

This is the 4th generation, the 3rd after Amos London Bills and represents my Aunts, Uncles and Parents. I will once again begin with Robert Dysart's descendents.

Robert's first child was his son Alfred Dysart Bills (1870-1945) and his wife Mae Lee Masters (1903-1977) and they had three offspring.

48. Harry B Bills - 7 NOVEMBER 1927 - 7 NOVEMBER 1927

Unfortunately, things did not start out well for Alfred and Mae as their first child died at birth. As a reminder, Alfred married quite late in life to Mae who was 28 years younger. Baby Harry arrived soon after their marriage, but did not survive.

49. Hugh Dean Bills 10 MAY 1929 • Hubbard, Hill County, TX - 30 APR 1997 • Waco, McLennan County, TX
Peggy Nanette Castellow 9 MAY 1932 • Precinct 5, Hill, Texas, USA - Living
Willie Maxine Jones 26 NOV 1929 • Prairie Hill, Limestone, Texas - 10 MAY 1990

My research on Hugh has not been very fruitful. He was born in 1929 and appears in the 1930 and 1940 census in his parent's home and in a confusing 1950 census, he is shown as a clerk in the Army, but his location is not shown. In 1950, he married Peggy Castellow in Fort Worth where she was living with her grandparents. Daughter Sherry was born in 1951 in Germany. It's not clear if Hugh served in Korea, but his headstone indicates that he was a Staff Sergeant in the US Army during the Korean War Era. Son Randy followed in 1953 in Texas, daughter Vicki in 1955, and daughter Sara in 1958. All were born in McLennan County. In 1973, he and Peggy were divorced and in 1987 he married Maxine Jones. They were both 58 at the time. She had been previously married to Edwin Jackson. It's a little confusing, but there are marriage records for 1951 and 1966. They had one child Braddie Jackson in 1958 so he would have been grown when Maxine and Hugh married.

I have not found a record as to what his profession was in McLennan County after his service in the Army, but he died 30 Apr 1997 in Waco and was buried in the Bills Cemetery in Liberty Hill Texas. Peggy apparently is still living as of Nov 2022.

Children of Hugh and Peggy:

- 162. Sherry Denise Bills 1951-2020
 - 163. Randy Dean Bills 1953-Living
 - 164. Vicki Darcel Bills 1955-Living
 - 165. Sarah Diane Bills 1958-Living
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50. Mollie Caroline Bills - 18 MAR 1938 • Navarro, Texas, USA - Living
Henry Victor Brown - 3 OCTOBER 1934 • Birome, Hill County, TX - 20 AUG 2021 • Bosqueville, McLennan, Texas, USA



Mollie Bills was Alfred and Mae's last child. She was born in 1938 when her father would have been 68 and only 7 years before his death.



There is a gap of 9 years between her birth and her older brother so I don't know if there had been other children that were lost, but I have a 9 year gap between me and my younger sister, so maybe it runs in the family. She appears in the 1940 census with her parents and brother Hugh on a farm in rural Navarro County. Her father died in 1945 and her mother Mae married a widower named Carroll Pollard whose wife had died in 1943. I haven't found marriage records for Mae and Carroll, but she appears in the 1950 census with Carolyn and step father Victor. He was also a farmer, but he lived in Hubbard, so Mae must have moved to Hubbard after her husband died. There were a lot of Bills that had moved there in this period.

On November 20, 1954, Mollie Carolyn Bills married Vic Brown at Birome Baptist Church, and they started their life together in Mount Calm. After a short time as a farmer, life adjustments led to them owning and operating a local billiards, until it closed in 1976. He then started Brown's Coin Machine, Inc. Between 1955 and 1971, they had 5 children as listed below.

Vic enjoyed telling stories and spending time with family during family reunions, homecomings, local ball games, and other community activities. He never met a stranger, loved sharing with his family, and was loved by all who met him. Victor died in 2021 and Mollie Carolyn is still living as of Nov 2022.

Children of Caroly and Vic:

- 166. Larry Victor Brown 1955–Living
- 167. Gregory Lynn Brown 1957–Living
- 168. Vincent Wade Brown 1962–Living
- 169. Teresa Carol Brown 1970–Living
- 170. Russell Lee Brown 1971–Living

Robert's second child was his daughter Lula Mae Bills (1872-1904) and her husband James Benjamin Slater (1860–1920) and they had five offspring.

51. Robert L Slater 25 JULY 1891 • (Hubbard?)Texas - 30 OCT 1974 • Hubbard, Hill, Texas
Rosa Lee Downey 2 MAR 1895 • Hubbard, Hill, Texas - 5 NOV 1969 • Corsicana, Navarro, Texas

Bob Slater was born in 1891 and for some reason, the 1900 Census for the Slaters cannot be located. His mother died in 1904, and his father remarried in 1905 and began having children with his new wife in 1906 and 1909. In 1910, it appears that he was living with his uncle Scott Bills helping out on the farm. He would have been 19 at this time. Perhaps it was getting a little crowded at home as there were now six other children in his father's home and Uncle Scott just has two small kids.

In 1916, he married Rosa Downey in Navarro County. In 1920, they were living with Rosa's widowed mother on a farm in Hill County and had two sons, Robert and Scott. Shortly after the 1920 census, they rounded out their family with the birth of daughter Fancis.

1930 finds them in the same place in Hill County still running the farm. In this census, all members of the family are present as well as a lodger named James Scott who perhaps was a farm hand. The relationship listed on the census is not clear. Ancestry interprets it as "cousin", but I think it just says lodger.

1940 finds them still farming in Hill County. The middle son Scott was killed in 1933 at the age of 13 in an automobile accident. I haven't found details of the accident but a news article indicates that he suffered head injuries and that he was the driver. The oldest son Robert was still at home and was putting

in 66 hours a week at a gas station. Daughter Francis was also at home and probably going to school. I found records of her attending Texas Wesleyan in 1941 at Ft Worth.

In 1950, Robert was still farming, but they were living at 403 Maple Street in Hubbard. Son Robert is still at home and is the manager of a service station. Frances had married sometime before 1948 as she produced a grandchild in 1948.

I have not found a lot more information, but Rosa died from heart problems in 1969 and Robert died from a heart attack in 1974. Ironically, his son Robert died the same year. I have not found any photos of this family.

Robert and Rosa's Children:

171. Robert Downey Slater 1917–1974

172. Scott James Slater 1919–1933

173. Frances Estelle Slater 1921–1979

52. Carrie Lee Slater 14 FEB 1897 • Hubbard, Texas - 7 JUL 1978 • Webster, Harris, Texas

Thomas Smith King 27 JUL 1894 • Red River County, TX - 20 MAR 1982 • Houston, Harris , TX



Not so great pictures of the Kings! Anyway, Carrie was the 2nd child of Lula and Benjamin, having been born in 1897 in Hubbard. The absence of the 1900 census for the Slaters makes tracking through her early years, but we recall that her mother died in 1904 when she was about 7 and her father remarried in 1905, so her childhood was a bit traumatic perhaps. The 1910 census finds her as the oldest child at home with her new stepmother, three brothers and sisters and two step brothers and

sisters. Three more step siblings were born before their father's death in 1920. Once again, the 1920 census cannot be found for the Slaters so there is some uncertainty about Carrie's activities until her marriage in 1925 to Thomas King in Hubbard. The 1920 census for Thomas shows that he was living with an uncle in Hubbard and was working as an enumerator for the 1920 census.

The 1930 census found Carrie and Thomas married and living at 229 Madison Street in Hubbard with three young sons. Thomas is working as a postal clerk. The census indicates that Thomas was a veteran. I have found his draft registration card from 1917, and a record of his service in the Army from May 1918 to Feb 1919. I also note that it says he was a student at Baylor at the time of his registration in 1917. Daughter Charlotte was born in 1930, but unfortunately died of tetanus in 1933 when she was 3 years old.

In 1940, they had moved to 308 N. Ivy St in Hubbard and Thomas continued to work as a postal clerk. Their 3 sons are all still at home. 1950 finds that they had moved again within Hubbard to 301 Danson Street. Twenty year old Harvey is still at home working for the Light Company. There is no profession listed for Thomas, so perhaps he had retired from the post office? Apparently brother James was in the military service based on his headstone. He served in WW2 and Korea. Shortly after the 1950 census, Harvey was either drafted or enlisted as he too served in Korea.

I haven't found much information after the 1950 census. Carrie died in 1978 in Webster Texas and Thomas died in 1982 in Houston. I suspect that they had moved to Harris County to be closer to their oldest son Thomas who went on to a very distinguished career in the banking industry.

Children of Thomas and Carrie:

- 174. Thomas Slater King 1925–2021
- 175. James Allen King 1927–2001
- 176. Harvey Bills King 1929–2010
- 177. Charlotte King 1930–1933

53. James Doyle Slater 13 OCT 1899 • Hubbard, Hill County, TX - 9 NOV 1978 • Hubbard, Hill, Texas
Flossie Ann McCool 26 MAY 1904 • Near Milano, Milam, TX 4 APRIL 2000 • Limestone, Texas

Doyle was born in 1899 in Navarro County. The 1900 Census cannot be found, but he appears in the 1910 and 1920 censuses in his parent's home in Navarro. We need to remember that his birth mother Lula died in 1904, so he has a new step mother in 1905 when he was 6. In 1920, he's the oldest of James and Lula's kids still at home at age 20 with no occupation listed so I presume he's helping his father on the farm, but I don't know. Records show that he married Flossie McCool in 1928, but the 1930 census also cannot be located. Flossie was apparently married at a fairly young age to Leo Francis Cole as she had a son Gillis in May 1925 when she had just turned 21 and then she had a daughter in September 1926. I have been unable to determine what happened to her husband Leo, but they were either divorced or he died before her 1928 marriage. Her only son with Doyle was born in 1932.

