

### Chapter 3. Our Smith-Dawson-Backhouse Ancestors

My maternal grandfather was Howard Allison Smith. Although we lived 1200 miles away from them, I knew my grandparents from a number of trips north. At age eleven I spent an entire summer at their house in Washburn, Wisconsin, on the shore of Lake Superior. My grandfather had an enormous garden that covered an entire town half block. Every Saturday he would crank up his Model A, and we would load vegetables and deliver them around Washburn.

**My Sources** My grandfather appears in only one Federal Census with his father, in 1880 on a farm in Austin Township, Mower, Minnesota – John Smith born in England with his wife Elisabeth and Howard’s brothers Henry [Clifford Henry] and Arthur. John Smith.... Possibly the most common name in the United States. Any genealogist would predict that finding a paper trail for that John Smith might be possible within the United States, but finding ancestors across the Atlantic in England would be extremely difficult. Fortunately, I did not need to do that. My cousin Roxie sent me an unpublished booklet written in 1976 by Erma Chapman Swift on the Smith, Dawson, Goodhugh, and Backhouse names, with an emphasis on Smith. Erma was my second cousin. She compiled the booklet from courthouse documents, family stories and histories, and English records. Before she died in 2013, Erma sent me additional data and narratives. I have also incorporated many of the English records on births, marriages, and deaths and the United States censuses that are now available on ancestry.com. I also used the document William Goodhugh Dawson Family History, privately printed in 1966<sup>1</sup>.



Erma Swift

Erma’s obituary (Seattle Times 28 Jan 2013) says in part: **"She was a life-long learner, an avid reader, and an inspiration to many. She loved writing cards and letters to family members and friends.... She was able to express herself through her beautiful oil paintings and crafts. Her oil paintings are in the possession of many family members and friends. She had a strong interest in genealogy and was a charter member and past president of the South King County Genealogical Society.... Erma is survived by her daughter, a stepson and his family, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and numerous extended family members."**

In 2003 Erma wrote me that **"I think genealogy is so interesting. I’ve learned history, math, and geography. It’s like a big puzzle, and you keep searching for pieces to put it together."** Amen.

For the most part, I have not documented sources for the individual facts in this article to avoid hundreds of footnotes. Those sources can be found in my trees Nearly All Our Ancestors in rootsweb worldconnect and Nearly All Our Ancestors 2 in ancestry.com.

## ANCESTORS IN ENGLAND

### The English locales.

The Smith narratives involve towns near **Canterbury**, in the County of Kent in southeastern England, not too far southeast of London and near the eastern end of the English Channel. Canterbury Cathedral is a World Heritage Site and the Mother Church of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. My grandfather said that his father could hear the Cathedral bells from Boughten Under Blean on a good day.



*Canterbury Cathedral*

**Rainham** is about 20 miles northwest of Canterbury.

**Doddington** is about 12 miles west of Canterbury.

**Faversham** is eight miles northwest of Canterbury.

**Boughten-Under-Blean** is between Faversham and Canterbury.

The Dawson narratives involve towns of **Margate**, **Monkton**, and **Ramsgate** that are in what is today the **Thanet** District in far eastern Kent, about 15 miles northeast of Canterbury.

The Backhouse family was centered near **Leeds** in the county of Yorkshire in northern England.

**Rothwell** is 4 miles southeast of Leeds.

**Barwick in Elmet** is 6 miles northeast of Leeds.

**Whitkirk** is 4 miles east of Leeds.

### SMITH ANCESTRY

**Stephen Smith (~1803, Sarah Elvy) → John Smith (1777-1858, Elizabeth Lever) → John Lever Smith (1815-1863, Mary Ann Dawson) → John Dawson Smith (1842-1920, Lucy H Backhus) → Howard Allison Smith (1871-1960, Florence Lenore Hewitt).**

This sequence starts with my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather **Stephen Smith**, who married **Sarah Elvy (~1746-1806)** in 1771 in Rainham, Kent, where she had been born. Both died in Doddington, Kent. Parents of Sarah Elvy were **John Elvy (~1709-~1768)** and **Sarah Sills (1715- )**, both born in Rainham. John and Sarah can be traced back one more generation in Kent and John's mother two more generations.

**John Smith (1777-1858)**, a grocer, was born in Doddington and died in Faversham. He married **Elizabeth Lever (1789-1873)** in 1813 in Canterbury. She was baptized at St. Mary Magdalene, Southwark, London and died in Faversham. Elizabeth's parents were **John Lever**

(1752~1793) and **Eleanor Pither (1759- )**, who were married in 1778 in Wokingham, Berkshire, 39 miles west of London.

John Smith and Elizabeth Lever had ten children. All were born in Faversham and, with the exception of John Lever Smith, all died in England: **Ellen Smith (1814-1871, William Bryson Mawson)**, **John Lever Smith (1815-1863, Mary Ann Dawson)**, **Frances Smith (1817-1874, James Dunn)**, **Charles Cornelius Smith (1818-1833)**, **John Hawley Smith (1820-1833)**, **Sarah Ann Smith (1822-1876, Samuel Szapira)**, **Mary Ann Smith (1824-1850, Robert Dunn)**, **Thomas Elvy Smith (1826-1911, Eliza Ann Elliott)**, **Stephen Smith (1828-1906, Sarah Dawson)**, and **George Smith (1833-, Mary Hanaiam)**. I will discuss John Lever Smith and Stephen Smith in the section on my ancestors and relatives in the United States.

**Sarah Dawson (1827-1902)**, the wife of Stephen Smith, and **Mary Ann Dawson (1818-1977)**, wife of John Lever Smith, were sisters who married brothers; see the Dawson line below.

### BACKHOUSE (BACKHUS) ANCESTRY

**Francis Backhouse (~1670-1732, Judith Walker) → William Backhouse (1697-1752, Ann Cryer) → John Backhouse (1725- , Hannah Wilcock) → William Backhouse (1765-1841, Elizabeth Wood) → John Backhouse (Backhus) (1790-1864, Olivia Harriet Lockwood) → Lucy H Backhus (1847-1877, John Dawson Smith) → Howard Allison Smith (1871-1960, Florence Lenore Hewitt)**

This sequence starts with my 6<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather **Francis Backhouse**, who was born, married, and died in Rothwell, Yorkshire. William Backhouse (1697-1752) was born in Rothwell but married Ann Cryer (1700~1727) in Barwick in Elmet and died in Whitkirk. John Backhouse (1725- ) was born in Barwick in Elmet, where he married Hannah Wilcock (1721-1790). His son William Backhouse (1765-1841) was born in Leeds, where he married Elizabeth Wood (1765-1791). John Backhouse (Backhus) (1790-1864) was born in Leeds. His first three children were born in Whitkirk, but he then emigrated to Wisconsin, so I will pick up his narrative in the section on my ancestors and relatives in the United States.

