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FIRST GENERATION

1. Mary Magdalene¹ **Traxler**, daughter of David W. **Traxler** and Anna F. **Alderfer**. Born, 25 Oct 1863, in Defiance Co., OH¹. Died, 14 Feb 1940, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN¹.

She married, first, Samuel **Wyne**, 13 Nov 1881, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL². Born, 15 Jan 1853². Died, 12 Feb 1882².

She married, second, Clark Augustus **Criss**, 9 Nov 1884, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³. Born, 30 Jul 1861, in Crawford Co., IN⁴. Died, 9 Oct 1932, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁵. Children:

- i. Millard Harrison² **Criss**. Born, 13 May 1885, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL². Died, 18 Aug 1885, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL⁶. Birth(2): 13 Jun 1885 (?)⁵.
- 2 ii. Herschel William **Criss**.
- 3 iii. Anna Beatrice **Criss**.
- iv. Rayman Herbert **Criss**. Born, 30 Jan 1891, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³. Died, 26 Sep 1900, in Piatt Co., IL³.
- v. Eva Irene **Criss**. Born, 1 Aug 1893, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL⁷. Died, 25 Apr 1913, in Howard Co., IN⁷. "She died from complications of measles. Measles was a serious disease then, contrary to popular opinion nowadays." Paul C. Smith
- 4 vi. Oscar David "Doc" **Criss**.
- vii. Earl Bryan **Criss**. Born, 22 Mar 1899, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL⁸. Died, 4 May 1899, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³.
- 5 viii. Orville Dewey **Criss**.
- 6 ix. Clarke Wayne **Criss**.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Herschel William² Criss. Born, 14 May 1886, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³.
Died, 7 Jan 1969, in West Middleton, IN⁷.

He married¹ Virginia "Virgie" Cleveland Smith⁹, 26 Feb 1908, in Howard Co., IN⁷. Born, 16 Dec 1884². Children:

- 7 i. Ralph Henry³ Criss.
- ii. Kenneth William Criss¹. Born, 21 Apr 1911, in Howard Co., IN².
 He married Lassie Tomlinson², Apr 1942².
- 8 iii. Helen Mary Criss.
- 9 iv. Dan Maurice Criss.

3. Anna Beatrice² Criss. Born, 31 Aug 1888, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³.
Died, 9 Sep 1984, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁷.

She married¹ Hugh Edwin Smith¹, 26 Apr 1908, in Howard Co., IN⁷. Born, 2 Apr 1886, in Howard Co., IN⁷. Died, 7 Feb 1973, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁷. Son of Edwin Smith and Jennie Mary Berrey. Children:

- i. Evangeline Lucile³ Smith¹. Born, 28 Jan 1909, in Howard Co.,
 IN⁷. Died, 15 Aug 1938, in Howard Co., IN⁷.
- 10 ii. Paul Criss Smith.
- 11 iii. Earl Woodrow Smith.
- 12 iv. Donald Perry Smith.

4. Oscar David "Doc"² Criss. Born, 20 Aug 1896, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³.
Died, 2 Mar 1975, in Florida².

He married, first, Mary Elizabeth Hatton, 1 Jan 1922².

He married¹, second, Marie Vaughn Fry⁹, 10 Jun 1926, in Howard Co., IN⁷.
Born, 15 May 1901². Children:

- i. Dorcas Yvonne³ Criss. Born, 10 May 1927². Died, 15 May 1927².
- ii. David Earl Criss. Born, 22 Mar 1930².

5. Orville Dewey² Criss. Born, 22 Mar 1899, in Lintner, Piatt Co., IL³.

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Died, 13 Mar 1968, in Watseka, IL¹⁰.

He married, first, Blanche **Ratliff**, 3 Nov 1917, in Howard Co., IN⁷. Born, 6 Sep 1898⁷. Died, 19 Aug 1928⁷. Children:

- i. Donna Maxine³ **Criss**. Born, 14 Sep 1922⁷. She married¹⁰ Ed **Claire**¹⁰.
- ii. Reba Elinor **Criss**. Born, 28 Feb 1926⁷. She married¹⁰ Truman **Utterback**¹⁰.

He married¹⁰, second, Alice **Cornthwaite Griner**¹⁰. Born, 10 Mar 1883². Died, 12 Feb 1933².

He married⁹, third, Ann **Claire Robb**⁹. Born, 7 May 1900².

6. Clarke Wayne² **Criss**. Born, 4 Jul 1903, in Howard Co., IN³. Died, 21 Aug 1988, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁷.

He married¹ Florence **Vaughn**¹, 27 Feb 1929, in Howard Co., IN⁷. Born, 10 Jun 1908². Sister of Marie (married to "Doc" Criss). Children:

- i. Neva Irene³ **Criss**. Born, 19 Dec 1929².
- ii. Wayne Lee **Criss**. Born, 6 Sep 1931².
- iii. Marion Francis **Criss**. Born, 27 Apr 1937².

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7. Ralph Henry³ **Criss** (Herschel William, 2)¹. Born, 12 Jul 1909, in Howard Co., IN².