The next census that was found is from 1940. It finds Doyle and Flossie living on a farm in Hubbard with Flossie's widowed mother, her two children from her earlier marriage, and their young son James Eldredge Slater. An interesting observation from this census is that Doyle and Flossie's highest grade completed was the 6th grade. I have found Doyle's registration for the draft in WW1 and WW2, but I have no evidence that he served.

The 1950 census finds him still farming in Hubbard and still hosting his mother-in-law. Flossie's two kids have moved on, but James is still at home at age 18 and is driving a truck for an ice plant. I have not discovered much information about Doyle and Flossie after 1950. I read one article about a Doyle Slater being involved in a school bus accident in 1963, that I suspect is him, but nothing that I can use to confirm.

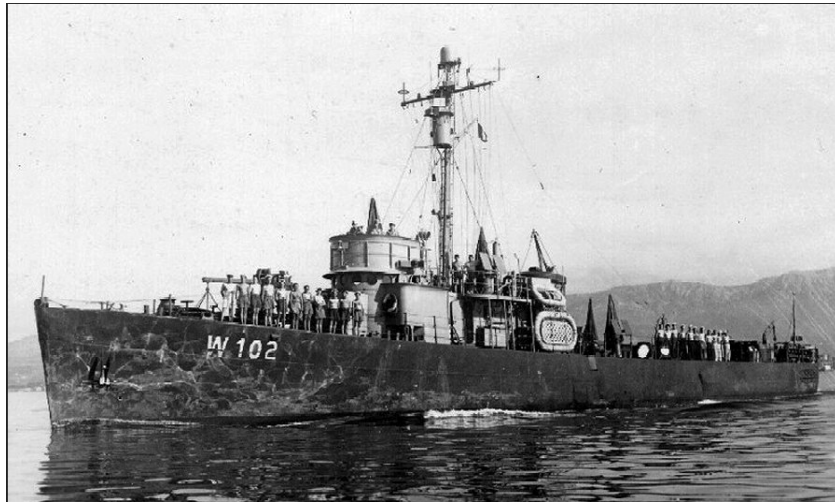
Doyle died 9 Nov 1978 from heart problems while living in a nursing home in Hubbard, He was 79. Flossie lived to the age of 95 and died 4 April 2000 in Mexia Texas. I have not found an obituary or death certificate. I'm not sure what took her to Mexia, as I haven't found any family members that lived there.

Children of Doyle and Flossie:

- XXX. Gillis Cole 1925–1975 -Stepson
 - XXX. Ruby Lee Cole 1926–2006 - Stepdaughter
 - 178. James Eldredge Slater 1932–2008
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54. Martin Eldredge Slater 15 MAY 1902 • Hubbard, Texas, USA - 5 DEC 1971 • Hubbard Hill, Texas
Naida Lynette Brown 24 AUG 1921 • Hubbard Hill, Texas - 16 OCT 2004 • Hubbard, Hill, Texas

Martin was born just after the turn of the century and two years before his mother's death. I have been unable to find him in the 1930 and 1940 censuses, and there are not any news articles that I have been able to dig up. What I have found is that he must have been swept up in the patriotism following Pearl Harbor, as he enlisted in the Navy on Jan 26, 1942. He was 40 years old at that time, so probably a bit older than the average recruit. The records show that he reported to the New Orleans Naval Recruitment center and I surmise that after some appropriate training, he was assigned to a ship known as the USS PC-542. The USS PC-542 was a PC-461-class submarine chaser built for the United States Navy during World War II. PC-542 was laid down at the Defoe Shipbuilding Company in Bay City, Michigan,



on 26 February 1942; launched on 4 April 1942; and commissioned on 25 May 1942. After commissioning, PC-542 ran convoys to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, before sailing for the Mediterranean, arriving in Arzew, Algeria. She participated in the invasions of Scoglitti, Brolo, Salerno, and Anzio in Italy; and in Operation Dragoon—the invasion of Southern France.

Following the war, Martin returned to Texas where on 28 Sep 1946, he married Naida Lynette Brown, a young lady from Hubbard. She was quite a bit younger than Martin. Sons John and Raymond were born in 1947 and 1950. In the 1950 census he, Lynette, and John appear on the farm in Hill County. Martin died in 1971 in Hubbard from malnutrition related to stomach cancer. Lynette died in 2004.

Children of Martin and Lynette:

- 179. John Michael Slater 1947 – Living
- 180. Raymond Lawrence Slater 1950–2011

55. Lilla Josephine Slater - 30 MAR 1904 • Hubbard, Navarro, TX - 14 JUN 1999 • Harris, Texas



Lilla was born 30 Mar 1904 about 3 months before her mother's death so she was effectively raised by her step mother. Her father died when she was 16. She attended school at Hillsboro High School and Junior College in the 20's. She was a public school teacher in Archer County in 1935 before returning to Hillsboro to continue her teaching by 1940. 1950 found her in Houston still

single and teaching. This is the extent of the information that I have found about her. She never married and died in Harris County in 1999 at the age of 95.

Robert's third child was his daughter Lena Marie Bills (1874-1933) and her husband Jesse Craft Wilson (1871-1956) and they had three offspring.

Our Cousin Carrie Wilson Woolverton has done a comprehensive family history of this branch of the family that can be accessed at this link. I will add a little that I have found.

<https://www.wikitree.com/photo.php/6/6b/Willson-8.pdf>

56. Unknown Wilson 18 MAY 1895 • Navarro, Texas, USA - 18 MAY 1895 Navarro, Texas, USA

Unfortunately, Lena and Jesse's first child died at birth. The only evidence I can find is a gravestone picture at Findagrave and the notation on the 1900 Census that Lena had 2 children and only one living. This would correspond to Unknown Wilson and daughter Jessie who follows.

57. Jessie Marie Wilson - 17 SEP 1898 • Bastrop, Texas - 3 JUNE 1973 • Hollis, Harmon, Oklahoma
Harold Clemmons Briscoe Sr 11 OCT 1894 • Meridian, Bosque , TX - 2 SEP 1975 • Oklahoma City
William Matthew McCubbin - 18 JUN 1893 • Denton, Texas - 4 AUG 1973 • Hollis, Oklahoma



From Carrie's history, here is a photo of Jessie with her son George and 2nd husband Bill McCubbin. Below - young Jessie.

Jessie was born in 1898 after the death of her older sibling. She appears in the 1900 and 1910 census in her parent's home first in Limestone County Texas and then in Wilbarger County Texas. The first is east of Waco and the 2nd is up by Wichita Falls so that was a pretty good move. There is another 9 year gap between her birth and the birth of her brother in 1907. The 1910 census seems to confirm that there were no other births in that period.

In 1916, Jessie married Harold Clemmons in Wilbarger. The following year in 1917, she had twin sons, Pete and George who were born in nearby Vernon. The 1920 Census found them farming in Wilbarger at an address that looks like Navajo and Vernon, but it's



unclear. In addition to the twins, two of Harold's brothers are living with them.

1930 found them living at 310 N. Main in Altus Oklahoma and Harold is a chauffeur. (*Carrie's history suggests that Harold served in WW1, but the 1930 census indicates that he was not a veteran.*) The boys are 13. 1940 found her divorced and living in Hollis Oklahoma with her widowed father after her mother's death in 1933. It appears that her sons may have gone to live with their father as the 1940 census shows George in Oklahoma City working as a druggist while living with his father and stepmother. Brother Pete, had married in 1933 and moved to Amarillo and unfortunately died in 1934 after having a daughter Rita.

Somewhere around 1945, Jessie married a 2nd time to William "Matt" McCubbins who was a carpenter in Hollis. The 1950 census found them living in Hollis with one of William's son named Glen. William had been married previously to Minnie Cansler and it looks like they had 9 children before her death in 1939. The youngest was the only one still at home in 1950, but depending on when they actually married, there may have been a couple of more step kids. Her 79 year old father is still living with them. Jessie and Matt both died in 1973 in Hollis. Harold died in 1975 in Oklahoma City. He had two children from his 2nd marriage.

