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List of Direct Line Family Members

Generation One


Generation Two

A1a. Chris Adam Smith (1962- )
A1b. Lori Kaye Mayberry Seal (1964- )

Generation Three


A1b1. Wilburn Russell Mayberry (1944- )
A1b2. Patricia Sue Leverich Mayberry (1943- )

Generation Four

A1a1a. Berdie Monroe Smith (1889-1968)
A1a1b. Myrtle Irene Toliver (1895-1927)

A1a2b. Lela Tucker Love (1890-1947)

A1b1a. Alonzo Wilburn Mayberry (1910-1992)
A1b1b. Ida Irene Rena McVey Mayberry (1917-1965)

A1b2a. Ezra Victor Leverich (1905-1977)
A1b2b. Letty Ruth “Rae” Collins Leverich (1911-1983)
Generation Five

A1a1a1. Levy Benton Smith (1859-1938)
A1a1a2. Lucinda Catherine Short Smith (1861-1943)

A1a1b1. Ephraim Joseph Toliver (1863-1901)
A1a1b2. Ida Jane Manley Toliver (1866-1937)


A1a2b1. unk
A1a2b2. unk

A1b1a1. John Mayberry (1868-1940)
A1b1a2. Violet May Meeker Mayberry (1871-1933)

A1b1b1. Floyd Emzley McVey (1890-1960)
A1b1b2. Mary Lucinda Russell McVey (1893-1940)

A1b2a1. George Lewis Leverich (1852-1928)
A1b2a2. Frances Ann Canaday Leverich (1862-1939)

A1b2b1. Clyde Collins (1884-1940)
A1b2b2. Ethel Margaret Quillen (1884-1936)
Adam Russell Smith (1986- ) was born at what was called at the time Mt. Carmel hospital in Pittsburg, KS, in 1986 to Chris Adam Smith (1962- ) and Lori Kaye Mayberry Seal (1964- ). At the time his parents did not know what gender Adam was going to be. Lori had her heart set on having a boy because she already had a baby girl at home, Kristin Kaye Smith (1983- ). She even told everyone that she was going to have a boy. Lori told the doctor that she was wanting a baby boy, but would be okay if the baby was healthy. Dr. Parsi by this time was the doctor who delivered all the babies at Mt. Carmel. He would deliver the baby and hand it off to the nurses to clean off the baby; but this time he turned Adam over after he was born and said, “well I’ll be, Lori was right on having a boy.” When Lori came too after the anesthetic wore off, the nurses told her this story. When Lori took Adam into her arms she said, “he looks like my brother!” Russell Scott Mayberry (1967- ).

During Adam’s early childhood his parents moved for his father’s work. He lived in Parsons, KS and Miami, OK for a short period. When Adam was six his parents divorced. This did not affect Adam until later in his life. After the divorce his parents had shared custody. During the summers, he would be with his mom and every other weekend with his dad. During the school year, Adam would live with his dad, and spend every other weekend with his mom. Adam’s mother lived in Lamar, MO for about 4 years starting when Adam was 10. This would give Adam many great memories of working the farm life. Adam would participate in the 4-H Club in Lamar. He would show cattle. This is when Adam learned how to drive a truck and a tractor.

Adam attended Lincoln Elementary School in Pittsburg, KS. Today this school no longer exists, for as there are houses where the school stood. Lincoln Elementary was a fond memory of Adam’s.

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1 Lori Mayberry-Seal, interview by author, Pittsburg, KS, March 28, 2017

2 Personal knowledge of the author, Adam Smith.
enjoyed his time spent at the school. His sister Kristin also attended Lincoln. Some of the friends Adam made during his elementary years he keeps in touch with.

During the summer Adam enjoyed playing baseball. Baseball is Adam’s favorite sports. He played on many teams with the Junior Babe Ruth League and eventually the J.C. Little League. He even played baseball in high school at Frontenac. Additionally, Adam’s immediate family would go on many trips during the summer months. One trip he remembers the most was a trip to St. Louis, MO. This was an exciting trip for Adam, his only experience of going to a big city at the time was Wichita, KS or Kansas City, MO. Adam’s dad, Chris, and his step-mother, Theresa Marie Smith (1971-), kept the destination of the trip a secret. The only clue that his parents would give him was that it would take four hours to get there by car. It wasn’t until after they got passed Springfield, MO did they finally tell Adam and his sister where they were going. Once they got to St. Louis they did many things. The visited the Gateway Arch, the old Busch Stadium, and Six Flags.