He married² Avis **Turner**². Children:

i. Jonathan Dean⁴ **Criss**².

8. Helen Mary³ **Criss** (Herschel William, 2). Born, 16 Sep 1915, in Howard Co., IN².

She married² Merrell **Spence**². Children:

- i. Marilyn⁴ **Spence**².
- ii. Joseph **Spence**².
- iii. Susan **Spence**².
- iv. Katherine **Spence**².
- v. Timothy **Spence**².
- vi. Peter **Spence**².

9. Dan Maurice³ **Criss** (Herschel William, 2). Born, 26 Dec 1916, in Howard Co., IN².

He married Dorothy **Thomison**², 12 Nov 1942². Children:

- i. Dana Beryl⁴ **Criss**. Born, 31 Dec 1948².
- ii. Daryl Kay **Criss**. Born, 22 Dec 1952².

10. Paul Criss³ **Smith**¹. Born, 16 Nov 1910, in Howard Co., IN². Resided, Sep 1991, in Indianapolis, IN¹¹.

He married, first, Mildred Lavinia **Swisher**, 18 Aug 1946, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁷. Born, 20 May 1916, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁷. Died, 20 Jan 1967, in Lawrence, Marion Co., IN⁷. Burial in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN¹².
 Daughter of Walter Swisher and Sarah Matilda Elliot. Children:

- i. Evangeline Lee⁴ **Smith**. Born, 26 Dec 1948, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN⁷. She married, first, Theodore **Helminiak**¹⁰ in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH¹⁰. She married, second, Hugh **Tryner**¹⁰ in

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13. Esther Fae⁴ **Smith** (Paul Criss, 10). Born, 15 Apr 1951, in Bloomington, Monroe Co., IN⁷.

She married, first, Daniel B. **McCracken**¹⁰ in Indianapolis, IN¹⁰.
Children:

i. Brendon Asher⁵ **McCracken**. Born, 16 Mar 1979¹⁰.

She married, second, David **Boysen**¹⁰ in San Diego, San Diego Co., CA¹⁰.

14. Janet Elaine⁴ **Smith** (Earl Woodrow, 11)¹⁵. Born, 10 Jun 1948, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN².

She married¹⁵ Gerald A. **Klein**¹⁵, 31 Aug 1968². Born, 11 Jan 1944 (?)².
Son of Frances "Bob" Klein and Irene Voss. Children:

- i. Patty⁵ **Klein**¹⁵. Born, 17 Mar 1970².
- ii. Elaine **Klein**¹⁵. Born, 28 Jun 1973².
- iii. Shawn **Klein**¹⁵. Born, 12 Aug 1976².
- iv. Alicia **Klein**¹⁵. Born, 6 Jun 1981².
- v. Nicholas **Klein**¹⁵. Born, 5 Feb 1984².

15. Shirley Beatrice Ellen⁴ **Smith** (Earl Woodrow, 11)¹⁵. Born, 14 Jan 1952, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN².

She married, first, Dan **Juroff**, Aug 1972². Divorce, 1980². Born, 26 Jan 1948². Son of Art and Caroline Juroff. Children:

- i. Nicole⁵ **Juroff**. Born, 17 Dec 1975, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN².
- ii. Nathan **Juroff**. Born, 14 Sep 1977, in Anderson, Madison Co., IN².

She married, second, Jeff **Bronnenberg**, 3 Aug 1980, in Anderson, Madison Co., IN². Born, 2 May 1945². Son of Philip and Mabel Bronnenberg. -- Lori and Jason are Jeff's children by an earlier marriage. Children:

- iii. Lori **Bronnenberg**. Born, 3 Jun 1971, in Anderson, Madison Co., IN².
- iv. Jason **Bronnenberg**. Born, 9 Jul 1973, in Anderson, Madison Co.,

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16. Darrell Edwin⁴ **Smith** (Earl Woodrow, 11)¹⁵. Born, 29 Aug 1952, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN². Birth(2): 29 Aug 1954 (?)².

He married¹⁵ Melissa Gill¹⁵, 20 Mar 1975, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN². Born, 18 Jan 1953 (??)². Daughter of James and Marcia Gill. Children:

- i. Justin Alan⁵ **Smith**¹⁵. Born, 12 Oct 1981, in Grandview, MO².
- ii. Megan Amanda **Smith**¹⁵. Born, 9 Feb 1986, in Grandview, MO².

17. Linda Nadine⁴ **Smith** (Earl Woodrow, 11). Born, 5 Jan 1959, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN². Birth(2): 5 Jan 1958 (?)².

She married, first, Gary Kitchener, 9 Jun 1976². Divorce, 1981². Born, 12 Aug 1950². Children:

- i. Sara Jean⁵ **Kitchener**. Born, 27 Sep 1982, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN².