Children of Jessie and Harold:

181. George Neal Briscoe 1916–1992

182. Dale "Pete" Briscoe 1916–1934

58. William Delmar "Mack" Wilson 30 MAY 1907 • Vernon, TX - 20 JAN 1947 Hollis, Oklahoma
Gracie Pearl Bowers 23 MAR 1906 • Ponta, Cherokee, TX - 25 FEB 2003 • Lindale, Smith, TX



Mack Wilson was born on 30 May 1907 in Vernon Texas, the third child of Jessie and Lena. He grew up on his parent's farm in Wilbarger County outside of Vernon Texas. In November 1925 he married

Gracie Bowers who was from Ponta Texas. I'm not sure what brought her to the Vernon area, but per cousin Carrie, she attended Business School so perhaps that was in Vernon. Nonetheless, they married on 29 November and were described as a popular young couple in the community. On 5 October 1926, their son Billy Bob Wilson was born. Apparently after their marriage, they moved to Hollis Oklahoma as that is where Billy Bob was born. Per the 1930 Census, Mack was engaged in cotton farming. Mack's mother died in 1933 and it appears that he moved in to live with his daughter, Jessie, in Hollis and this may have been about the time Jessie got divorced. I ran across a news article from 25 Mar 1934 where Mack and Billy Bob had both been seriously ill with measles. This must have been scary since Jessie's son died in 1934 from complications from measles.

In the 1940 Census, Mack is still farming in Hollis. They are living on a farm next to his widowed father and divorced sister. Billy Bob is at home as well as Grace's younger brother Julian Edward Bowers who works as a librarian at the local public school. Unfortunately in Jan of 1947, Mack was in Hollis unloading cotton and the local cotton gin when he dropped dead of a heart attack. This was sadly 4 days after the wedding of his only son Billy Bob Wilson, who got married on the 16th of January after having served in the armed forces during WW2. According to Cousin Carrie, he was a tugboat captain in the US Navy in San Diego Harbor.

Following Mack's death, Gracie remarried Charles Lockmiller in 1949, but he died in 1955. She then briefly married Ernest Morrisett in 1960, but that only lasted until 1962. She finally found happiness with Oscar "Smoky" Jones in 1966 in Tyler Texas and they lived a happy life until her death in 2003 and Smoky's death in 2009.

Children of Mack and Gracie:

183. Billy Bob Wilson 1926–1984

Robert's fourth child was his son Robert Dean Bills (1876-1956) and his wife Minnie Mae Howard (1887-1977) and they had five offspring.

59. Robert Howard Bills 6 JUL 1903 • Hubbard, Navarro, TX - 15 APR 1906 • Navarro, Texas

Robert Howard Bills was born in 1903 in Navarro County and only survived less than 3 years. His death certificate simply states the cause of death was "don't know".

60. Infant Bills 7 APR 1905 • Dawson, Navarro, TX - 7 APR 1905 • Dawson, Navarro County, TX

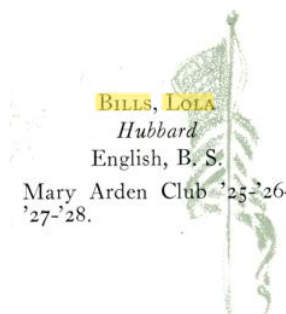
It was a tough start for Rober and Minnie, as their 2nd child also died. The only evidence I have is a gravestone from Findagrave.

61. Lola Mae Bills 1 OCT 1906 • Dawson, Texas - 8 JUL 1965 • Bryan, Brazos, Texas, USA
James Manley Head 16 FEB 1909 • Bluff Dale, Erath County, TX - 17 AUG 1992 • Austin, TX



Lola at North
Texas 1929

James Head.



Lola was born in Dawson in 1906 and appears in the 1910 and 1920 census at her parent's home in Dawson. In 1925, she went off to college at North Texas Teachers College in Denton and graduated in 1929 with a BS degree

1930 found Lola living in Ellis County and working as a public school teacher. There is a news article about her teaching in 1931 in Dawson, and then another news article about her marriage to James Head in 1932 in Hubbard. It indicated that James was formerly from Fort Worth.

The next few years seem quite busy. In 1934 her daughter was born in Hubbard. The 1940 census said they lived in Austin in 1935. In 1938 her son was born in Stephenville which is west of Fort Worth. The 1940 census also shows them living in Stephenville with James's occupation being a state government official. Lola is not teaching at this time. I'm not sure what the circumstances were, but Lola and James were married again in 1941 in Corpus Christi. Sadly, her younger brother died in a training accident in 1942 preparing for his service as a pilot in WW2. The marriage in Corpus did not take, as James is shown as marrying Alfreda Snyder in Washington DC in Jan of 1945.

1950 found Lola and her two children ages 15 and 11 living back with her parents in Hubbard. Lola is teaching again in Hubbard and has probably been back in the classroom since her divorce. She apparently decided to go back to school, as the newspaper reports her graduation from Baylor with a Masters Degree in 1951. Another news article reported that she accepted a teaching position in Bryan in 1942. I wonder if she was aware of the fact that the Superintendent in Bryan at that time was a relative. That would be W.R Carmichael who was married to Marzee Moore. Marzee and Lola were 2nd Cousins. Her daughter married in 1954 and her father died in 1956. Lola apparently never remarried and she died in Bryan in 1965.

James seems to have had quite a career. Shortly after his marriage to Lola, he was elected as a representative to the State legislature in 1933. He was the youngest ever elected at the age of 23. He served two terms and then in 1936 ran for the Texas Senate and ousted long time incumbent Pappy O'Daniel. In 1938 the Governor appointed him to be the technical advisor to a movie called the Texans being filmed near San Antonio. He talked his way into a bit role and became a "movie star". He left the Senate in 1941 and during WW2, he was in Washington in charge of labor relations and personnel for the American Trucking Industry. It was in this period that he married Alfreda. He returned to Austin in 1947 and was a lobbyist for many different industries. He ran for Congress in 1962, but was not elected. He and Alfreda had 4 children together and when she died in 1989, he married Mabel Miles. He died in 1992.

Children of Lola and James:

184. Sharon Yvonne Head 1934–2020

185. James M Head Jr 1938–1999

62. Curtis Allan Bills 16 OCT 1908 • Dawson, Navarro, TX - 5 MAR 1989 • Ventura, Ventura, California
Mary Francis Dedrick 1904 • Colorado - Death Unknown
Rhea Patricia Carnes 9 MAR 1919 • Cottonwood, Idaho, Idaho, USA - 14 FEB 2014 • California



Photo of Curtis's 2nd wife and mother of his children Patricia Carnes.

Curtis Bills was born in Dawson in 1908 a couple of years after his sister Lola. He was the youngest until brother William was born in 1919. Another long gap between children. I haven't discovered any births between 1908 and 1919, but given their early start of losing their 2 first children early, it is not inconceivable that other children may have been born.

1920 found Curtis living on Magnolia Street in Hubbard with his parents, his older sister, and his newborn brother. Father Dean is farming.

I have been unable to find Curtis in the 1930 or 1940 censuses, but I did find him in Casper Wyoming in 1932 where he was reported marrying Mary Dedrick, a young lady from Greeley Colorado who had graduated from Colorado State Teachers College in Greeley and had been teaching in Graybull Wyoming since 1929. The article indicated that Curtis had graduated from the University of Texas and was an employee of the Oil Well Service Company. I have been unable to find his picture at UT. I did find his registration card for the draft in 1940 when he was listed as living in Bakersfield California, and unemployed. I have not found definitive records, but there are indications that he and Mary were divorced before 1935 since she married a Louis Faust in 1935. In 1942, I found a marriage certificate for Curtis and Rhea Carnes in Seattle Washington and in 1943, he was working in Seattle as an Associate Engineer for TPS. I'm not sure what that is.

Rhea was born in 1919 in Idaho and her father was a farmer. In 1930, she was living with her parents in Washington State and her father was still farming. Her parents were divorced before 1940 and her mother married Raymond Hilton who was a tree surgeon. Shortly after their marriage, Curtis's younger brother William Bills was killed in a training accident in Arizona. In 1944, their first child, a daughter Cheryl, was born in Washington per the 1950 census. In 1945, Their 2nd child, a son, Robert Mayo was born in Los Angeles.

In 1950, they had moved to Ventura California and Curtis was back in the Tool Sales business. They must have moved there after a stint in Los Angeles in 1945 as their last child David Allen was born in 1949 in Ventura California. In 1952 and 1954, there are voter registration cards for Curtis and Rhea at 5922 Sunfield Ave in Los Angeles County. They were registered as Democrats.

I haven't found a lot of information after the 1950 census apart from one article in the paper from 1963 announcing the birth of their grandchild to their daughter Cheryl who is married to Rodney Robinson. Curtis died in Ventura in 1989 and Patricia died in 2014 presumably in California, but I'm not sure.

Children of Curtis and Rhea:

- 186. Cheryl L Bills 1944 – Living
 - 187. Robert Mayo Bills 1945 – Living
 - 188. David Allen Bills 1949 – Living
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63. William Mayo Bills 6 JUNE 1919 • Dawson, Navarro, TX - 4 NOV 1942 • Palo Verde (Rural), Maricopa, Arizona, USA



William Mayo Bills was born in Dawson in 1919 and was raised on the family farm there. I have no records, but I assume that he attended Grade school and High School in Hubbard or Dawson. I do have a news article describing his receipt in 1934 of his football Letterman award for the Hubbard Jaguars.

He headed off to Texas A&M around 1936 and graduated in 1940 with a degree in Agriculture. While at A&M, he was in the Corp, but doesn't appear to have been a stellar soldier as he was a 4th year private when he graduated in the Field Artillery. His nickname was "Mayo". He was at home in Hubbard for the 1940 census. He moved to Houston where in 1940 he registered for the draft and noted that he was working for The Harris County Association for Industrial Peace. I think that this had something to do with Labor Unions, but it's unclear.