While living with his dad he grew up in Pittsburg. He made many neighborhood friends near that lived near the family home on West 23rd Street. His parents worked all the time but were still very socially active in the Pittsburg community. This is where Adam would meet other kids his age from different elementary schools in the area. During his elementary years, the schools in the district would have skate nights at Lowe’s Skateway in Pittsburg. This are fond memories for Adam. They were the best nights of the week for him. He loves to skate.

Adam attended Pittsburg Middle School for his sixth-grade year. The following year Adam transferred to Frontenac Jr. High School in Frontenac, KS. His sister Kristin had been in the Frontenac School district for a few years before Adam transferred for his seventh-grade year. He was quick to gain friends even though it was his first year at Frontenac. He is still friends with many of his classmates from Frontenac. Adam graduated from Frontenac High School in May of 2004.

In Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout’s book, Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years, they have many charts and graphs to look how luxury items like indoor plumbing, or a home telephone eventually became the household norm. In chapter six there is a graph,
figure 6.6 "Households with Key Domestic Goods, by Year," Fischer and Hout show us that luxuries like owning a home is still not a universal item that people own to this day. But they also show that luxuries like Inside toilets, a telephone, an automobile, and a computer have become universally owned by everyone. Home ownership as of 2000 in this book show just under 75% of citizens own a home in the U.S. Whereas by 2000 nearly 100% of U.S. citizens owned a car, a phone, a computer, and had inside plumbing.  

Adam Smith grew up in southeast Kansas, where almost everyone had indoor plumbing. But it wasn't that far back for one of his family members, his grandfather, remembers having an outhouse. Adam was born in Pittsburg and lived in the Pittsburg area his whole childhood.

During the 1990's and 2000's there was a tech boom along with a booming economy. During this decade, the Smith family owned more than one car, had a telephone in the home; even had a phone for the car. They also had indoor plumbing. It was not until 1998 that the Smith family could have their own computer for the house. The Smith family did buy a house in 1997 in Pittsburg. So, they became one of the few people to own their own home. Adam himself did not buy a house until 2017. For he spent 6 years in the military and could finally settle down back in Frontenac, Kansas.

Growing up in southeast Kansas had many advantages, one being able to grow up in a tight-knit community. With all the towns and communities in Crawford County it still feels like 'everyone knows everyone'. Even Pittsburg feels like a community, maybe not as tight knit like Girard or Frontenac. But in Claude Fischer's book, Made in America, in chapter 1 he talks about public spaces, and how Americans "joined in a vibrant public life on city streets."4 Growing up here everyone knew everyone; everyone helped one another in their time of need. We have social gatherings and social celebrations, examples I can give would be the 4th of July celebration in Lincoln Park, Little Balkans Day at the end of summer on

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Broadway and at Lincoln Park, the Crawford County Fair in Girard, the Frontenac Homecoming parade and street dance. I could go on and on. The thing about these events is that everyone from across this county and even surrounding counties would come to these events and have a great time. There is also the fact that majority of the citizens in this county are the friendliness people you could ever meet. One example I can give for people from this area being very generous would be when the tornado that tore through Joplin, MO; most of the volunteers came from the Pittsburg and surrounding area. I was there when the tornado came through and the first thing I did was to make sure everyone was okay and after everything settled I helped multiple families rebuild their homes. And know on the anniversary of the tornado people from all over gather for the memorial marathon.

After high school, Adam worked many jobs. He did not know what he wanted to do when he “grows up”. This would cause some tension between him and his parents. He worked at RadioShack, Pizza Hut, and NAPA Auto Parts to name a few. It was not until mid-2007 that Adam decided to go into the military. He did not know which branch he wanted to join. He grew up in a military family. Two of his uncles served in the Marine Corps., one uncle served in the Navy and then the Army National Guard. He also had cousins who served in the Marine Corps. Adam leaned more towards the Army until he met a recruiter from the Air Force. After talking with the Air Force recruiter for several months, Adam finally decided to enlist in the Air Force on February 14th, 2008. He did not start basic training until October 28th, 2008.