She married, second, William **White**, 28 Sep 1983, in Kokomo, Howard Co., IN². Born, 31 Dec 1947². Son of Pete White and Helen Garver McKinley.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- ¹Myrtle Traxler personally compiled family information, in custody of Myrtle Traxler, 17715 Traxler Lane, Perris, CA 92370.
- ²Phyllis Smith personally compiled family information, in custody of Phyllis Jean Smith, 2515 W. Jefferson, Kokomo, IN 46901.
- ³Myrtle Traxler info, Phyllis Smith info, Paul C. Smith personally compiled family information, in custody of Paul C. Smith, 8415 W. 88th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.
- ⁴Born 6 miles south of Palestine, Crawford Co., IL per Paul Smith info.
- ⁵Ibid., Myrtle Traxler info.
- ⁶Phyllis Smith info, Paul Smith info, Myrtle Traxler info.
- ⁷Phyllis Smith info, Paul Smith info.
- ⁸Twin, Myrtle Traxler info, Phyllis Smith info, Paul Smith info.
- ⁹Myrtle Traxler info, Paul Smith info.
- ¹⁰Paul Smith info.
- ¹¹Mr. & Mrs. Paul Smith, 8415 W. 88th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.
- ¹²Shiloh Cemetery per Paul Smith info.
- ¹³Myrtle Traxler info, Nena Clough Frantz personally compiled family information, (1989), in custody of Lorraine Frantz Edwards, P.O.B. 2076, Lancaster, CA 93539.
- ¹⁴M/M Earl Smith, 2515 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, IN 46901.
- ¹⁵Nena Clough Frantz info.
- ¹⁶Myrtle Traxler info, Phyllis Smith info.

Bevington

Larry, 5

Bogue

Phyllis Jean (1923-), 5

Boysen

David, 6

Bronnenberg

Jason (1973-), 6

Jeff (1945-), 6

Lori (1971-), 6

Claire

Ed, 3

Claire Robb

Ann (1900-), 3

Cornthwaite Griner

Alice (1883-1933), 3

Criss

Anna Beatrice (1888-1984), 1, 2

Clark Augustus (1861-1932), 1

Clarke Wayne (1903-1988), 1, 3

Dan Maurice (1916-), 2, 4

Dana Beryl (1948-), 4

Daryl Kay (1952-), 4

David Earl (1930-), 2

Donna Maxine (1922-), 3

Dorcas Yvonne (1927-1927), 2

Earl Bryan (1899-1899), 1

Eva Irene (1893-1913), 1

Helen Mary (1915-), 2, 4

Herschel William (1886-1969), 1, 2

Jonathan Dean, 4

Kenneth William (1911-), 2

Marion Francis (1937-), 3

Millard Harrison (1885-1885), 1

Neva Irene (1929-), 3

Orville Dewey (1899-1968), 1, 2

Oscar David "Doc" (1896-1975), 1, 2

Ralph Henry (1909-), 2, 4

Rayman Herbert (1891-1900), 1

Reba Elinor (1926-), 3

Wayne Lee (1931-), 3

Fry

Marie Vaughn (1901-), 2

Gill

Melissa (1953-), 7

Graham

Edna Grace (1919-), 5

Hatton

Mary Elizabeth, 2

Helminiak

Theodore, 4

Juroff

Dan (1948-), 6

Nathan (1977-), 6

Nicole (1975-), 6

Kitchener

Gary (1950-), 7

Sara Jean (1982-), 7

Klein

Alicia (1981-), 6

Elaine (1973-), 6

Gerald A. (1944-), 6

Nicholas (1984-), 6

Patty (1970-), 6

Shawn (1976-), 6

Mayfield

Mark, 5

McCracken

Brendon Asher (1979-), 6

Daniel B., 6

Ratliff

Blanche (1898-1928), 3

Rayburn

Melinda, 5

Smith

Darrell Edwin (1952-), 5, 7

David Lester (1955-), 5

Donald Perry (1918-1967), 2, 5

Dorothy Charlene (1950-), 5

Earl Woodrow (1913-), 2, 5

Esther Fae (1951-), 5, 6

Evangeline Lee (1948-), 4

Evangeline Lucile (1909-1938), 2

Hugh Edwin (1886-1973), 2

Janet Elaine (1948-), 5, 6

Jean Ann (1940-1976), 5

Justin Alan (1981-), 7

Linda Nadine (1959-), 5, 7

Loren Russell (1963-), 5

Smith (continued)

Megan Amanda (1986-), 7
 Norman Edward (1942-), 5
 Paul Criss (1910-), 2, 4
 Rebecca Sue (1953-), 5
 Shirley Beatrice Ellen (1952-), 5,
 6
 Virginia "Virgie" Cleveland
 (1884-dec.), 2

Wyrick

Bonnie (1922-), 5

Spence

Joseph, 4
 Katherine, 4
 Marilyn, 4
 Merrell, 4
 Peter, 4
 Susan, 4
 Timothy, 4

Swisher

Mildred Lavinia (1916-1967), 4

Thomas

David, 5

Thomison

Dorothy, 4

Tomlinson

Lassie, 2

Traxler

Mary Magdalene (1863-1940), 1

Tryner

Hugh, 4

Turner

Avis, 4

Utterback

Truman, 3

Vaughn

Florence (1908-), 3

Warden

Linda, 5

White

William (1947-), 7

Wyne

Samuel (1853-1882), 1