### DAWSON ANCESTRY

**Roger Dawson ( -1601, Katherine Witt) → Edward Dawson (1588-1646, Ellen Foate) → Nicholas Dawson (1620~1665, Elizabeth Meakin) → Nicholas Dawson (1655-1728, Ann Daniels) → Nicholas Dawson (1691-1763, Elizabeth Castle) → John Dawson (1719-1773, Rebecca Langridge) → William Dawson (1746-1817, Susanna Presley) → John Dawson (1785-1850, Ann Goodhugh) → Mary Ann Dawson (1818-1877, John Lever Smith) → John Dawson Smith (1842-1920, Lucy H Backhus) → Howard Allison Smith (1871-1960, Florence Lenore Hewitt).**



This sequence begins with my 10<sup>th</sup>-great grandfather **Roger Dawson**. Roger and his son **Edward Dawson** both were married in Thanet, Kent. **Nicholas Dawson** was married to **Elizabeth Meakin** (1624~1665) in Margate, Kent, her birthplace. His son **Nicholas**

**Dawson and Ann Daniels** (1653-1719) were born and were married in Thanet, as were his son **Nicholas Dawson** (1691-1763) and his wife **Elizabeth Castle** (~1695-1720). Yes, there were three Nicholas in a row. The next Dawson down the line, **John Dawson** (1719-1773), a bricklayer, and his wife **Rebecca Langridge** (1720-1800) were also born and married in Thanet.

**William Dawson** (1746-1817) was a shipwright in Margate, Kent, which is on the coast, and died there. He married **Susanna Presley** (1748-1822) at St. Lawrence, Thanet. The town of **Faversham, Kent** brought the Dawson and Smith families together. That is because the son of William, **John Dawson (1785-1850)**, although born in Margate, relocated to Faversham in 1810. There he became a confectioner, pastry cook, and biscuit maker and stood for election as a Liberal Councillor in 1835. He married Ann Goodhugh, who worked as a pastry cook. His mother Susanna must have come to live with him in Faversham after his father died, because she died there.



**Faversham** is a very well known, beautiful, historic, and restored town. It has 500 listed buildings and Britain's oldest brewery. The Faversham Society maintains a Late Georgian Garden, where one of the exhibits is the **restored Regency shopfront of John Dawson's bakery and confectionary**, which had been at 4 Market St. It was probably erected about 1820, ten years after John Dawson came to Faversham.

Some time after John's death the shopfront was modernized. About 1932 it was disassembled and sold to the Art Institute of Chicago, which restored it and put it on exhibit. In 1997 it was again disassembled and repatriated to the Faversham Society, which did a careful and complete restoration and put it on display in their Garden, finishing in 2008.

I learned about the shopfront from Donna Buchholtz, a niece of Erma Swift, who saw it in 2003, in a disassembled state, while visiting Dawson relatives in England. Pictures of the shopfront and its exhibits were kindly emailed to me by Linda Parker of the Faversham Society.

**John Dawson (1785-1850)** and **Ann Goodhugh (1796-1852)** had eleven children, all born in Faversham<sup>2</sup>: **William Goodhugh Dawson** (1814-1884, Elizabeth Fagg), a master builder and owner of four ketches working out of Faversham; **John Wesley Dawson** (1816-1885, Anne Proctor Groombridge), a Methodist minister; **Mary Ann Dawson (1818-1877, John Lever Smith)**; **Elizabeth Dixon Dawson** (1821- , John Stickals, a grocer in London); **Susanna Dawson** (1823- ); **Ann Staines Dawson** (1825-1915, John Jones, a wool stapler); **Sarah Dawson (1827-1902, Stephen Smith)**; **Eliza Dawson** (1829- ); **Robert Staines Dawson** (1831-1833); **Charles Wesley Dawson** (1835-1884, Emily Elizabeth Murrell), a confectioner in Sherborne, Dorset; and

**George Dawson** (1837-1838). The two daughters in *italics*, with their husbands, emigrated to Wisconsin and are discussed below.

## ANCESTORS AND RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES

**JOHN BACKHUS (BACKHOUSE) (1790-1867), son of William Backhouse and Elizabeth Wood, and OLIVIA HARRIET LOCKWOOD (1810-1888): my 2nd great-grandparents**

**John Backhus** was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, as was his wife **Olivia Harriet Lockwood**. They married in 1833 in St. Peters Church, Leeds. In 1841 John Backhouse, a builder, lived in the township of Barwick in Elmet, Yorkshire, with wife Harriet and children **William, Elizabeth, and Olivia**, all baptized in Whitkirk, Yorkshire. He came with his family to the United States in 1842 and patented land in the Town of Yorkville, Racine, Wisconsin. [Racine County adjoins Lake Michigan, south of Milwaukee and north of Chicago.] At that time he started spelling the surname Backhus, the spelling that appears on his gravestone in Union Grove Cemetery, Racine County.

Five years after arriving in Wisconsin, in 1847, John and Olivia were parents to **Lucy H. Backhus**, who would go on to marry **John Dawson Smith**. John Backhus died the year before Lucy was married.

After the death of her husband, Olivia Harriet Backhus lived awhile with Lucy and her husband John Dawson Smith, then the rest of her life with William, her oldest son. She died at his residence in Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa.

**William Lockwood Backhus** (1832-1914), my great-grand uncle, was the son of John Backhus and Olivia Harriet Lockwood. He was a brick and stone mason. In 1859 he married **Mary Ralph Carlyon** (1839-1909) in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She was born in Breage, Cornwall, England. He worked in Yorkville and then Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa. [Clear Lake is in northeastern Iowa.] William and Olivia died in Flathead, Montana, where their daughter Adda and her husband had located.

**Adda Olivia Backhus** (1862-1936), my first cousin twice removed, was the daughter of William Lockwood Backhus and Mary Ralph Carlyon. Born in Yorkville, she married **Charles Alfred Cooley** (1861-1938), a newspaper printer. They both died in Kalispell, Montana, where he had established his business about 1905. Their children were Merle W Cooley (1886-1908), Vera Ginerva Cooley (1889-1921, Harry Gregg), Tenta Marie Cooley (1892-1982, James Francis Stopher), and Ralph Mortimer Cooley (1895-1969, Adeline Ovidia Everson).

**Emma A Backhus** (1860-1940), my first cousin twice removed, was the daughter of William Lockwood Backhus and Mary Ralph Carlyon. Like her sister Adda, she was born in Yorkville and died in Flathead. In 1879, in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, she married **Clayton O. Ingalls**. The 1914 Woman's Who's of America says that she was educated in public schools, supplemented by home study and reading. On account of her husband's failing health, they left Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo, Iowa for the Flathead Valley of Montana, where they established the Interlake newspaper in Demersville, a frontier town. Owing to his continued ill health, the editing and management of the paper fell into her hands. It evolved to a daily paper in Kalispell.

She later sold the paper and bought a homestead, which became one of the finest fruit and hay ranches in the Flathead Valley.

**Elizabeth Backhus** (1836-1874), my great-grand aunt, was the daughter of John Backhus and Olivia Harriet Lockwood. She married **William Ralph Carlyon** (1829-1899), the brother of Mary Ralph Carlyon Backhus, in 1859 in Racine County, Wisconsin. They had five children, all of whom ended up on the West Coast. William Ralph Carlyon had one wife before Elizabeth and two after her. He died in Victoria, British Columbia, where one of his sons lived.