He lived at 1206 Missouri St and listed himself as being 6' - 1 3/4" and 202 lbs. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp as an Aviation Cadet in Sep 1941 in Houston. His enlistment record notes that his civilian occupation was a policeman. It also noted that he was 6'-1" tall and weighed 188 lbs.

April 1942 found him as a new lieutenant at Williams Field Arizona in the Army Air Corp. He was an usher at the wedding of one of his classmates, Harry Hayes of Dallas. The wedding announcement said that they were in the first class of officers in a class that had begun in October 1941. A funny note was that it was a busy day for the post chaplain as this wedding was his 16th of the day!

Unfortunately in November 1943 on a training mission out of Williams Field, Lt Mayo and his crew mate William Baie of DeKalb, Illinois were killed. I'm not sure if this was a factor, but this is a note about Williams Field from Wikipedia "*By July 1942, there were 79 AT-10s assigned to the field, however the hot, dry climate of Arizona tended to dry out the wood and glue of the wooden AT-10s, causing at least 10 flying cadets to lose their lives in crashes. Training with the AT-10 was stopped and the aircraft were flown to more humid locations.*" William was buried in Hubbard.

Robert's fifth child was his son James Douglas Bills (1878-1955) and his wife Etta Freeland (1877-1962) and they had four offspring.

64. Furman Lowery Bills 24 JUN 1902 • Hubbard, TX - 18 MAY 1983 • McLennan County, TX
Zudie Holder ?
Gladys Pearl Miles 11 DEC 1908 • Texas - 30 DEC 2001 • Itasca, Hill, Texas

I haven't found any photos for Furman or Gladys. Furman was born in Hubbard in 1902. The 1910 census showed him living in Dawson on his parent's farm with a younger brother and sister, and the 1920 census showed him living in Hubbard on third street with his parents and a younger brother and two younger sisters.

In 1930, Furman is listed as living at home, but it indicated that he was a widow and working as a laborer on the farm. I have found a marriage certificate from Feb 1924 for a marriage between Furman Bills and Zudie Holder, but I have not yet found any other information about her or her death. In Dec 1931, Furman married Gladys Miles in Hubbard. Their son Thomas was born in 1934.

1940 found the family living on a rented farm in Hubbard. The census showed that Furman had three years of high school and Gladys had two. Five year old Thomas had not yet started school.

1950 is much the same. The family is still farming in Navarro County. Fifteen year old Lowery is most likely in school and working on the farm. I have found a picture of their son Lowery graduating from Hillsboro High School in 1951 and he goes to college at Tarleton State College in Stephenville where he seems to have done well as he was promoted to Cadet Captain in 1953. He is then shown graduating from Texas Tech in 1955 at which point he is commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the Army and was required to report for two years active duty.

Furman died in McLennan County in 1983, and Gladys lived to age 193 and died in Hill County in 2001.

Child of Furman and Gladys:

189. Thomas Lowery Bills 1934 - Living?

65. Cody Weldon Bills 6 AUGUST 1906 • Navarro, TX - 28 MAY 1990 • Hill County, Texas
Lola Lee Vaughn 3 MAR 1908 • TX - 6 AUGUST 1985 • Hill County, Texas

I have failed to find any photos of Cody and Lola, but will keep looking.

Cody was born about 4 years after his older brother Furman. In 1910 and 1920 he lived on the family farm in Navarro County. Based on news articles, I'm fairly sure that their farm was near the small community of Irene which is one of many small communities in this area such as Hubbard, Dawson, etc.

In 1938, Cody married Lola Vaughn in Hill County. The 1930 census found them living on a farm on Shepherd Road in Hill County with their almost year old son Joe. The years after 1930 seem to have been a little rough, as Lola gave birth to two girls who died either right after childbirth or 10 days after. These tragedies occurred in 1933 and 1936. Both were caused by umbilical bleeding.

The 1940 Census found them living on the farm near Irene. Young Joe is 10 years old. Of interest is that it records that Cody had completed one year of High School and Lola had completed one year of college.

Once again, the 1950 Census finds the whole family farming in Hill County. I haven't found the enlistment record, but shortly after the census, son Joe must have enlisted in the army or perhaps he was drafted for Korea. Cody and Lola visited him in Colorado Springs where he was serving in the Army in 1951. He was reported as having visited his parents a couple of times in the early 50's. In 1957, son Joe married Dorothy Beal, but that marriage did not last as they divorced after about eight months. Cody's father died in 1955.

I haven't discovered a whole lot more about Cody and Lola. There is a news article from 1961 where their property was affected by the construction of a new dam. There is another article from 1971 where Cody was involved in a water supply association. The 80's and early 90's were another rough spell

with the death of his older brother in 1983, his wife Lola in 1985, his younger sisters Mary and Jamie within three days of one another in Jan 1900, and finally, his own death in May 1990.

Children of Cody and Lola:

- 190. Joe Weldon Bills 1929–2008
- 191. Rita Jean Bills 1933–1933
- 192. Iris Jeanette Bills 1936–1936

66. Mary Geneva Bills 13 AUGUST 1909 • Hill, Texas - 2 JANUARY 1990
Ivan Porter Browning 8 JAN 1906 • Searcy, Arkansas - 25 MARCH 1974 • Tyler, Smith, TX
Robert Otis Cox ABT 1911 • Mississippi - 4 NOV 1941 • Texas



I haven't found pictures of Mary's 2 husbands, but this is Mary in 1929 at Hillsboro High School..

Mary was born in Hill County Texas in 1909. She grew up on her parent's farm near Irene Texas. In 1929, she married Ivan Browning who was a real estate salesman along with his father, and the 1930 census found her and Ivan living with his parents at 102 Madison St in Hillsboro. The census indicated that Ivan's father was a WW1 vet. Apparently the marriage did not last as she married Robert Cox in 1936 and Ivan married Anne Fitchett in 1937. Mary and Ivan did not have any children that I have found.

Mary and Robert started their family in 1937 with the birth of a son Robert Cox in McLennan County. The 1940 census found them living in a rented farm near Irene with their young son. The census indicated that Robert had completed 8th grade and married and had graduated high school. She became pregnant in 1941, but tragically, a month before the birth of her daughter Mary in Dec 1941, Robert was killed in an accident where he was crushed between his car and a trailer.

In 1950, Mary and her two young children were living in Hubbard, and Mary was teaching elementary school. It looks like she lived at 406 Line Oak, but it's a little unclear on the form.

As with most, the records become a little sparse at this point. Her two children both head off to Texas Tech in the early 60's and graduate the same year 1964. Daughter Mary with a BS in Elementary Education and son Robert with a degree in Agricultural Education. Her daughter married shortly after graduation to Ronald Stokes. I have not found any bride for her son Robert. Her father died in 1955. Her mother died in 1962. Her oldest brother Furman died in 1983. She and her two remaining siblings then all died in 1990.

Children of Mary and Robert:

- 193. Robert Douglas Cox 1937–1994
 - 194. Mary Otis Cox 1941 – Living
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67. Jamie Sue Bills 30 NOV 1916 • Dawson, Navarro, TX - 5 JAN 1990 • Waco, McLennan County, TX
Thomas Joe Smithson 23 JUN 1914 • Irene, Texas - 18 MAR 1993 • McLennan County, TX

Jamie Sue was born in 1916, seven years after her sister. Again, I haven't found any evidence of any children born between them that did not survive. Additionally, I haven't found any pictures of Jamie or her husband.

1920 found her living at home with her 3 older siblings on Mulberry Street in Hubbard. In 1930, they had moved to Speaker Street, and older sister Geneva has married and moved away and older brother Cody has married, but was living nearby.

Jamie married Thomas Smithson on 10 Dec 1938. I haven't found a record to support this, but it is prominently carved on his headstone so I'm going to assume that it is true. The 1940 census found Jamie and Thomas living with her parents at 74 School House Road in Hubbard. The other information I can glean from this census is that Jamie is a high school graduate and Thomas has only completed the 11th grade. It looks like both are helping out on the farm. In 1947, their daughter Tommye Jo was born in Waco. Thomas's draft registration card from 1 Oct 1940 showed that he was a farmer in Hubbard and was 6' 0" and 185 lbs.

The 1950 census doesn't provide a whole lot of information. They are living on a farm on Irene Road and are 34, 32, and 2 years old. I looked into Thomas a bit and his information is a little confusing. In the 1920 census, his father is Captain Smithson and his mother is Gertruce Smithson. In the 1930 census, however, his father is Burford Smithson and his mother is Gertrude, but Burford is younger than Burford, but she was older than Captain. It appears that Captain died in 1923, and she married J. A. Elrod in 1924 and Burford Smithson in 1929. I have not uncovered the relationship between Burford and Captain, but I suspect that they were cousins. Perhaps I will explore this later, but it is an interesting question. I'm not sure what the marriage with J A Elrod was all about either as he was 13 years younger than Gertrude. I also have not discovered what happened to him.

