Ralph Leroy WILSON. Born on 6 Jan 1922 in Guyman, Oklahoma.

They had the following children:

- 89** i. Patricia Lee (1945-)
- 90** ii. Karen Margaret (1946-)
- 91** iii. Penelope Gay (1948-)
- iv. Christine Jo. Born on 1 May 1956 in Sanders, California.
- v. Michael David. Born on 27 Dec 1959 in Auberry, California.

**73. Allen Ray DAVID.** Born on 22 Jul 1926 in Schenectady, New York. Allen Ray first married Carol M. SHEA. Born on 9 Dec 1933 in Schenectady, New York.

They had the following children:

- i. Jana Lynn. Born on 16 Feb 1951.
- 92** ii. Terry Louise (1952-)

Allen Ray second married Ann Elizabeth AMIDON. Born on 29 Jun 1937 in Syracuse, New York. They had the following children: Amy Elizabeth, born on 5 Jul 1965 in Syracuse, New York; William Edwin, born on 28 Dec 1967 in Syracuse, New York.

**74. Minnie Sue DAVID.** Born on 1 Sep 1949. On 29 May 1970 when Minnie Sue was 20, she married Dale Huston WILSON. They had one child: Lucinda Marie, born on 8 Aug 1973 in Lexington, Kentucky.

**75. Chester Richard DAVID.** Born on 14 Dec 1950 in Lexington, Kentucky. On 12 Feb 1972 when Chester Richard was 21, he married Bonita Gale WILSON. They had the following children: Karen Marinda, born on 13 Dec 1972 in Lexington, Kentucky; Kimberly Gale, born on 27 Mar 1974 in Lexington, Kentucky.

**76. Donald Lowe DAVID.** Born on 5 Nov 1933. On 7 Dec 1960 when Donald Lowe was 27, he first married Eva Brown HARLESS. Born on 11 Jul 1933 in Grafton, West Virginia. They had one child: Leigh, born on 14 Jan 1962 in Marietta, Ohio. On 29 Aug 1970 when Donald Lowe was 36, he second married Opal MAY. Born on 2 Jun 1938 in Macon, Georgia. They had one child: Robert Lowe, born on 8 May 1972 in Macon, Georgia.

**77. Evelyn Corelli DAVID.** Born on 23 Jun 1936 in New York, New York. On 10 Aug 1964 when Evelyn Corelli was 28, she married Eric Lawrence KEISMAN. Born on 28 Feb 1934 in New York, New York. They had the following children: Julia Corelli, born on 25 Nov 1965 in New York, New York; Elizabeth Alger. Born on 7 Aug 1969 in New York, New York; Eric Lawrence, born on 11 Aug 1970 in New York, New York.

## Seventh Generation

**78. Kacie FRANCIS.** Born on 21 Jul 1970. In 1994 when Kacie was 23, she married Robert TOFFOLI. They had one child: Samantha Nicole, born on 1 Jul 1997 in Florida.

**79. Rachel Deliaith FRANCIS.** Born on 24 Sep 1973 in Independence, Mo. On 29 May 1994 when Rachel Deliaith was 20, she married Lance CASE, son of Patrick Richard CASE (1950-) & Wilma Jean BENTZ (1956-), in Petersburg, Virginia. Born on 26 Aug 1972. They had one child, Lily Jane, born on 6 Mar 1998 in Ellsworth, Maine. Born at 11:37AM, 7lbs., 3oz., 21”.

Rachel describes herself as “. . . very shy, but friendly when I want to be. I love to sew, hike, and read. I enjoy going to museums and traveling to unknown places. I am 5’4”, with green eyes and blond hair. I am very fair-skinned and have a sweet smile! and a BIG nose! I love to joke and tease people, but like to be a good friend and someone that a person can talk to. I’m pretty dependable and determined. Oh, I’m really stubborn!”

As her father, I am probably not the best person to provide a description of Rachel; but, here goes:

When one first meets Rachel, she could be thought of as generally quiet and shy. Actually, with those she

knows and trusts, Rachel is very friendly, warm, and outgoing. She has a wonderful irreverent wit about her and an absolutely marvelous distaste for religious bigotry.

She literally bubbles over with creativity yet often takes her talent for granted. For example, without great thought or planning, Rachel can create an art item that is both eloquent and beautiful.

When she wants to be, Rachel can be the sweetest, nicest and most wonderful person to be around; but when she's in a bad mood—watch out! It's best to “let the storm pass” as they say, because until Rachel wants to calm down, no one on earth—or in the heavens—can do it for her! (Ahh, what a saint you have in Lance, dear Rachel).

Rachel's favorite holiday is Halloween. She and Lance love to dress up and give out treats to the children.