**Olivia Harriet Backhus** (1838- ), another great-grand aunt and the daughter of John Backhus and Olivia Harriet Lockwood, married **Thomas J Williams**, a farmer in Yorkville. Their children were **Clarence T Williams** (1858-1914, Elizabeth Snodie), **Fred Adelbert Williams** (1860-1941, Flora May Waddington), and **Eliza Evelyn 'Eva' Williams** (1863-1928, Arthur A. Mack).

**STEPHEN SMITH (1828-1906), son of John Smith and Elizabeth Lever, and SARAH DAWSON (1827-1902), daughter of John Dawson and Ann Goodhugh: my 2nd great-grand uncle and aunt**

**Stephen Smith** received a liberal education in a private academy in Faversham, then worked as a bookkeeper and clerk at his parents' grocery store. He was licensed to preach by the Wesleyan Church, Faversham, in October 1849. With his wife **Sarah Dawson** he emigrated to America in 1855, at the same time as his brother John Lever Smith with his wife (and Sarah's sister) Mary Ann Dawson Smith, and rapidly rose to be an elder of Rock River Conference in Wisconsin by 1859. He returned to England after the death of Sarah in 1902 to marry her much younger niece, Emily Dawson Jones, in Winchester, Hampshire. He continued to work in the United States for a few months longer before returning to Winchester, to help Emily's aged invalid mother, and died there.

Stephen and Sarah had three children who lived to adulthood:

**Ernest Stephen Smith** (1856-1941) was born in Elk Grove, Illinois. In 1874 he opened Smith and Smith, a general store, in West Mitchell, Iowa, with his first cousin Alfred Dawson Smith. Soon each Smith found a wife there. For Ernest it was **Ida May Vanderpoel**. After her death in 1907 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where Ernest had become a prominent businessman, he married **Luella Thompson**. [Oshkosh, Winnebago County, is in eastern Wisconsin north of Milwaukee.]

**Clarence Dawson Smith** (1859-1926) was born in Sharon, Walworth, Wisconsin. He was a medical M.D. in Minneapolis, married to **Georgiana Sanford** (1861-1926). In 1905, in Minneapolis, his family lived next-door to the family of his cousin William Goodhugh Smith, an editor, and William's daughter Exine, a teacher. Later he was an insurance agent in Minneapolis and Detroit, Michigan, where his daughter Doris Marietta Smith Hoskins, a teacher, lived. Clarence and Georgiana died in Detroit.

**Arthur Charles Smith** (1860-1907) was also born in Sharon. In 1886, in Oshkosh Wisconsin, he married **Martha Wilbor** (1862-1951). Like his brother Ernest, he was a successful businessman in Oshkosh.

**JOHN LEVER SMITH (1815-1863), son of John Smith and Elizabeth Lever, and MARY ANN DAWSON (1818-1877), daughter of John Dawson and Ann Goodhugh: my 3<sup>rd</sup>-great grandparents**

Erma Swift in 1976 wrote that “**John Lever Smith, eldest son of John Smith and Elizabeth Lever, married Mary Ann Dawson at Faversham on December 9, 1841. Mary Ann Dawson was christened in the Wesleyan Chapel at Faversham. She was the third of twelve children of John Dawson and Ann Goodhugh. Her father was a pastry cook and confectioner and a man of property, according to his will.... John Lever Smith was a grocer and registrar for the village of Boughten Under Blean, located between Faversham and Canterbury on Roman Road.... According to the 1851 census of England, John Lever and Mary Ann had a large home and three servants living with them, a governess, a general servant, and a nursemaid. It would be interesting to know their reason for leaving England for the United States, where their way of life was much poorer, as the census records of Wisconsin show their children out on farms and not at home at a very young age and his profession as a laborer. The family came to the United States in 1857 and settled at Yorkville in Racine County. As far as I have been able to find out all the children worked to attain a good education, and some became teachers.**

Smith home, Boughten, England



**John Lever Smith died in his 48<sup>th</sup> year, and his wife followed him in her 60<sup>th</sup> year. They are buried in Union Grove Cemetery, Racine County. An obelisk marks their graves and the grave of their son Lever, who died in his 12<sup>th</sup> year.”**

There actually is a good reason that he left in 1857, unknown to Erma. I found a notice online in the London Gazette for May 1, 1857: **NOTICE is hereby given, that John Lever Smith, of Boughten-under-the-Blean, in the county of Kent, Grocer and Baker, hath by an indenture, bearing date the 6th day of April, 1857, assigned all his estate and effects unto Robert Swinford Francis, of Boughten aforesaid, Surgeon, and William Judges, of the same place, Builder, upon trust, for the benefit of all the creditors of the said John Lever Smith, who shall execute the said deed within three months from the date thereof.**

Ten children of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson were born at Boughten Under Blean: John Dawson Smith, Mary Ann Smith, Helen Elizabeth Smith, William Goodhugh Smith, Walter Thomas Smith, Alfred Dawson Smith, Lever Charles Smith, Sarah Dawson Smith, and Mary Jane Smith. The eleventh child, Susanna ‘Anna’ Dawson Smith, was born in Yorkville, Wisconsin. We’ll now look at those eleven children and some of their descendants.

**1. JOHN DAWSON SMITH** (1842-1920), son of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, and my great-grandfather. In 1976 Erma Swift wrote that “*John Dawson Smith, eldest son of John Lever Smith, studied in England to be a teacher but became a farmer in Wisconsin. He*



*enlisted in the Civil War on September 3, 1864 at 22 years of age. He served in Company H, 1st Regiment Heavy Artillery, and was mustered out at Washington, DC, on June 26, 1865. He had gray eyes, light hair and complexion, and was 5 feet 6.5 inches tall.*

*He married **Lucy H. Backhus** at Union Grove, Wisconsin when he was 26 years old. They were married on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, October 2, 1868.... John's sister Helen was one of the witnesses at their marriage. John and Lucy had three sons, Clifford, Howard, and Arthur, born in Wisconsin. They moved to Iowa when Clifford was about six years old. They had a baby girl, Stella May, born in Iowa.*

*Lucy contracted tuberculosis and died in Mitchell, Iowa in 1877 [Mitchell is both a city and county in northeastern Iowa, only 12 miles south of the South Dakota border]. Her baby daughter died in 1878 and is buried with her mother. John Dawson Smith remarried when he was 37 years old to*

***Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Carter** (1853-1889). They never had any children, but she raised his sons. They were living in Mitchell, Iowa when she died in 1889, and she is buried beside Lucy Smith, his first wife.*

*John remained a widower for many years, and was working in the grainery at Mitchell when he met and married **Francis 'Frankie' French** (1859-1932) of Austin, Minnesota. He was 55 years old and a grandfather at this time. John and Francis had one daughter, Mary Aileen, now married to Clarence Larson and living in Austin, Minnesota, near where her father had owned a house.[Austin, Mower County, Minnesota, is 22 miles north of Mitchell, Iowa.]*

*John loved gardening and would go to Faribault and help his son Clifford in the fields at Woodcrest Farm. He was an active member of the G.A.R. in Iowa and belonged to the Methodist Church. He died at Austin, Minnesota after an illness of three months on June 24, 1920 at 77 years of age. He is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Mitchell, Iowa beside his first two wives and baby daughter.”*

**1A. CLIFFORD HENRY SMITH** (1869-1939), son of John Dawson Smith and Lucy H. Backhus, and my grand uncle. He grew up in Mitchell, Iowa but went to high school in Austin, Minnesota where he graduated in 1891. He taught school for many years, becoming Principal at Castle Rock, Minnesota and at Carver, Minnesota. He married **Ethel Eccleston** (1866-1949) at her home in Austin in 1894. Ethel's sister Ida married John French, the brother of Frances



French, the third wife of John Dawson Smith.