Information after the 1950 census is scarce. I found an article about T J buying a Hereford bull in 1965 and being a trail boss in the Dawson Saddle Club in 1975. Their only child, daughter Tommy Jo, got married in 1966. Jamie's father died in 1955 and her mother died in 1962. They had grandchildren born in 1967 and 1971. Her brother Furman died in 1983, and her sister died in Jan 1990. She died three days after her sister Geneva in Jan 1990. T. J. died in 1993.

Child of TJ and Jamie:

195. Tommye Jo Smithson 1947–2000

Robert's sixth child was his son Scott Davis Bills (1880-1931) and his wife Della Wright (1886–1981) and they had five offspring.

68. Nona Kathryn Bills 5 JUN 1907 • Hubbard, Texas - 27 OCT 1978 • Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA

I'm a little confused by Kathryn's proper name. It is shown as Nona, Catherine, Kathryn, and Kathryn. Given this, she was the first child of Robert and Della. She was born in 1907 and appeared in the 1910 census living at her parent's farm in Hubbard along with her younger brother and what I believe to be a much older cousin Robert Slater who is probably helping out his uncle on the farm.

1920 found the family living on Maple Avenue in Hubbard with Kathrynne and two younger brothers and one younger sister. I've had difficulty finding a lot of information about Kathrynne. I found a news article from June 1927 describing her graduation from Trinity University in Waxahachie. She was on her way to Breckenridge Tx where she had accepted a position as the church secretary, youth director, and music director. It goes on to describe that she had been active at Trinity in organizations that would have prepared her for her pending job. She was also the president of the YWCA and Chapel Organist.

The 1930 census found her living in the Teacher's Dormitory in Graham TX and teaching in the local public school. She is 22 years old. I'm curious as to what prompted her transition from church work to teaching. I read a separate history of the Graham Public Schools, and it was a real pace setter in public education in Texas during this period so perhaps the opportunity to jump aboard a growing organization was attractive to her. I should also add as a reminder, that in 1931, her father was accidentally killed while chasing a robber away from his farm and his shotgun accidentally discharged.

I haven't yet found her in the 1940 Census, but I did find an article from Dec 1940 that described her attendance at a family reunion in Waxahachie and in the article, it said that she was a school teacher in the Dallas School System. This is further confirmed by a 1941 article describing her visit with her mother in Waxahachie along with her younger sister Clyde. Kathrynne was a teacher in Dallas, and Clyde was a teacher in Columbus. Yet another article describes her teaching at Greiner Jr High in Dallas. Finally, a 1949 article tells of her serving as the lone bridesmaid at her sister's wedding in Galveston in 1949.

The 1950 Census found her still teaching at the Jr High School in Dallas and living at an apartment, although the address is not clear. The only other items that I have noted are the death of her brother Mack in a car wreck in Paris TX in 1966 and the death of her other brother Robert in 1976. Kathrynne died in 1978 after years of teaching and never having married. She was buried in her hometown of Waxahachie.

69. Robert Newton Bills 10 FEB 1909 • Hubbard, TX - 3 MAR 1976 • Nueces, Texas
Mary Elizabeth Dumas 3 FEB 1908 • Rockwall - 8 FEB 1996 • Bexar, Texas

Robert was the first son of Robert and Della. She was born in 1909 and appeared in the 1910 census living at her parent's farm in Hubbard along with his older sister and what I believe to be a much older cousin Robert Slater who is probably helping out his uncle on the farm.

1920 found the family living on Maple Avenue in Hubbard with older sister Kathrynne and one younger brother and one younger sister. I've had difficulty finding a lot of information about Robert also, but here is what I have found.

I haven't found him in the 1930 census but he may have been away at college. I haven't seen any indication of where he went to school. There is a news article in Newspapers.com announcing his marriage in 1931 in Shreveport LA to Mary Dumas. I'm having trouble finding my source, but it appears that their daughter Betty Madge was born on 1 Jan 1932 in Oklahoma. The 1940 census is also missing, but Robert's WW2 draft registration card from 1940 found him in Lake Charles LA working for Amerada Petroleum Company. He's 31 years old and 6' - 180 lbs with blonde hair and blue eyes.

The 1950 Census found them in Beeville TX, and Robert was an Oil Geophysicist. Robert's obituary in 1976 indicated that he had graduated from Waxahachie HS and attended Trinity University in Waxahachie for two years. Unfortunately the yearbooks for the years he would most likely have attended do not seem to be available online.

A little bit about his wife Mary. She was born in Rockall in 1931 and her father was in the retail hardware business. In 1910, they were living in Lampasas and in 1920 they were back in Rockwall. Her mother died in 1925 and in 1930 they were in Dallas and her father was a widow. Mary's mother was named Madge Benbrook, so that led me off on a two day rabbit hole to try and see if there was any relationship to the founder of the City of Benbrook, but there does not seem to be a connection.

Child of Robert and Mary:

196. Betty Madge Bills 1932 – Living

70. Mack Bills 19 AUG 1911 • Hubbard, Hill County, TX- 14 FEB 1966 • Paris, Lamar, TX

Lucy Ethylleene Martin 23 FEB 1911 • Minter, Lamar, TX - 25 AUG 1993 • Paris, Lamar County, TX

Mack was the second son of Robert and Della. She was born in 1911 and appeared in the 1920 census living on Maple Avenue in Hubbard with older sister Kathryne and one older brother and one younger sister. I've had difficulty finding a lot of information about Mack also, but here is what I have found.



Moving to the 1930 census, the older brothers and sisters have moved out, so Mack is the oldest child living at home. He's working in road construction as a truck driver. He has his younger sister Clyde, and a new two year old brother Eugene. They were living on Sycamore Street in Waxahachie. Per Lucy's obituary, Mack got married to Lucy Martin on 19 Feb 1932 in Deport TX. Their son was born in 1934 Lamar County. Additionally, the 1940 census noted that he had two years of college, so I suspect that like some of his siblings, he probably attended Trinity at Waxahachie, but the year books for his years of attendance don't seem to be available. Lucy's obituary indicated that she received a BA from Trinity and an MA from East Texas State. This is her photo from Paris High School. A little editorial comment here - There seems to be quite a few Bills in Paris that I'm sure are in some way to related to the Bills family from Tennessee, but I have not had the time to investigate that. I should also note that Paris Texas during the 1910-1920 era was a town that had a very racist reputation with a

number of high profile lynchings. It looks like the Martin's lived outside of Paris in Deport. Another note is that Lucy's father tragically committed suicide in 1930 in a fir of depression over his wife's ill health.

The 1940 Census provides the information that they had lived in Waxahachie in 1935, but in 1940 they were living in LaFourche, Louisiana where Mack was an agent of some sort in the oil industry working for the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company located in Houma, LA. They were living in a rented home with their six year old son Robert.

They were back in Paris in 1950 where Mack was a dragline operator at a cement plant. Lucy was teaching in the Paris public Schools putting her education to work after son Robert was old enough to be going to school. I have found a couple of articles detailing her activities as an officer in the PTA. Their son Robert married in 1958. They lived at 1850 Washington Street in Paris.

Mack's life came to an unfortunate end on Valentines Day of 1966 when he was involved in a one car accident. According to the news report, he failed to negotiate a curve and rolled over 10 times. After

the crash, a spectator accidentally set fire to a gas soaked rag which caused the pickup to go up in flames. The year that Mack died, Lucy was named the Paris ISD Outstanding Teacher. She stayed active in her church and the Retired Teachers Association until her death in 1993.

Child of Mack and Lucy:

197. Robert Scott Bills 1934 – Living

71. Clyde Allyn Bills 15 MAY 1918 • Hubbard Hill, Texas - 8 OCT 1981 • Galveston, Texas

Robert Cary Oldham Sr. 22 DEC 1911 • Waxahachie, Texas - 29 JAN 1988 • Galveston, Texas



Clyde was the last daughter of Robert and Della. She was born in 1918 and appeared in the 1920 census living on Maple Avenue in Hubbard with older sister Kathryne and two older brothers. In 1930, she lived on Sycamore Street in Waxahachie with her brother Mack and new younger brother Eugene. Again I'm a little confused about the 8 year gap between her birth and Mack's, and then another 9 year gap between her and little brother Eugene. I have not found any evidence of other siblings that died between their births. As previously mentioned, her father accidentally shot himself while chasing a corn thief off of his property in 1931.

She must have headed off to school shortly after his death, but I haven't found any mention of it, however in 1940 she was working as a school teacher in Maypearl, Tx and living in the Wileman home. She had been living in Waxahachie in 1935. The 1940 Census said that she had 4 years of College. The years between 1940 and 1950 involved some changes. In 1941, she and her older sister Kathryne visited their mother in Waxahachie. Somehow, she made it to Texas City where she ended up working as a secretary at a chemical plant where it seems that she met a fellow worker

Robert Oldham. In 1949, they were married in Galveston and sister Kathryne was her attendant.

A little about Robert. It looks like he was born in Waxahachie as he appeared there in the 1920 census with his parents and grandfather. His father was a merchant in a retail store. Unfortunately, his father died in 1922 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. I have not found any news report on this, but that is what is shown on his death certificate. There was an ad in the Waxahachie newspaper about this time about some having purchased Mrs Cary Oldham's hemming business so perhaps she decided to leave town, She and Robert ended up in Dallas in 1940 where she was working as a seamstress in a department store and 18 year old Robert was a salesman at the same store. In 1940, he and his mother were still living in Dallas and he was working as an accountant in sewer construction. He registered for the draft and showed that he lived at 3616 York St in Dallas and was working for the WPA. He was 5'9" and 110 lbs. He had gray eyes and brown hair. I have not found the records, but his obituary indicated that he served in the Navy during WW2. His mother Gertrude died in 1949. By 1949, he was in Texas City where as mentioned above, he and Clyde were married. Robert was 38 and Clyde was 31.