During his time in the Air Force, Adam experienced many things; good and bad. Adam graduated basic training on December 12th, 2008. Afterwards, he attended and completed his technical training, his job, Security Forces on April 10th, 2009. He was assigned to McConnell AFB, KS that was near Wichita, KS, he reported on May 1st, 2009. He spent his entire Air Force career on McConnell AFB. Adam injured his back while on a pre-deployment training mission in late 2009. This would affect him for the rest of his life. Adam would have back surgery in January of 2011 after a year and half of physical therapy to try and strengthen his back. After a year of recovery Adam was sent back to full duty. In June of 2012 Adam would deploy to the Middle East in a mission to support Operation Enduring Freedom. During this
deployment Adam tweaked his back but never told anyone due to the fact he did not want to be sent home early. This would lead to major issues and eventually a medical discharge. After coming home from his deployment, Adam would go see a specialist for his back injury. Luckily Adam did not do any serious damage but would have nerve damage for the rest of his life. In July of 2014 Adam would be honorably discharged from the Air Force.

By this time Adam had figured what he wanted to do when he “grows up”. He decided after doing some teaching while in the Air Force that was his passion. After being discharged from the Air Force Adam began attending Wichita State University to obtain his Bachelor of Science degree in history education. Adam has always had a knack for history and government, so he decided to combine what he is good at with his passion. After one full semester at Wichita State, Adam decided he wanted to be closer to his family; so, he transferred in the Spring of 2015 to Pittsburg State University, and moved back to Pittsburg. This moved proved to be life changing for Adam, because he met the woman who had a huge impact on his life, Jennifer Kaye Nelson (1993- ). They have been dating since January 2015 and are getting married on September 16th, 2017. This is when Adam finally settled down and bought a house in Frontenac, KS.
Chris Adam Smith (1962- ) was born on October 8th, 1962 in Pittsburg, KS at the original Mt. Carmel Hospital. He was born to Helen Marie Love (1927-1997) and Levi Benton Smith (1925-1998). He was one of six children. Chris’ dad, Levi, left him and his siblings before Chris was even in Jr. High. This would live Chris without a father figure in his life. His mother Helen did her best to raise him and his siblings working full-time as a registered nurse. During his Jr. High and High School years Chris worked different jobs. It was in High School that he worked a Consumers a grocery store in Pittsburg, KS; this is where he would meet Lori Mayberry. They became good friends and started dating after meeting at work. Chris would become very fond of Lori’s father, Wilburn Russell Mayberry (1944- ) looking at him as a father figure. Chris graduated from Pittsburg High School in May of 1980 at the new and current PHS, his class was the first to graduate from there. Chris and Lori would wed on August 16th, 1980. They would have a girl, Kristin Smith on April 30th, 1983; followed by Adam three years later July 21st, 1986. Chris and Lori would divorce in 1992. Chris remarried to Theresa Marie Fox Smith (1971- ) on June 24th, 1995. Adam’s father and step-mother always pushed education upon their children. Adam’s father always said, “I did not work all these long hours for you to not get a college degree.” Though Adam’s father never attended college, he always wanted his children to pursue a degree. Fisher and Hout in *Century of Difference*, show in chapter 4, how the United States changed over time in education. More and more people today have at least a Bachelor’s degree. In figure 4.9, “Married-Couple Households, by year, Education, and Age,” it shows how the younger generations are obtaining a college degree. Majority of the older generations have just a high school diploma or some college. This is due in part

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5 Personal Memory of author, Adam Smith.

because most of the time, people of that generation did not have the means to go to college, or needed to
go to work to support the family.