Clifford and Ethel with two youngsters, Maurice and Lucy, then moved to Wood Lake, Minnesota, where he and his brother Howard [my grandfather] had a grocery store. [Wood Lake, Yellow Medicine County, is in southwestern Minnesota, west of Minneapolis. Yellow Medicine County figures prominently in my Hewitt ancestry.]

Their daughter Allegra was born at Woodlake. They moved to Faribault, Minnesota in 1902 and bought a farm

Dorene, Allegra, Lucy, Maurice, and Clifford Smith



just north of the city. [Faribault, Rice County, is 40 miles south of Minneapolis and 45 miles north of Austin.] They named the farm Woodcrest and remained on it until their deaths. Their last child, Dorene, was born there. Woodcrest was a dairy farm and for a number of years had the only herd of registered Jersey cows in the county. Clifford also did market gardening and sold flowers and bulbs. Ethel lived on the farm with her daughter Dorene Hoover until she passed away in her 83<sup>rd</sup> year.



Children of Clifford and Ethel are my first cousins once removed: **Maurice Clifford Smith** (1895-1972) served in the Navy in WWI and afterward married **Alma Josephine Ethelyn 'Ethel' Lundstrom** (1895-1967) in 1922 in Minneapolis. He was a police patrolman in Minneapolis. Maurice and Ethel had one son, **Kenneth Maurice Smith** (1927-1978).

**Lucy Constance Smith** (1896-1960) left school when she was a senior to marry **John Paul Chapman** (1896-1968) in 1916 in Faribault. He was a carpenter and built and sold homes and real estate. Both Lucy and John died in Rochester, Minnesota. Their children were **Erma Lucile Chapman** (1917-2013, Wayne Henry Nietula, Lowell Luverne Swift), **Raymond John Chapman** (1919-1964, Marie Rosaly Monyelle), **Dorothy May Chapman** (1921-1986, Paul Robert Baumgardt), **Helen Dorene Chapman** (1923-2010, Willard Elmer Scharpen, Frank Tunison Martin, Gail Albert Dickson), **Eva Marie Chapman** (1924-2004, James 'Jim' William Buchholtz, Orville Henry Ferguson), **Robert Leroy Chapman** (1926-2003, Maxine 'Mickie' Sophia Anderson), **Richard Dean Chapman** (1927-1999, Arlene Bonita Finley), and **Camilla Jeanne Chapman** (1935-1999, Melvin Lavern Ragland and Keith Arba Holm).

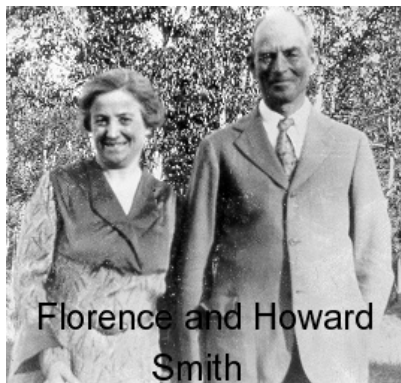
**Allegra Winifred Smith** (1901-1982), a graduate of Mankato State and a schoolteacher in Rice County, became the second wife of **Joseph Luelle Cook** (1879-1961) in 1923 in Faribault.

Their children were **Luell Clifford Cook** (1925-1980, Rosetta Louise Bailey), **Cresta Corene Cook** (1931-2015, Paul Eugene Wilber, Delbert Pape, Harvey E Smith), and **Raymond Hayes Cook** (1932-2008, Myrtle Carrie Phillips).

**Dorene Hazel Smith** (1913-1993) married **Melville Willard Hoover** (1911-1981) in 1932 in Faribault, Rice County. He was a farmer in Bridgewater, Rice County. Their children were **Reta JoAnn Hoover** (1934-2015, Truman David Wood), **Dean Dwight Hoover** (1935-2010, Lois Jensen), and **Nordis Mae Hoover** (1937-2003, Noel Richard Decambaliza).



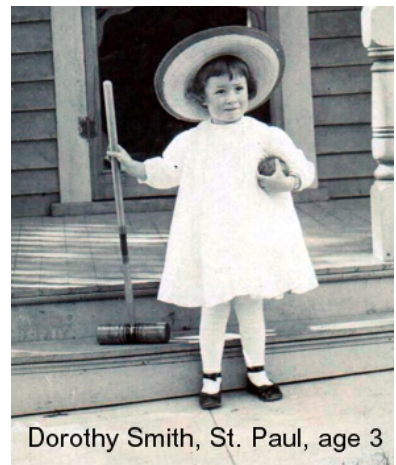
**1B. HOWARD ALLISON SMITH** (1871-1960), son of John Dawson Smith and Lucy H Backhus, and my grandfather. Howard's mother Lucy Backhus Smith died when he was only six. In the 1880 census he is shown living with his father John Dawson Smith, his step-mother Elizabeth Carter Smith, and his brothers Henry [Clifford] and Arthur on a farm in Austin Township, Mower, Minnesota. In 1900 he is found in Wood Lake, Yellow Medicine, Minnesota with his brother Clifford and Clifford's family. Clifford and Howard had established a grocery business there. That partnership ended in 1902 when Clifford moved to Faribault and bought a farm.



Howard A Smith married **Florence Lenore Hewitt** in 1904. I have written about Florence's Hewitt background and ancestry in Chapter 4 of this book. From the Scott County, Argus for November 25, 1904: "A marriage of interest to many in this city [Shakopee], because of the bride's large acquaintance here, was that of Miss Florence Hewitt to Howard A. Smith of Wood Lake, Minn., on Thanksgiving afternoon, at the home of the bride's brother, A. A. Hewitt of St. Paul. In attendance from this city were Mrs. Ruth [Riggs] Plumstead and son Abner, Misses Edna Pond and Eva Riggs. The groom until recently was a merchant of Wood Lake where Miss Hewitt has been a teacher in the schools,

but has purchased an interest in a grocery business at Red Oak, Iowa, [which is near Omaha, Nebraska] and they have gone to that place to make their home."

The grocery business in Red Oak was short-lived, for by 1905 Howard and Florence lived in St. Paul, where he had a grocery store. They at first lived over the store but then moved to a separate house. Their children Dorothy Maybelle and Hewitt Allison "Buzz" were born in St. Paul. The family then moved to a farm in northern Wisconsin when Buzz was eight months old (1912). The obituary of Howard A. Smith (Washburn Times 23 Feb 1960) says he "had lived in the area almost 40 years. He specialized in raising chickens, eggs, and vegetables for delivery to



customers in Washburn and Ashland.”