Their first child, a son Robert Jr was born in 1954, and daughter Kathyryne was born in 1959. Brother Mack died in a car accident in 1966. As son Robert grew up, it looks like from various news accounts, that he was active in Scouts and father Robert was also involved as a Scout leader. A news article from 1971 mentioned that Clyde had returned to teaching and Robert was working at Monsanto. Other news articles detail son Roberts receiving his Eagle Scout in 1971 and a music award in 1972, father Robert's activity in the church. Clyde's brother Robert died in 1976. Also in 1976, their daughter got married. Her sister Kathyryne died in 1978 and their son got married in 1979 and her mother died in 1981 just months before Clyde's own death in October 1981. Her obituary mentioned that she had been a medical Secretary at UTMB in Galveston. Robert died in 1988 in LaMarque.

Children of Clyde and Robert:

198. Robert C. Oldham Jr. 1954–1992

199. Kathyryne Oldham 1959–Living

72. Eugene Scott Bills 28 SEP 1927 • Waxahachie, Ellis, Texas, USA - 20 MAR 2001

Billye Carnye Popnoe 23 OCT 1930 • Snyder Scurry, Texas, USA - 11 MAR 2001



Eugene was the youngest son of Robert and Della. He was born in 1927, some 8 years after his previous sibling Clyde Allen. His mother was 41 when he was born. When he was born, his sister Clyde and brother Mack were still at home. In 1931, as we recall, his father accidentally shot himself when Eugene was only 4 years old. In the 1940 census, he was living at 1411 Sycamore in Waxahachie with his widowed mother and attending school. In 1943, there is a news article telling about Eugene heading to Thibodaux LA to work with his brother Robert. It looks like Eugene was a little young for WW2, but he enlisted on 19 Feb 1946 at Ft Sam Houston. He was 19. His draft registration card showed that he was 6'

2 ½ “ and weighed 175 lbs. He had blue eyes and blonde hair. Jan 1947 found him enroute to Korea, but he was back home by June so he was there pre Korean War. It seems that he left the service and enrolled at Texas Tech in Lubbock. I believe that he may have been there before enlisting as his enrollment records in 1946 indicated that he had two years of college.

In Feb 1950, Eugene married fellow Tech student Billye Popnoe who was from Snyder where her father was a farmer and her mother was a teacher. She was born in 1930, so she was a few years younger than Eugene. I think that they both graduated that year. It's a little unclear where they moved, but I am under the impression that it was probably Hobbs New Mexico since that is where their children were born. Daughter Kathyne was born in 1950. Son Scott Carney Bills was born in 1953. Son Gary was born in 1955. After that, they moved to Pasadena at some point because all of the kids were found in the Rayburn HS Yearbooks. Youngest son Gary died in Livingston in 1999, but I do not know the cause.

I finally found an obituary for Billye and Eugene that shed a lot more light on their lives. They died within 9 days of one another in Livingstone in March 2001 where they had retired in 1984. Billye had lung cancer. In the obituary it stated that Gene was an Electrical Engineer and worked for several large companies including Amerada Oil, Dow Chemical, Martin Aerospace and NAS. He retired in 1973. Billye was an active real estate broker in Pasadena until 1984 when they moved to Livingstone.

Children of Eugene and Billye:

- 200. Kathyne Deanne Bills 1950–2011
- 201. Scott Carney Bills 1953–2016
- 202. Gary Dean Bills 1955–1999

Robert's seventh child was his daughter Carrie Eudora Bills (1882-1899) and her husband W. Ed Teague (1878-UNK) and they had no children.

Robert's eighth child was his daughter Ida Eugenia Bills (1882-1899) She had no children.

This is the continuation of Robert Dysart's descendents but these are the children with his 2nd wife Martha J. Powell. As you may recall, Martha had been previously married to Joseph Sallee and had three children. Then Joseph died, so she married Joseph Freeland who had been Robert's brother-in-law before his wife died with two children who would have been Robert's nephews and now his stepsons. Martha and Robert then had 5 children of their own. I have chosen not to document the stepchildren at this time but will list them below, and then start detailing my direct descendents.

Robert Stepchildren and Martha's children:

- Jessie Salley 1877–1906
- Emma Maude Sallee 1880–1921
- Joseph Sallee 1882–1977

Robert and Martha's stepchildren:

- John F. Freeland Jr 1876–1928
- Clarence H Freeland 1879–1926

I am in communication with Joseph Sallee's grandson and great granddaughter who both live in Houston. The grandson is Kirk Castleman and he spent 40 years in the ministry and has just turned 80. His daughter is Cindy Diester and she is a teacher at her church's school and is as avid about genealogy as me.

Robert's ninth child and his first with Mattie was his daughter Jackie Merle Bills (1889-1943) and her husband Leslie Ray Reynolds (1905-1982). The do not appear to have had any children that I have found.

Robert's tenth child and his second with Mattie was his daughter Della Louis Bills (1891-1995) and her husband Andrew Nelson Roper (1889-1956) and they had three children.

73. Robert Nolan Roper 5 APR 1911 • Navarro , TX - 15 APR 1953 • Houston, Harris, Texas, USA
Lue Ella Marsh 6 AUG 1904 • Cedar Hill, Dallas, Texas - 10 OCT 1983 • Harris, Texas



Robert was born in Dawson in 1911 and appears in the 1920 census where the family lived at 127 West First Street in Dawson. His father was a hardware salesman. Also in the household was his younger brother Jack and his aunt Katheryn.

The 1930 Census found them at 1718 Maryland Ave in Dallas where his father seems to be in sales of farm equipment. Robert has a new younger brother James. By this time, he was 18 and said that he was working as a commercial traveler - postage meter. I'm not sure what that means. On 10 Mar 1932, he married Louella Marsh in Waxahachie. She was seven years older than Robert and had previously been married to Archie Johnson in 1920 and they had two children. They were divorced before 1930 as the 1930 census shows him living with his widowed mother in Dallas and divorced.

The 1940 Census had them living on West Gray in Houston and Robert was the Manager of an Electrical Company. Lou Ella's daughter is living with them and is 17 years old. The census also shows that Robert had completed two years of college. Lou Ella had only one year of high school and Nava was a Junior in high school. It appears that the son lived with his stepmother at this time. He registered for the draft in 1940 and was living at 1235 W. Gray in Houston. He was working for Beard & Polk Electric Co located at 805 Polk Ave. He was 6'-1" and 210 lbs with hazel eyes, brown hair, and a ruddy complexion and had a black mark in his left eyebrow. His gravestone indicated that he served in the US Navy, but I cannot find any information about his service.

The 1950 Census found Robert and Lou Ella living at 1235 West Gray in Houston and Robert was selling electric motors. Lou Ella was a saleslady for ready to wear clothing. His death certificate in 1953 indicated that he died of heart problems, He was only 42 years old. He was still working at Beard and Polk at the time of his death. Louella lived until 1983, but I have been unable to find any additional information about her.

Robert and Louella did not have any children from their marriage. Louella had two children.

James Willard Johnson 1921-2017

Nava Jean Johnson 1922-2015

74. Jack Nelson Roper Sr 13 APR 1919 • Dawson, Navarro, TX - 9 JAN 2003 • Dallas, Dallas, TX
Lela Gertrude Smith 4 MAY 1917 • De Ridder, Louisiana - 7 SEP 1995 • Dallas, Texas



I can't add much more to Jack's biography that isn't in this obituary. I will add a few notes at the bottom from my perspective.

ROPER, JACK N. SR. Born April 13, 1919, to Andrew N. and Delia L. Roper of Dawson (Navarro County), Texas, and, in December, 1919, the entire family moved to Dallas. Mr. Roper is predeceased by his first wife, Gertrude S. Roper, his life and love of 53 years, his parents, his brothers Robert N. Roper of Houston and James H. Roper of Dallas, and his step-daughter, Melodie Graves. (daughter of his 2nd wife) Mr. Roper is survived by his wife, Jody Roper, who he often referred to as his personal gift from heaven; two sons from his first marriage, Jack N. Roper, Jr. and wife Dana of Addison, Richard S. Roper and wife Gloria of Pepeekeo, Hawaii, a grandson Jack N. "Bo" Roper, III, of Ft. Worth, granddaughters Jennifer Slavinskias of Austin, Kristina Roper of Hollywood, California, and great grandson, Jon Slavinskias of Austin. Also, by a most special cousin, Bobbie J. Meadows of San Antonio, a niece Katheryn L. Roper of Dallas, a nephew James H. Roper, Jr., of Carrollton and his wife Vanetta, along with a number of nieces and nephews.