By the time this narrative goes to press, Rachel will have graduated from the University of Maine in Bangor, Maine, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She hopes to teach at the grade school level. Her double degree in these two fields is the first in the university's history.

Rachel describes Lance as one who “...loves hiking and outdoors. He is very friendly and easy-going. He loves to smile and talk to anyone. Lance also likes to visit breweries and sample exotic beers! Lance is 5'9”, has auburn hair, blue eyes, and fair skin with many freckles! He takes after his mother's side of the family in his features; except for his large jaw and sloping forehead. Lance is a good friend; someone who listens. He is dependable and stable.

My take on Lance is that he is a very kind, generous, and patient person. He is very knowledgeable about the outdoors yet is very humble about it. He is realizing a long sought after dream of completing college and becoming a forest ranger. Lance did the very difficult but honorable thing by signing up for a second hitch with the U.S. Coast Guard in order to help Rachel finish her college education.

Rachel and Lance's pride and joy is their baby girl, Lily Jane. What a sweetheart she is! I am, of course, totally unbiased. As of this writing, Lily Jane is just beginning to crawl. She has a winning personality with quick, easy smiles for everyone. She has quickly learned the Art of Wrapping Mom and Dad Around Her Little Finger.

**80. Charles Brett CUMMINS.** Born on 2 Jun 1966 in St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, Illinois. On 25 Oct 1986 when Charles Brett was 20, he married Kelly Jo CHAPMAN. They had the following children: Austin Brett, born on 29 Nov 1988 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Illinois (Austin's middle name is after his father); Anna Jo, born on 24 Jun 1992 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Illinois. Anna is named after her maternal great-grandmother Anna Huffaker. Her middle name is after her mother.

**81. William Robert (Sanders) STARNES.** Born on 6 Mar 1967 in Carbondale, Illinois. William Robert married Jennifer Alison UNDERWOOD. Born on 11 Oct 1971. They are now divorced. They had the following children: Anna Elizabeth, born on 31 Jan 1993 in Springfield, Missouri; Drew Christopher, born on 31 Mar 1994 in Springfield, Missouri; Katie McKenzie, born on 3 Jan 1997 in Springfield, Missouri. Will officially had his last name changed from Sanders to Starnes.

**82. Lindsay Morgan STARNES.** Born on 7 Feb 1977 in Westminster, Colorado. In 1995 when Lindsay Morgan was 17, she married Steven TERRY. They had the following children: Coralie Eden, born on 11 Aug 1994 in Lexington, Kentucky; Addison Steven. Born on 9 Feb 1996 in Kingsport, Tennessee.

**83. Jason McKEOWN.** Jason married Lisa. They had the twins, Kelsi Jean and Anthony, born on 4 Apr 1995.

**84. Charles Lowell COLLINS III.** Born on 14 Feb 1959 in Schenectady, New York. In 1983 when Charles Lowell was 23, he first married Anna GREEN, in Saratoga Springs, New York. Born in 1961 in Saratoga Springs, New York. They had the following children: Charles Lowell, born on 11 Jul 1984 in Saratoga Springs, New York; Amy Marie, born on 21 May 1988 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

In Jul 1992 when Charles Lowell was 33, he second married Doreen FLANNIGAN, in Saratoga Springs, New York. Born on 27 Mar 1960 in Schenectady, New York. They had one child, James Carmen, born on 29 Oct 1990 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

**85. Thomas Shaun DEWITZ.** Born on 19 Oct 1951 in Los Angeles, California. On 24 Jun 1972 when Thomas Shaun was 20, he married Dorothy Elizabeth CLEMENT, daughter of Herbert Irick CLEMENT & Margaret Sara REXON, in Laurel Springs, New Jersey. Born on 23 Apr 1951 in Laurel Springs, New Jersey. They had one child, Matthew, born on 1 Jul 1983 in Houston, Texas.

**86. Scott David DEWITZ.** Born on 5 Apr 1955 in Ventura, California. On 26 May 1979 when Scott David was 24, he married Carolyn Elizabeth GRESHAM, daughter of Marshall GRESHAM & Mildred Frances DONALD, in Houston, Texas. Born on 10 Aug 1960. They had the following children: Sara Kathryn, born on 24 Feb 1982 in El Paso, Texas; Jennifer Michelle, born on 16 Nov 1986 in El Paso, Texas.