In the 1920 census Howard Smith 48 born Wisconsin, farmer, lived in the Town of Washburn with Florence 42 b. MN, Dorothy 12 b. MN, and Hewitt 8, b. MN. That farm of 40 acres was in the SE 1/4 NE1/4 sect. 2, T48N, R5W (WI plat books 1915, 1920, 1924, 1925). Ondassagon Rd. can be followed north from its intersection with Wannebo Rd., west of the village of Washburn, 0.5 mile until it right-turns, becoming McKinley Road, then 0.75 mile until it left-turns. The property started at that turn, on the east side of the road, and continued north for 0.25 miles. In 2003 it was reforested, and the farmhouse was gone. The property is 2.5 miles west of the center of Washburn. The McKinley one-room schoolhouse, built in 1905, lies 1.5 miles further north on McKinley Rd., at its intersection with County C, and is probably the school that the children attended. My mother talked about wading through very deep snow to reach their school.

McKinley schoolhouse,  
2003



In 1926, when Dorothy was 19 and Buzz was 15, H.A. Smith was grantee in three mortgage

documents recorded in the Bayfield County courthouse, two from Carl Christofferson and one from Maud Norton, the sister of Florence. These were for the Christofferson farm in the Town of Barksdale, which lay in the NE 1/4 Sect. 15 T48N R5W on the west side of Ondassagon Rd., beginning 1.25 mile south of the intersection with Wannebo Rd. and 0.25 mile south of the intersection with Engoe Road. The Bayfield County Register



Ondassagon School, Town of Barksdale

of Deeds, in a 1969 document, found that records of the Town of Washburn, School District No. 2, dated June 10, 1918, Dorothy Smith attended school for that year. She was 11 in 1918. I

assume that she graduated from Washburn High School, in about 1925. Her brother Buzz attended Ondassagon High School, which was about 2.5 miles south of the Section 15 farm, at the corner of Ondassagon Rd. and E. Ondassagon Road. The building was standing in 2003 but abandoned. In the second photo Buzz is lower right with his Ondassagon basketball team.

Ondassagon High  
Feb 1918

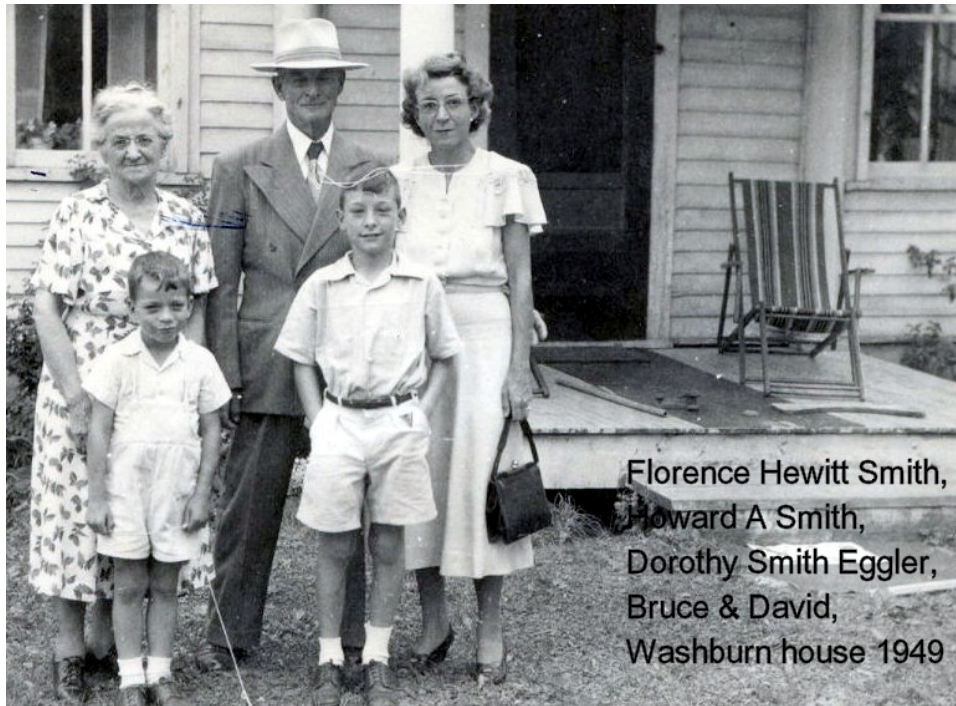




In 1928 my grandparents, my mother, and my uncle Buzz traveled cross-country to California, stopping in Minnesota to see relatives. The picture to the left and a number of photos in Chapter 4 were taken during that trip. They were living in Colton Township, San Bernardino, California, in 1930, except for my mother. Howard Smith was a farmer. Florence's brother Arthur was already living in Colton. After a short time, however, Howard and Florence returned to Wisconsin. Buzz remained in Colton. In 1940 Howard A Smith, poultry farmer, lived on "Engoe Rd and side roads, near the end of Engoe Road" in the Town of Barksdale. Engoe Road terminates at Highway 13, the Washburn-Ashland highway. That indicates a location very near Lake Superior, about two miles south of Washburn. After retiring from active farming, Howard and Florence moved to Washburn in 1945, buying the Lowry house on East Sixth St. (southwest corner of E 6th St and 3rd Avenue). He continued to raise vegetables and *"had one of the finest gardens in town."*

Grandpa's huge garden was west of the house. As I said in the opening to this article, when I was 11, I spent the summer in Washburn, helping to deliver vegetables in Grandpa's Model A.

In 2003 the Washburn house (at the right) was gone, replaced by a more recent structure.





Hewitt and Ysabel Smith  
wedding photo, 1939

**Hewitt Allison ‘Buzz’ Smith** (1911-1995) married **Ysabel Frances Schain** (1910-2000) in 1939 in Corona, California, the daughter of Paul Richard Schain (1877-1965) and Sebastiano ‘Syble’ Dominica Caballero (1883-1976). Syble was born in Zubiri, Navarra, Spain. Buzz and Ysabel had two children, Hewitt Allison ‘Bud’ Smith II (Dorothy Ann Williams) and Roxanna Lynn ‘Roxie’ Smith (Keith Eugene Hubbs, 1938-2018). Roxie compiled voluminous genealogical data, with our Aunt Ada, on the Hewitts and Smiths and has been very



*Buzz Smith, captain of Colton High  
basketball team*

encouraging of this series of chapters.

Both Buzz and Ysabel graduated from Colton High School and San Bernardino Valley Junior College. As a high school senior in 1929 he was captain of the basketball team. Prior to marriage Ysabel was manager of Willets’ Beauty Salon in Colton. Buzz was employed as a truck mechanic for the California Portland Cement Company in Colton. He would go on to be the very successful owner of Smith’s Diesel Sales, which repaired Cummins diesel engines, and Adjacent Truck Stop in Rialto.

Buzz, Ysabel and the children traveled across the country many times to Wisconsin, a time for bonding and singing songs. Buzz enjoyed fishing and hunting in Wyoming, Montana, and Alaska, sometimes with son Bud. After moving to Corona del Mar, he would walk down to the beach and play with grandkids.