Shortly after graduating from Sunset High School, Mr. Roper was employed by Burriss Mill & Elevator as internal auditor overseeing their 13 mills and elevators. He was called up for service in 1943 to the Aviation Cadet Program at the Cadet Center in San Antonio. He finished his training at the Air Force Navigation School in Hondo, Texas, where he served as Cadet Colonel at graduation. He was transferred to the 8th Air Force in England, and later to the 15th Air Force in Italy serving as Squadron Navigator under the command of Major Loyd Bentson of the 716 squadron of the 449th Heavy Bomb Group. During his time in Italy, he was awarded the D.F.C..

Shortly after returning from the service as a Captain in the Air Force, he was asked to join a new company, Bearing Chain & Supply Company, which had been started by a friend, who also served as a pilot in Italy, where he spent the next 32 years as a partner. During his years with Bearing Chain he served as Program Chairman for the Oak Cliff Lions Club, President of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Association of Business, National Affairs Chairman for the State Association of Business, President of Power Transmission Distributors Association, and served on numerous advisory boards of various manufacturers. Roper retired in 1983 to enjoy his family in travels around the world. Family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2003 at Restland Funeral Home. Graveside services 1:30 PM Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at Restland Funeral Home with a memorial service at 2:30 PM at Park Cities Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

Here starts my thoughts: Born in 1919 in Dawson he appeared in the 1920 census with his older brother and an aunt and his parents. As the obit says, they moved to Dallas in December of that year where his father was selling farm equipment and his older brother was doing something with postage, and a younger brother had arrived by 1940. They lived at 2107 Denley Drive in Dallas. It looks like he attended Sunset HS in Dallas from 1933 to 1936 and was involved in ROTC.

Jack married Gertrude Smith in 1942 in Dallas. I don't have a lot of information about Gertrude, She was born in Louisiana in 1917, and may have been a stenographer in Dallas in 1940, but I cannot be certain that the 1940 census I found is her since it is a common name.

In 1950 as the obituary says, Jack was working for Bearing Chain and Supply and living at 1502 N. Atoll in Dallas with his wife and two sons. His older brother died in 1953 and his father died in 1956. He seems to have been quite successful in business and was very involved in civic affairs. There are several news articles about acquisitions that were made by Bearing Chain so the business was growing. He brought his older son into the business and that son, Jack Jr eventually succeeded his father as the head of the company. His younger son Richard moved to Hawaii and I believe was involved in teaching and fathered a young lady, Kristina Anapau Roper, who has become a very successful movie and TV star.

Jack's younger brother died in 1980, and his mother died in 1985. Gertrude died in 1995, and the following year, Jack met and married Jody Bird Graves, a widow with a daughter, Melody. The obituary covers activities in this period very well.

Children of Jack and Gertrude:

203. Jack Nelson Roper Jr 1943–2020

204. Richard Stephen Roper 1948–Living

Stepsister - Melody Graves

75. James Harold Roper Sr 10 SEP 1921 • Dallas, Dallas , TX - 27 AUGUST 1980 • Dallas County, TX
Carolyn Campbell 13 NOV 1923 • Covington, Hill, TX - 8 JAN 1950 • Lubbock, Lubbock, TX
Patsy Jean Patrick 6 MAY 1927 • Winters, Runnels, TX - Death Unknown Dallas, Dallas, Texas

James (I think he went by Hal) was born in 1921 and first appeared in the 1930 census with his parents and two older brothers in Dallas. They lived at 1718 Maryland Ave. In 1940 they had moved to 2107 Denley Drive and 18 year old Hal was working in a men's clothing store. His oldest brother was no longer at home, but next older brother Jack was still at home, and they had a young lady, Tony Karb staying with them. She was a seamstress working on car seats.

Twenty three year old Hal registered for the draft in 1944 while living at 2626 Berwick and listed his mother at that address as his contact person. He was working for T. A. Manning and Sons at 2010 ½ Bryan Street. He was 6'-1" 178 lbs with brown hair and blue eyes and a ruddy complexion. He then enlisted on 20 Feb 1945 and listed his profession as an insurance salesman. I'm a little confused by this as there is a copy of a marriage record of James Roper and Carolyn Campbell in 1942 in Highlands, Florida. The 1950 census showed him back in Dallas and living with his parents, but he is a widow. He was also selling life insurance. Living with him are two children. Hal Jr was born in 1944 in Dallas right before he enlisted and Katherine was born in 1949. Further investigation yielded some newspaper articles about events that transpired in Jan 1950, six months after the birth of her daughter. Carolyn got up in the night and went out to the garage and shot herself with a shotgun. One must wonder if postpartum depression might have been a factor.

A little background on Carolyn. She appears to have had a bit of a rough life. Her father, Hollis Hines Campbell was one of the early commercial pilots. In 1932, while flying in southern California on a foggy night, they seemed to have lost their bearings and were flying low to find landmarks, when they flew into some power lines and crashed killing all aboard. Carolyn's mother apparently received a pretty

good insurance settlement, but was conned out of her money, so by 1940, she had sent her children to live with her widowed mother as she tried to get back on her feet. I'm not sure how she got to Florida and met Hal there in 1942, but she came to a sad end in 1950 in Lubbock.

Hal married Patsy Patrick the following year. Research on Patsy has been a little challenging as there seems to be one or two other ladies with the same name in the same era, so I'm not sure exactly which Patsy it is. There is one from Kilgore and another from Ballinger. The Dallas marriage certificate from 1951 does not yield any clues. Anyway, I have not found any evidence that Hal and Patsy had any children. I have not found a comprehensive obituary, but Hal died in 1980 in Dallas. I haven't confirmed Patsy's date of death or if she is dead, but based on her birthdate of 1927, it is likely she is deceased.

Children of Hal and Carolyn:

- 205. James Harold Roper Jr 1944 – Living
- 206. Katherine Louise Roper 1949 – Living

Robert's eleventh child and his third with Mattie was his daughter Hallie Mae Bills (1896-1969) and her husband Frank H Quinlan (1898– Unknown) and they had one child. As a reminder, Frank ran out on Hallie and she married Hugh Tull, but they had no children,

- 76. Olive Adele Quinlan 3 APR 1917 • Denver, Colorado - AUG 1995 California
- Robert Roach Cheney 4 NOV 1916 • Dodge, Nebraska - 15 SEP 1997 • Clayton, Georgia



Not a very good photo of Olive but not too bad of her husband.

As mentioned above, Olive's early life was a little messed up. It may not be correct, but I'm assuming that she was born in Denver, since that is where her mother married Frank Quinlan in 1918. As a bit of confusion, if my dates for Olive's birth are correct, it looks like she

was born before Frank and Hallie were married. I'm inclined to believe that she was more than likely born in 1918 rather than 1917, but I haven't found any definitive birth records. The 1920 census is missing. The 1930 census says she was 13, but the 1950 says she was 22 so one pointed to 1917 and the other to 1918. Nonetheless, she and her mother ended up in Long Beach in the early 20's where Hallie was in nursing school and then practicing as a nurse.

By the 1930 census, Hallie had married Hugh Tull and they were living at 425 ½ N. Ogden in Los Angeles and it looks like Hugh was a latherer in the building of houses. A latherer works with installing

the backing for gypsum ceilings. The 1940 census indicated that Hogh had first married at 26 and Hallie at 20 so since they were 27 and 30 when they married each other, then both had previous marriages.

In 1939, Olive married Robert Cheney in Yuma Arizona. Robert was a young man from Nebraska whose family moved to LA before 1930 and his father was a sales manager at a lumber company. The 1940 census found newly wed Olive and Robert living in a rented house at 901 South Irolo in LA. Robert worked for Union Oil as a clerk, and Olive was a stenographer at a finance company. It indicated that Robert had graduated from High School and Olive had two years of college. He registered for the draft in 1940 and his registration showed that he was 5'-6" and 165 lbs. He had gray eyes, brown hair, and a light brown complexion. It confirmed that he was working for Union Oil at 617 W 7th in LA.

Between 1940 and 1950, Robert and Olive had a couple of kids with Pamela showing up in 1945 and Stephen in 1948. Robert had enlisted in the Army in 1943, but I do not know what his service was. His enlistment record showed that he had completed a year of college at this point and it confusingly mentioned that his address was either Los Angeles or the Panama Canal. After the war they lived at 17239 Welby in LA, and Robert may have been working for his father as he now listed his profession as a lumber salesman.

Information after the 1950 census is minimal. It looks like they may have moved to Hampton Georgia in the early 90's. Their daughter Pamela and her husband were living there so that would be reasonable. Olive died in 1995. Robert died in 1997.

Children of Robert and Olive:

- 207. Pamela Sue Cheney 1945 – Living
- 208. Stephen Kirk Cheney 1948–2009

Robert's twelfth child and his fourth with Mattie was his son Lewis Powell Bills (1897-1965) and his wife Roxie Austin (185– 1978) and they had three children.

77. Bobbie Jean Bills 21 JULY 1921 • Hubbard, Hill, TX - 4 JUL 2007 • San Antonio, Bexar, TX
James Albert Meadows Jr 24 FEB 1918 • Houston, Harris, TX - 16 MAY 1990 • Bexar County, TX



Bobbie Jean was born in 1921 in Hubbard where her parents were farmers. She was the first child of Lewis and Roxie. A brother, Jack, was born in 1928 in Hubbard but he did not live long and died after a couple of weeks. The family left Hubbard about this time and moved to Dallas where her father continued farming.