**87. Pamela Jane DEWITZ.** Born on 18 Jul 1956 in Ventura, California. On 8 Jan 1977 when Pamela Jane was 20, she married Vincent Carl ZINNANTE, son of Ross Anthony ZINNANTE & Anne Mary SCHILLACI, in Houston, Texas. Born on 14 Oct 1955 in Houston, Texas. They had the following children: Amy Michelle, born on 17 Apr 1983 in Houston, Texas; Natalie Anne, born on 28 Dec 1984 in Houston, Texas; Anna Lisa, born on 16 Aug 1988 in

Houston, Texas.

**88. Kimberly Kay DEWITZ.** Born on 21 Jan 1958 in Ventura, California. On 19 Aug 1978 when Kimberly Kay was 20, she married John Thomas CARROLL, in Houston, Texas. Born on 19 Oct 1957 in Falfurrias, Texas. They had the following children: Christin Marie, born on 28 Jul 1980 in Houston, Texas; Anthony Michael, born on 5 Oct 1991 in Galveston, Texas; Cody James Petyak, born on 5 Sep 1995 in Galveston, Texas.

**89. Patricia Lee WILSON.** Born on 11 Mar 1945 in Schenectady, New York. Patricia Lee married John Bruce SANDERS. Born on 5 Sep 1944 in Amsterdam, New York. They had the following children: John Bruce, born on 6 Dec 1966 in Amsterdam, New York; Heather Lorraine, born on 24 Jun 1969 in Schenectady, New York. Tricia Lee, born on 3 Jan 1971 in Schenectady, New York.

**90. Karen Margaret WILSON.** Born on 22 Oct 1946 in Schenectady, New York. Karen Margaret married Leslie Roy KLEIN. Born on 19 Jan 1946 in Staten Island, New York. They had the following children: Michelle Lee, born on 7 Jul 1968 in Bayonne, New Jersey; Melissa Jo, born on 22 Oct 1970 in Schenectady, New York.

**91. Penelope Gay WILSON.** Born on 11 Mar 1948 in Fresno, California. Penelope Gay married Philip Gene EVERSON. Born on 25 Jul 1946 in Ballston Spa, New York. They had one child: Kimberly Ann, born on 8 Oct 1970 in Schenectady, New York.

**92. Terry Louise DAVID.** Born on 11 May 1952 in Schenectady, New York. Terry Louise married Gregory Charles LORD. Born on 11 May 1952 in Schenectady, New York. They had one child: Gregory Charles, born on 12 Aug 1969 in Phoenix, Arizona.

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>2</sup> Bourbon County, Kentucky, 1850 census.

<sup>3</sup> "Shawhan-Shaughen Genealogy," p. 36.

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<sup>5</sup> Wallace Batterton may be the same as "William A. Batterson" of Harold T. David's reference, p. 37, (see "William H. David, Kentucky Pioneer and Related Families")

<sup>6</sup> "Shawhan-Shaughen Genealogy," p. 36.

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<sup>9</sup> Goodspeed's *The History of Pike County*, 1883.

<sup>10</sup> Isobel Chander Madsen, "Shawhan, Smith, Chandler, Madsen, 1699-1963," p. 31.

<sup>11</sup> John F. Eisenberg descendency chart lists Mary's surname as "Davis." He may have gotten this information from the erroneous listing in Goodspeed's "The History of Pike County, Missouri."

<sup>12</sup> Bourbon County, Kentucky, 1850 census.

<sup>13</sup> Taken from a book compiled in 1978-1979 by Patty Biddle, from Western Citizen Newspapers: KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON—DEATHS AND MARRIAGES (1808-1865)—Patty M. Biddle SMITH, Nicholas, at his residence in Bourbon County, on the 2d inst. aged 33 years, November 9, 1855.

<sup>14</sup> Bourbon County, Kentucky, 1850 census.

<sup>15</sup> DeWitz, p. 128.

<sup>16</sup> The placement of COL Samuel Ewalt as the son of John Ewalt and Elizabeth Ravenscraft is purely speculative at this juncture. The reasons for placing him here is that (1) Jerry and Janice Dewitz in their genealogy mentions a "mother" of Samuel named "Mary" in an explanation of the description of Ewalt land: "Notes: The "Ewalt Land" referred to above was owned by Sarah, mother of Samuel Ewalt, who married Nicholas II's sister Margaret. The old stone house pictured on the next page is the old David Family home, referred to above, which still stands." (Jerry and Janice Dewitz, "Before You," Alpha Publishing Group, Houston, Texas, 1997, p. 125) John Ewalt married Sarah Flowers in June, 1844, which would have made her Samuel's step-mother. A second piece of evidence is the Stonermouth Presbyterian Church, Ruddle's Mills, Ky, cemetery listing. An "Ewalt, John Sr., 1791-1857" is listed along with COL Samuel Ewalt "1826-1868." This dating places John Ewalt, Sr., as a real possibility as Samuel's father.