**Lori Kaye Mayberry Seal (1964- )** was born on October 16th, 1964 to Patricia Leverich Mayberry and Wilburn Mayberry; in Girard, KS. Lori married Chris Smith on August 16th, 1980; they had two children, Adam and Kristin. Lori and Chris divorced in 1992. Lori remarried a few times before settling down with her current husband **Barry Seal**. Lori had two more children, Whitney and Erica. Lori attended Missouri Southern State University to obtain her pharmacist’s license. She worked for a few years at the Dillions pharmacy in Pittsburg, KS.
GENERATION THREE


A1b1. Wilburn Russell “Bud” Mayberry (1944-)
A1b2. Patricia Sue Leverich Mayberry (1943-)

Adam’s paternal grandfather, Levi Benton Smith (1925-1998), was born September 3rd, 1925 in Pittsburg, KS. He married Helen Marie Love, they had 6 children together. He left her and the children. He passed away from cancer on September 28th, 1998, he is buried in Ossian, IN.7

Adam’s paternal grandmother, Helen Marie Love (1927-1997), was born on June 6th, 1927 in Vinita, OK to Hugh Carl Love (1890-1967) and Lela Tucker Love (1890-1947). She worked as a registered nurse at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg, KS. She married Levi Smith, they had six children. After Levi left, she worked to provide for the kids and herself. The children worked as well as taking care of the home. Helen did her best to provide for her children. She passed away from complications with the flu at Mt. Carmel Regional on January 25th, 1997. She is buried at the Highland Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS.8

Adam’s maternal grandfather, Wilburn Russell Mayberry (1944-), was born on Mother’s Day May 14th, 1944 to Alonzo Wilburn Mayberry (1910-1992) and Ida Irene Rena McVey (1917-1965) in Girard, KS. Wilburn worked many jobs to put food on the table, one of Adam’s fondest memories was when he worked at Pittsburg Ready Mix. He drove the concrete trucks to whatever job where the concrete was needed.


Adam’s maternal grandmother, Patricia Sue Leverich Mayberry (1943- ), was born on May 6th, 1943 to Ezra Victor Leverich (1905-1977) and Letty Ruth “Rae” Collins (1911-1983) in Girard, KS. Patricia married Bud Mayberry and they had two children, Lori and Russell Scott. Adam’s grandmother along with his grandfather has always been the glue that held the Mayberry family together. Any family gathering was often at Bud and Pat’s house. Many Christmases, birthdays, graduation parties, 4th of July, Super Bowls, etc. were spent with them. When Lori and Russell were growing up in Girard, KS they were given the nickname “little chips.” This is due to when Bud worked at Midwest Minerals at the Pittsburg Quarry, he was listed as a Rock Crusher as his official job.⁹

Adam’s paternal great-grandfather, Berdie Monroe “Bert” Smith (1889-1968), was born on July 1st, 1889 to Levy Benton Smith (1859-1938) and Lucinda Catherine Short (1861-1943) near Osceola, MO. Per the 1900 U.S. Census, Bert Smith lived in the Ozark Township Liberal City, MO with his father and his three other siblings. Additionally, the census record shows that Bert’s father and brother, Walter whom was fourteen at the time, worked as coal miners, this was not uncommon during this period of American history.  

On December 25th, 1910 Bert married Myrtle Irene Toliver Smith (1895-1927), in Girard, KS. Per the 1920 U.S. Census, Bert was working in the Coal Yard as a truck driver. In the 1940 U.S. Census, Bert and Myrtle still lived in Crawford County but had moved to Pittsburg, KS; They had two boys, Chester Lee and Levi Benton. Bert was working as a laborer at a local

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rock quarry. His son Chester Lee was working as an assistant janitor at a public school. Myrtle passed away on January 9th, 1927; Bert remarried to Bual M. Ferrell Smith (1905-2001). Bert M. Smith passed away on May 2nd, 1968 and is buried in the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS.

As you can see Adam’s ancestors worked in manual labor jobs. There is not many manual labor jobs like coal mining these days. Adam’s great-grandfather, Berdie Smith worked in the coal mines as well as at a rock quarry in Crawford County, KS. This is a common theme in Adam’s family on both his father’s side and mother’s side.

In Fisher and Hout’s book, *Century of Difference*, in chapter 5 they talk about the different jobs Americans did to make a living. In figure 5.6, “Occupational Distribution of the Economically Active Population: Persons Age Twenty-Five to Sixty-Four,” it shows a decrease in manual blue-collar jobs and a rise in manager white-collar jobs.