According to the 1940 census, Bobbie graduated from high school and the picture here is from the 1938 Sunset HS

Yearbook in Dallas. According to her obituary, she married James Meadows in 1940 shortly before the

1940 Census. The Census that year found Bobbie and James living at 4623 Gaston Ave in a rented home, which was probably an apartment since there are many neighbors with the same address. James was a clerk for a business machine manufacturer and Bobbie was a stenographer. Both were high school graduates. James was 4 years older than Bobbie. James had been born in Kentucky and in 1920 he was living in Beaumont. His family had moved to Dallas before 1930 and his father was a bookkeeper at an ice company. James registered for the draft in 1940 and the form indicated that he was working for International Business Machine. It looks like they moved within Dallas in Dec 1940, but the street name is not legible. James had brown eyes, brown hair, and was dark complected He was 6'-0" and weighed 150 lbs.

I have not found confirming records, but I suspect that James enlisted in the Navy based upon a record that I found of him being in the Naval Reserve in 1949. Whatever the reason, James and Bobbie were in Florida in 1942 where their first son was born. Post war 1946 found them in Oklahoma City where their 2nd son was born. The 1950 Census found them in Lubbock where James was a Field Supervisor for IBM and Bobbie was tending to her two young sons.

I have not found much after the 1950 census with the exception of the marriage of their oldest son Robert and their 2nd son J. Michael in 1968. J. Michael divorced in 1978 and remarried in 1995. Their daughter Lorrie married in 1980. Her father died in 1965. Her mother died in 1978. Her brother died in 1979. James died in 1995. Her oldest son Robert died in 2000 and Bobbie died in 2007 in San Antonio.

Children of James and Bobbie:

- 209. Robert Stephen Meadows 1942–2000
- 210. James Michael Meadows 1946 – Living
- 211. Patrick Alan Meadows 1955 – Living
- 212. Lorri Anne Meadows 1957 – Living

78. Jack Bills 11 DEC 1928 • Hubbard, Hill, TX - 2 JANUARY 1929 • Hubbard, Hill, TX

Sadly there is not much to report. Jack was born in Dec and died right after the new year. I have not found a death certificate so I do not know the cause. He was born a couple of years after my father who was also Jack Bills.

79. John Allen Bills 7 OCT 1933 • Dallas, TX - 30 SEP 1979 • Precinct 3, Ellis, TX
Carolyn Sue Brown 11 FEB 1939 • Ellis, TX - Living



I believe that this is Carolyn from her high school yearbook in Waxahachie.

John was born in 1933 in Dallas where he lived with his family at 1602 Hortenar Avenue. His father Lewis was installing steel fences for Cox Fence Company. The address on the census differs from the one on his 1940 draft registration. That address was 4018 S. Lancaster. The draft registration was in 1942, so they must have moved.

The address on the 1950 Census matched the Lancaster Street address. His father was still installing fences. I cannot find a record of him in a High School Yearbook, but it's probably because his school's yearbook hasn't been

digitized. In 1959, John married Carolyn Brown. The marriage certificate indicated that her last name was Kelley and further investigation leads me to believe that she had previously married Thomas Kelley in 1957 in Waxahachie. It's not clear what happened to this union, but in 1958, John and Carolyn had a daughter Lori. In 1959, they got a marriage license in Oklahoma City where the newspaper indicated that 25 year old James and 20 year old Carolyn were living at 4213 NW 30th in OKC. A 2nd daughter, Jana Lynn followed in 1960 back in Ellis County, TX.

I don't know if James was in the Navy at this time, but a news article from October 1960 indicated that baby Jana was in the hospital at Corpus Christi NAS. In September 1961, daughter Shirley Kay was born in Corpus. There is also another article about James, Carolyn, and their two daughters visiting her parents in Nash TX in 1960. In 1964, I then found a City Directory from San Diego showing James and Carolyn lived at 8556 Iverson and James was in the Navy.

John's father died in 1965 and his mother died in 1978. Unfortunately, in 1979, John was killed in a boating accident on Lake Bardwell. The death certificate is badly preserved, so it is difficult to read, but at the time of his death, he worked for Tyler Refrigeration. His military death records indicated that his Enlistment Date 25 Sep 1955 - Discharge Date 30 Sep 1974. To the best of my knowledge Carolyn is still living and appears to be active on Ancestry.

Children of John and Carolyn:

- 213. Lori Sue Bills 1958–Living
- 214. Jana Lynn Bills 1960–Living
- 215. Shirley Kay Bills 1961–Living

Robert's thirteenth child and his fifth with Mattie was his daughter Anna Katherine Bills (1901-1974) and her husband Dr Roy Gordon Loveless (1897–1966) and they had two children.

80. Martha Lou Loveless 11 SEP 1930 • Dallas, Tarrant, TX - 4 MAY 1998 • Fort Worth, TX
Dr Roy Gordon Loveless 4 JUN 1897 • Hill, TX - 16 JUL 1966 • Lubbock, Lubbock, TX



Martha was born in Dallas in 1930 where her father was a physician. Sometime before 1935 they had moved to Slaton Tx which is a small town west of Lubbock. The first Census where she showed up was in 1940 in Slatin where she lived at 905 Gorga Street with her parents and younger sister and a live-in German maid named Ann Wenzer. Ann was 17.

From news articles I read, Martha and her younger sister were very involved in various musical recitals and similar activities. During the 40's, Martha attended Lubbock HS and graduated in 1948. She then stayed close to home and enrolled at Texas Tech there in Lubbock. While all of this was going on, her

future husband Ray Cook was growing up in Quanah, Tx on a farm. He registered for the draft in 1946 and his registration noted that he was 6'-0" - 175 lbs with gray eyes, brown hair, and with a dark complexion. He also enrolled at Tech around 1946 and was very active in journalism and photography to the extent that he was elected as the President of the Student Journalism Congress in 1948.

During this period, Ray and Martha's paths crossed and preparations for a wedding were underway. There are a couple of news articles about elaborate showers that were held for her in Lubbock. The wedding was consummate in Oct 1949 and the 1950 Census found 24 year old Roy and 18 year old Martha living in an apartment in Childress Tx where Ray was selling cars. I haven't found evidence that he went into journalism, but he seemed to have good credentials and contacts from his college years. A move to Fort Worth came about before 1955 as in that year, their first daughter Kathryn was born in August. They lived at 2304 Mistletoe in that city. About a week before the birth, Martha was providing the music at the wedding of Ray's sister in Quanah.

In 1957, Martha's 2nd daughter, Pamela, was born in Fort Worth. I didn't find any details, but on a 1960 visit to Lubbock, both of the girls were hospitalized for a short period. I don't have any information about what happened, but in the mid-60's, things turned south for Martha and Ray. I have not found divorce records, but an injunction was filed by Martha against Ray in 1965 and he apparently moved on. His obituary found him in Leesville Louisiana and his obituary lists his wife as Arlene with a marriage date of 27 June 1967.

Martha went on to a distinguished career as the Executive Director of the Arthritis Foundation Northwest Texas Chapter 1971 to 1996. She was very active in education, fundraising, and all other activities that one would associate with a not for profit enterprise. She had 2 daughters, three grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She died in 1998 at the tender age of 66.

Children of Ray and Martha:

216. Katherine Ann Cook 1955--Living

217. Pamela Jan Cook 1957--Living

81. Cynthia Ann Loveless ABT 1935 • Slaton, Lubbock, Texas, USA - Living - Kerrville, TX

Ben Alan Terry 7 OCT 1932 • McLennan, TX - Living - Kerrville, TX



While I have not found her birth certificate, I am fairly certain that Cynthia was born in Slaton (or maybe Lubbock) in 1935 as she shows up in the 1940 census as five years old and the census said they were living at the same house in 1935. As I mentioned with her sister, her father was a Doctor and they had a live-in German nanny.

In 1950, they had moved from Slaton into Lubbock and were living at 281 W. 19th Street. Her father was an Ear, Nose and Throat Doctor. In 1953,

she left to go to college at SMU, but switched to Texas Tech where she graduated in 1956. She then moved to Corpus Christi where she taught school for a couple of years. In the meantime, her future husband Ben Terry was growing up in Waco where his father was a salesman for a retail department store. The family moved to Corpus Christi by 1950 where his father managed a retail shoe store. His mother was a saleslady for the same store. Ben took off for Austin in the mid 50's where he studied architectural engineering at the University of Texas, From the yearbooks, it looks like he was involved in ROTC. He and Cynthia must have met when he returned from school and practiced architecture in Corpus for a few years and Cynthia was teaching there. He worked for Joseph Hans Architect in Corpus. Ben was in Sigma Chi and Cynthia was a Delta Delta Delta.

Ben decided to strike out on his own in 1963. They moved to Kerrville and established Ben A. Terry and Associates. In 1966, their son Gary Alan Terry was born in Kerrville which ironically was the same year that her father died. Her mother died in 1974, her sister in 1998, and her son in 1999. I believe that Cynthia and Ben are both still living as of December 2022.

Child of Cynthia and Ben"

Gary Alan Terry 1966-1999

Here ends the summation of the grandchildren of Robert Dysart Bills. He left quite a legacy.

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