**Dorothy Maybelle Smith** (1907-1984) was not living with her parents in Colton in 1930 because she attended Northland College in Ashland, just west of Washburn, from 1924-1928, majoring in Library Science. After working at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, she married **Willis Egger** (1904-1988) in 1929 in Two Harbors, Minnesota. He also graduated from Northland College. After briefly teaching high school in Wisconsin, he went on to MS and PhD degrees from the University of Minnesota and was for many years a botany professor at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. An early ecologist, he specialized in revegetation of volcanic areas. He did field work at Craters of the Moon, Idaho, Hawaii, Paricutin Volcano in Mexico, and Guatemala. They had two children, Bruce (1944-2020), a newspaper reporter and editor in New Orleans, and David, a geosciences professor at Penn State. See Chapter 5 for Egger history.



Willis and Dorothy Egger

After retiring from Tulane, Willis continued teaching at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina. He and Dorothy became involved in local activities of the Sierra Club.- 42 -

The family took two trips West in 1952 and 1953 to Yellowstone, where Willis was a ranger-naturalist at Norris Geyser Basin. He had been a ranger-naturalist earlier at Mammoth and Lake when David was zero, one, and two. David himself was a ranger in Yellowstone in summers after his junior and senior years in college.

1C. **ARTHUR EDWARD SMITH** (1873-1965), son of John Dawson Smith and Lucy H. Backhus, and my grand uncle. Arthur was a farmer for many years in Wabasha County, Minnesota. [Wabasha County is southeast of Minneapolis adjoining the Mississippi River border with Wisconsin.] He married **Mabel Bertha Dickson** (1876-1955) in 1903 in Dresbach, Winona County. Arthur and Mabel had one son, **Raymond V. Smith** (1906-1982), born in La Crescent, Houston County. Raymond married **Mary Agnes Mason** (1906-1991) in 1944 in Plainview, Wabasha, Minnesota.

1D. **MARY AILEEN SMITH** (1901-1993), daughter of John Dawson Smith and Frances Louise 'Frankie' French, and my half grand aunt. She was born in Austin, Mower, Minnesota. She became a teacher in a country school near Austin but in 1920, in Austin, married **Clarence Elmer Larson** (1896-1996). The obituary of Clarence states that he “**farmed his entire life in Mower County's Lansing, Red Rock and Windom townships. He died August 7 in Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Blooming Prairie. He was born on a farm in Lansing Township. He was active in the Grange where he held several offices including the rank of master. He was a well-known horseshoe pitcher and shared many Mower County championships with Byron Farnham in the 1950s. He and his wife enjoyed dancing and were active in the Lansing Methodist Church and later the First United Methodist Church of Austin. He and his wife were the first two seniors to join the Mower County Senior Citizen Center.**”

Children of Mary Aileen Smith and Clarence Larson were **Richard Luverne Larson** (1928-2015, Frances Antoinette Dunfee) and **Charles William Larson** (Audrey Virginia Van). Between the births of their third and fourth sons, Richard and Frances Antoinette Larson relocated to the Seattle, Washington area.

2. **MARY ANN SMITH** (1844-1904), daughter of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand aunt.

Mary Ann Smith married **John Wilkinson** (1836-1887) in 1866 in Union Grove, Wisconsin. He was a farmer in Dickinson County, Iowa, where he died. Their children were **Luella Eliza Wilkinson** (1867-1902, William L G Wilkinson and Lucius Robinson Fitch, a Congregational minister), **Edith Mary Wilkinson** (1873-1953, George Philip Woods), and **Laurence John Wilkinson** (1877-1941, Anna Emilie Miller and Emma Julia Cowling).

Edith Mary Wilkinson and George Woods had three children: Amy Elizabeth Woods (1908-1964), a nurse in Los Angeles, Fleta May Woods (1910-1997, Earl Treloar Rose), and Gordon Philip Woods (1912-1981, Muriel L Graves).

Laurence John Wilkinson and Anna Miller had a son Carl Frederick Wilkinson (1909-1978, Dorothy LeMunyon).

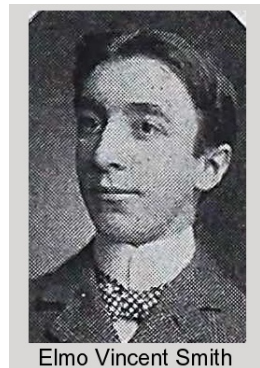
3. **HELEN ELIZABETH SMITH** (1845-1898), daughter of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand aunt.

Helen Elizabeth Smith married **James H. Jones** (1846-1930) in 1872 in Union, Grove, Wisconsin. He became a farmer in Kossuth County, Iowa, and later a commission merchant in St. Paul with his son Walter. Their first child was born in Union Grove and the other two in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa. Those children were **Walter Henry Jones** (1873-1954, Isabel Burnside), **Ernest Stephen Jones** (1877-1963), and **Sarah Grace Jones** (1882-1976). Sarah 'Sadie' Grace Jones was a teacher. She taught in Boston, Chicago, Drake University, Council Bluffs, and, in

later years, in various rural schools in Plymouth County. She came to Plymouth County in the early 1950s. In 1920 she lived in Maple Township, Ida, Iowa, a university instructor, with her brother Walter Smith and Walter's wife Cynthia. In 1930 she also lived in Maple Township with Cynthia Smith and her cousin Ada Smith. She died in Fort Dodge, Webster County.

**4. WILLIAM GOODHUGH SMITH** (1847-1922), son of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand uncle.

After his father's early death William worked on farms in the summer and went to school in the winter. From humble beginnings he became a scholar and was well known in education circles in the state of Minnesota. He became a prominent citizen in Mitchell, Iowa and married **Ella Nora Stock** (1857-1939), a daughter of a pioneer family. He was principal of schools at Mitchell for 3 years, then moved to Minneapolis, where he taught college for 5 years. After moving back to Mitchell, he was a publishing house editor and, briefly, a farmer. William and Ella had always maintained the Stock family home at Mitchell, where he died.



**4A. ELMO VINCENT SMITH** (1879-1941), son of William Goodhugh Smith and Ella Nora Stock, was born in Mitchell, Iowa, and is my first cousin twice removed. Elmo was a 1901 graduate of the University of Minnesota and was in the School of Mines Society. After graduation he located in Salt Lake City and in 1904 married **Palma Marie Harlis** (1883-1966), the daughter of Andrew Harlis, who emigrated from Sweden, and Christine Hansen. In Salt Lake he was a contractor and agent for the America Bridge Company. By 1930 he had moved to Evanston, Cook, Illinois and was a structural steel salesman. Between 1935 and 1940 he married Mildred K Mayer. In 1940 he lived with Mildred and her father in

Maricopa County, Arizona, but died a year later back in Cook County, Illinois.

In 1940 Elmo's former wife, Palma Harlis Smith, was one of many guests at the Casa de Palmas Hotel, McAllen, Hidalgo, Texas. In 1953 in Winter Park, Florida, she married Bernard Brown, who died in 1955 in San Antonio, Texas. In 1958 she was in Carlsbad, California. She died in 1966 in San Diego, but was buried back at her birthplace of Osage, Mitchell, Iowa.