Prior to receiving the Dewitz information and the Ruddle's Mills cemetery listing, I had the following information on John Ewalt: Birth: 1789, Paris, Bourbon County, KY Father: Henry EWALT (1754-1829) Mother: Elizabeth FREY/FRYE (1757-1837) Spouses: 1: Elizabeth RAVENSCRAFT Birth: 1793 Paris, Bourbon County, KY Death: bef 15 May 1827 Age: 34 Father: Thomas RAVENSCRAFT (~1756-1827) Mother: Margaret HINKSON (~1770-) Marriage: 3 Jul 1809, Harrison County, Kentucky. Children: Henry (1810-), Margaret (1813-1873), Juliana (1815-), Elizabeth (1818-), Rebecca (1820-), Nancy Ann (1822-), and Samuel (1817-). Spouse 2: Polly HALEY. Marriage: 6 Nov 1833. Spouse 3: Sarah FLOWERS. Marriage: 24 Jun 1844. With the new information, the pieces of the puzzle come together. It looks as if Samuel, the last son of John and Elizabeth Ewalt, may have actually been born in 1826. Elizabeth is mentioned as dying sometime before 1827. She may have died giving birth to Samuel.

<sup>17</sup> Madsen, p. 30.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 30.

<sup>19</sup> William is mentioned in the Smyrna Church records as follows: SMYRNA CHURCH. This congregation was organized under the auspices of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in July 1853 by Rev. George Rice. When they organized there were only seven members but in less than a week the number increased to nineteen. The first seven were; Darius McDonald, Elizabeth McDonald, E. A. Coffman, Winifred Coffman, Adam F. Trainer, Cyrus McDonald and Corelia A. Trower. Among the elders who served this church were Darius McDonald, Adam F. Trainer, Henry Trainer, William Dums, Robert M. Vannoy, George Wagner, Cyrus McDonald, Z. B. Blackmore and *William M. VanArsdel*.

<sup>20</sup> Madsen, p. 30.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 30.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 35.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 31.

<sup>24</sup> I have yet to find this publication. I believe Isobel died in 1971 and I have not been able to trace the family.

<sup>25</sup> Nancy Shawhan Smith once told my grandfather John Francis Smith that Julia Trower died of "Milk Leg." My wife (Cindy Francis), an RN, looked up Milk Leg and gave the following definition: Postpartum thrombophlebitis. Infection of the lining of a blood vessel where a clot has attached to the vessel wall. Onset is usually between the 10th and 20th post partum (about the same time breast milk comes in full—hence, the name "milk leg"). Can lead to pulmonary embolism and death related to obstruction of the circulation to the lung.

<sup>26</sup> About Ella KILBY: An article in the Saturday Evening Post, June 2, 1951, was written by "Link" Kilby about his trip to England to study socialism, to report back to his friends in Vandalia, Mo., about his impressions of what he observed. This is the same Kilby family of Ella Kilby who was the second wife of grandfather John Thomas Smith. There was a "Link" Kilby at some of the Old Settlers reunions held in LeMaster's Grove on the Middletown-Gazette Road, and it was "Grandma" Kilby who for a time was the oldest Old Settler at the reunions, who finally got too old to attend and so the reunion had to move, in part, over to her farm, for her to take part in it. "Grandma" Kilby was the first woman I ever saw smoking. She smoked a pipe and no one disapproved because she was very much respected and cherished by all her neighbors and family. She said herself that she was "tough as a hickory knot" and therefore not likely to be "hurt by a little smoke." (Madsen, p. 35-a.)

<sup>27</sup> Madsen, p. 31.

<sup>28</sup> DeWitz, pp. 130-131.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 131.

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 131.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 131.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 131.

<sup>33</sup> Margaret and William were married in her parent's home.

<sup>34</sup> *William David and Related Families*, Harold T. David, p. 47.

<sup>35</sup> Madsen, pp. 45-46.

<sup>36</sup> From interview with Margaret Smith Buck, June, 1998.

<sup>37</sup> From phone conversation with Sarah Ann Smith Starnes, 14 March, 1998.

<sup>38</sup> Biography taken by permission directly from DeWitz, Jerry and Janice. "Before You." Houston, Texas: Alpha Publishing Group, 1997, pp. 132-134.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 133-134.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 134.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 134.

<sup>42</sup> Madsen, pp. 36a and 36b.

<sup>43</sup> On May 16, 1993, Thomas Francis and Nancy McKeown were married "in the eyes of God" by the Reverend Chaplain (Captain) Robert E. Francis in their home in Midway, Kentucky. On June 8, 1993, they were legally married in Kona-Kailua, Hawaii, by a Hawaiian minister.