Elmo and Palma had two children. One was **William Harlis Smith** (1906-1976). He attended high school in Salt Lake City, where he was born, and graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. In 1933 he married **Althine Dwight Clark** (1904-1991) in her hometown of Westfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. In 1940 the couple, with two children, lived in Norwood Park, Cook, Illinois, where he was a steamship company freight agent. He died in Park Ridge, Cook, Illinois. William Harlis Smith and Althine Clark had three children: **Patricia Ann Smith** (1937-1978, John Jackson Luther), **William Clark Smith** (1939-1999), and a third daughter born in Chicago. Those children are my third cousins.



The second child of Elmo and Palma was **Catherine Eleanor Smith** (1911-1975), also born in Salt Lake City. In 1931 she married **Robert Lawrence Johnsen** (1904-1970), with whom she had two sons. In 1960, in San Diego, she remarried to Wallace E Royster. She died in Los Angeles County.



4B. **EXINE MARY SMITH** (1883-1965), daughter of William Goodhugh Smith and Ella Nora Stock, born in Mitchell, Iowa, and my first cousin twice removed.

In 1908 Exine married **Clarence Everett Drake** (1879-1975), also a native of Mitchell, Iowa. They moved to Minneapolis, where he was a lawyer for a probate company and a trust officer with a trust bank. They had one son, **Everett Almos Drake** (1909-1995), a lawyer. Everett married **Ruth Corneille Dickson** (1910-2004) in 1935 in Minneapolis. They had a son and a daughter.



5. **WALTER THOMAS SMITH** (1848-1925), son of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand uncle.

In 1874, in Dickinson County, Iowa, he married **Cynthia Ann Chappell** (1851-1937). He was a longtime farmer in Maple Township, Ida, Iowa.

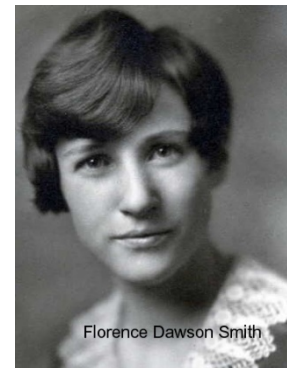


Alfred Burton Smith and Flora Burkhardt

Walter and Cynthia had two children. One was **Ada M Smith** (1875-1942), who never married and lived with her parents and, after her father died, with her mother. She was a milliner and dry goods store saleswoman.

The second child was **Alfred Burton Smith** (1877-1953). He married **Flora**

**Burkhardt** (1873-1963) in 1905 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was a longtime farmer in Woodbury County, Iowa. Alfred and Flora had two children: **Walter P Smith** (1905-1908) and **Florence Dawson Smith** (1907-2003). Florence obtained an A.B. in 1930 from Grinnell College and an M.A. in botany from the University of Illinois in 1932. Today there is a Florence Smith-Sifferd Science Scholarship at Grinnell. Florence married **Walter Harris Sifferd** (1911-1978) in 1933 in Washington D.C. He had a PhD in biochemistry, was a chemist in the Armour Foods laboratory in Chicago, and held a number of chemical patents. The marriage was over by 1940, when Walter Sifferd remarried. As far as I can tell, Florence stayed in the Washington DC area and died in Alexandria, Virginia. I found on the web that she was U.S. Figure Skating Association judge.



6. **ALFRED DAWSON SMITH** (1850-1936), son of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand uncle.

I related above that in 1874 Ernest Stephen Smith opened Smith and Smith, a general store, in West Mitchell, Iowa, with his first cousin Alfred Dawson Smith, and that soon each Smith found a wife there. Alfred Dawson Smith married **Ida Arabella Chambers** (1853-1931) in Mitchell. He became a lumber merchant in Fulton, Callaway, Missouri. Both Alfred and Ida died in Callaway County but are buried back in Oak Grove Cemetery in Mitchell.

They had an adopted daughter Harriet Olive Smith (~1908- ).

7. **LEVER CHARLES SMITH** (1851-1864), son of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand uncle. Lever is buried beside his parents in Union Grove Cemetery in Racine County, Wisconsin.

8. **SARAH DAWSON SMITH** (1854-1928), daughter of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand aunt.

In 1880 Sarah was a schoolteacher in Union, Worth, Iowa. Three years later she married **William Henry Helms** (1854-1933) in Clay County, Iowa. They had a daughter **Lillian Ann Helms** (1890-1972), born in Mitchell, Iowa. In 1900 he was a lumberman in La Moure County, North Dakota, with Sarah and Lillian. But by 1920 William and Sarah were apart. He was a lumber yard clerk in Fulton, Callaway, Missouri, where he died in 1933. In 1920 Sarah was living with Lillian and Lillian's husband **George Francis Taylor, Jr.** in Queens, New York, and continued to live with Lillian and George until her death in Mount Pleasant, New York.

Lillian and George had been married in 1917. He was a bond salesman for Bankers Trust of New York. He and Lillian lived in Queens, Mount Pleasant in Westchester County, New York, and Radnor and Wayne in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Radnor and Wayne are suburbs of Philadelphia; he was Philadelphia representative for Bankers Trust. Before her marriage, Lillian had been a teacher at the school for the blind in Faribault, Minnesota.

Lillian and George had two daughters, Elizabeth Dawson Taylor (1918-1994, Robert Musselwhite Goshorn) and Charlotte F Taylor (~1928- ).



9. **MARY JANE SMITH** (1855-1902), daughter of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand aunt.

Mary Jane Smith married **Clarence Augustus Osborne** (1852-1936) in 1883 in Minneapolis. He was at the time living in Milford, Dickinson, Iowa, where he had been married to Francis Isabelle Chapman. Clarence Osborne had various occupations through the years, but in 1900, when he and Mary Jane lived in Flandreau, Moody, South Dakota, he was a printer. Mary Jane died in 1902 in Bancroft, Cuming, Nebraska. Clarence subsequently married Edith Hudson (1854-1951) in 1913 in Eureka, California. He died in 1936 in Parkdale, Fremont, Colorado.

9A. **ELLA MILDRED OSBORNE** (1884-1977), daughter of Clarence Augustus Osborne and Mary Jane Smith, was born in Milford, Dickinson, Iowa. She was a school teacher on the Santee Indian Reservation near Flandreau<sup>3</sup> and then in 1904, in Red Oak, Montgomery, Iowa, she married **William Lourie Jacobs, Jr.** (1879-1943).

William moved with his parents to Oakland, Burt, Nebraska around 1886. His father owned a photography studio. After marriage to Ella, they moved to Bancroft, Cuming, Nebraska, where William opened his own portrait photography studio. They moved back to Oakland after the death of his father, where William took over his father's photography studio. After a divorce from Ella about 1922, he was married to sisters Helen Bonnie Gibbs and Gordie Olive Gibbs in 1924 and 1926. He died



Ella, Emily, Clara  
Osborne

at the home of his daughter Florence in Omaha, Nebraska.<sup>4</sup>

After divorcing William Jacobs, Ella Mildred Smith went on her own to raise race horses and was a champion bridge player. She moved to Omaha, Sioux City, and back to Omaha, where she died.<sup>3</sup>

William Lourie Jacobs and Ella Mildred Osborne had two children, both born in Bancroft, Cuming, Nebraska: **Florence Jacobs** (1905-1985, E. Theodore Carlson and James Peterson) and **James Lourie Jacobs** (1907-1985, Helen Sanko).

**9B. MORTON HENRY OSBORNE** (1885-1923), son of Clarence Augustus Osborne and Mary Jane Smith, was born in Milford, Dickinson, Iowa. He married **Georgia Mann** in 1908 in Pender, Nebraska. He appears to have held odd jobs: an elevator laborer in 1910 in Dawes, Thurston, Nebraska, and a billiards hall manager in 1920 in Judith Gap, Wheatland, Montana. He died in Red Lodge, Powell, Montana in 1923.

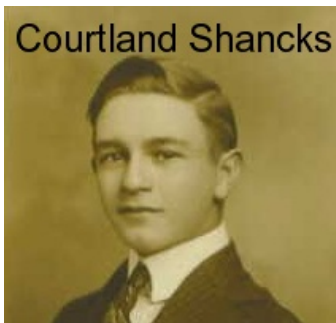
Morton and Georgia had one son **Lawrence M Osborne** (1909-1988), born in Rosalie, Thurston, Montana. Lawrence married **Agnes Myrtle Broberg** (1901-1968) in Clark County, Washington. He died in Burlington, Washington.

**9C. EMILY LUCILLE OSBORNE** (1890-1974), daughter of Clarence Augustus Osborne and Mary Jane Smith, was born in Milford, Dickinson, Iowa. She married **Alfred Fred Hjelm** (1889-1935) in July 1910 in Davison County, South Dakota. A month later she had Roland Sidney (1910-1996). Roland was adopted by Emily's second husband **Robert William Herten** (1892-1953) and took the name Roland Sidney Herten. Emily married Robert in 1915 in Douglas County, South Dakota. Their children were Ruth E Herten (1916-2007, Kermit Otto Lagman), Beryle Darleen Herten (1918-1968, George E Courriveau), and Phyllis Jean Herten (1923-2001, Edwin Erwin McGarry).

**9D. CLARA AUGUSTA OSBORNE** (1893-1918), daughter of Clarence Augustus Osborne and Mary Jane Smith, was born in Elkton, Brookings, South Dakota. Clara was the only child present in her father's household in 1910. Later that year she married **Floyd Roland Corkill** (1890-1965) in Lyman County, South Dakota. Their children were Marjorie Opal Corkill (191-1999, Charles Vernon Hovendick) and Donald Osborne Corkill (1913-1995, Eileen McCauley).

**9E. RUSSELL SMITH OSBORNE** (1897-1972), son of Clarence Augustus Osborne and Mary Jane Smith, was born in Flandreau, Moody, South Dakota. In 1926 in Iowa City, Iowa he married **Lucile Roland** (1895-1976). In 1940 he was a manager in a department store in Jackson, Michigan.

**10. SUSANNA 'ANNA' DAWSON SMITH** (1859-1916), daughter of John Lever Smith and Mary Ann Dawson, born in Boughten Under Blean, and my great grand aunt.



In 1879, in West Mitchell, Iowa, Anna married Frederic B Shancks (1855-1937). He was a pharmacist in West Mitchell, where their children were born. About 1898 he moved his operations, which included a grocery store, south and west to Red Oak City, Montgomery, Iowa, which is near the Nebraska border. Anna died in 1916 in Red Oak, and two years later Fred married a widow, Kate Evlin Miller. Then about 1925 he even farther west to Oceanside, San Diego, California, where he opened a feed and hardware store

with several branches. He died in Oceanside.

Children of Anna and Fred were Ellsworth Shancks (1890-1896), Naomi Dorothy Shancks, and Courtland Warren Shancks.

Naomi Dorothy Shancks (1893-1988) married Frank Martin Jones (1892-1974), a salesman in her father's store. She died in Santa Clara County, California.

Courtland Warren Shancks (1899-1977) worked in his father's store and took it over after his father died. He married Thelma May Carl (1901-1995). Their children were Dorothy Mae Shancks (1928-2014, Dean Edward Howe) and Betty Lee Shancks (1930-1983, Jack E. Bradford).

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## <sup>2</sup>JOHN DAWSON HEADSTONE AND WILL

From Monument Inscriptions of St Mary of Charity Church, Faversham, compiled and partly transcribed by D.E. Williams, 2018S



(<http://tedconnell.org.uk/LFH/GRS/FAV/00.htm>):

(a) Sandstone headstone: “erected by affectionate children in Memory of **JOHN DAWSON** who died suddenly October 3rd 1850 Aged 66 Years, also so of **ANN** his Wife who died April 21st 1852 Aged 56 Years, Also of three of their children who died in infancy Viz. **ALFRED**, **ROBERT** & **GEORGE** Also of **SUSANNAH** the Mother of the above named **JOHN DAWSON**.”

(b) Canterbury Court Will Dated 29th May 1850

**John Dawson**, Confectioner.

Appoints sons, **William Goodhugh Dawson** and **John Wesley Dawson**, executors.

He gives them his real and personal estate, in trust. They are to apply rents and proceeds and pay all interest due, from time to time, as he may owe. Also the expense of keeping buildings in repair; also to pay his sister, **Sarah Gouge**, £10 annually for as long as she demands it, not more than £10 to be paid in any year. The remainder of income from his estate, to his wife, **Ann**, for life.

His business, with the stock and utensils to his executors, to be carried on at their discretion for the benefit of his wife. If she wishes to relinquish the business, it to be offered to their son, **Charles Wesley Dawson**, if he is not willing, then another person shall have the offer and pay a fair price for the stock, utensils and fixtures.

Executors to retain the real estate for up to 10 years after his wife's death. The rents, after paying interest and repairs, to be used for paying his debts. His wife, at any time during her life, is empowered to sell any part of his real

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estate, as required to pay his debts.

10 years after the death of his wife, all his property, not already sold, to be divided equally between his children, **William Goodhugh, John Wesley, Mary Ann Smith, Elizabeth Dixon Stickals, Susanna, Ann Staines Jones, Sarah, Eliza, Rebecca** and **Charles Wesley**. If any married children died before his wife, leaving no children, their spouse will have their share.

Executors to pay any sum on account of son **William Goodhugh**, this will be considered part of his inheritance; if they are called upon to pay any sum on account of son in law, **John Lever Smith**, that will be considered part of his daughter, **Mary Smith's** inheritance; the same applies to any sum paid for son in law **John Stickals**, as far as daughter **Elizabeth Dixon Stickals**, is concerned.

Witnesses: **William Sharp, William Sharp**, Junior and **John Lawson Clay**.

Proved 19th March 1851. Son **William Goodhugh** is a builder and son, **John Wesley** of Tenterden, is a Wesleyan Minister, Goods, chattels and credits value less than £100.

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