Adam’s paternal great-grandmother, Myrtle Irene Toliver Smith (1895-1927), was born on March 16th, 1895 to Ephraim Joseph Toliver (1863-1901) and Ida Jane Manley Toliver (1866-1937) in Pittsburg, KS. Per the 1900 U.S. Census Myrtle lived at home and was the 3rd youngest out of seven. Her father and mother both were born in Illinois and one of her siblings, Pearl whom was 12 at the time, was born in Missouri. This leaves me to speculate that the family moved from Illinois to Missouri and eventually to Kansas. Her father Ephraim is listed as a day laborer in the Census so it’s possible to speculate he was a coal miner; due to the fact during this time coal mining was getting to be a big

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business in southeast Kansas especially Pittsburg, KS. Myrtle married Bert M. Smith on Christmas Day in 1910. They had two sons together, Chester Lee and Levi Benton. Myrtle passed away on March 16th, 1895 and is buried in the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS.

Adam’s paternal great-grandfather, **Hugh Carl Love (1890-1967)**, was born on April 13th, 1890 to **Andrew Jackson Love (1860-1916)** and **Lela Tucker Love (1890-1947)** in Dent, MO. With the 1900 U.S. Census, it showed Hugh living with his parents in Dent, MO, he was ten. His father, Andrew, was listed as a farmer. On June 5th, 1917 Hugh registered for the draft for World War I. By time the 1930 U.S. Census rolled around Hugh had married Lela and moved to Craig County, OK. They had five children including Helen Marie. Hugh was listed as working as a farmer. Per the 1940 U.S. Census

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Hugh and his family had moved to Jasper, MO, and was working as a farmer.¹⁰ Hugh passed away in 1967 and is buried in Diamond, MO.¹¹

Adam’s paternal great-grandmother, Lela Tucker (1890-1947), was born in 1890. She married Hugh Carl Love, they had five children together. They lived in Craig County, OK in 1930 and Jasper, MO in 1940. Lela passed away in 1947 and is buried in Diamond, MO.

Adam’s maternal great-grandfather, Alonzo Wilburn Mayberry (1910-1992), was born on July 29th, 1910 to John Mayberry (1868-1940) and Violet May Meeker Mayberry (1871-1933), in Crawford County, KS. Per the 1930 U.S. Census, Alonzo lived at home with his parents John and Violet. He was nineteen at the time and was working as a miner along with his father, they both worked at the Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co. They lived in the Lincoln Township, Crawford County, KS.²² In the 1940 U.S. Census, Alonzo was married to Irena McVey (1917-1965), they had two children Barbara and James. Alonzo’s father, John, was living in the household at the age of 77. Alonzo now was working in the road construction business. ²³ Per Adam’s grandfather, Bud Mayberry, his great-grandfather worked on Big Brutus during his coal mining days, and during his road construction days Alonzo helped build K-7, K-47, and the U.S. 69 bypass. Alonzo Mayberry passed away on May 8th, 1992. Adam did get


to meet his great-grandfather before he passed away. Alonzo is buried at the Farlington Cemetery on K-7 near Farlington, KS. ²⁴

Adam’s maternal great-grandmother, **Ida Irene Rena McVey (1917-1965)**, was born on June 9th, 1917 to **Floyd Emzley McVey (1890-1960)** and **Mary Lucinda Russell (1893-1940)** in Crawford County, KS near present day Farlington. Per the 1930 U.S. Census Irena lived with her parents in Sherman, KS where her father Emzley worked as a farm laborer. By the 1940 Census Irena was married to Alonzo and they had two children and had five more including, Wilburn “Bud” Mayberry. Irena passed away on January 17th, 1965. She is buried in the Farlington Cemetery near Farlington, KS. ²⁵

Adam’s maternal great-grandfather, **Ezra Victor “Tuck” Leverich (1905-1977)**, was born on February 6th, 1905 to **George Lewis Leverich (1852-1928)** and **Frances Ann Canaday (1862-1939)** in Arcadia, KS. Per the 1910 U.S. Census Ezra lived in the Lincoln Township, Crawford County, KS with his parents. His father George worked as a farmer. ²⁶ In the 1930 Census Ezra was married to **Letty Ruth “Rae” Collins (1911-1983)**, they lived in Mulberry, KS where Ezra worked as a carpenter. ²⁷ In the 1940 U.S. Census, Ezra and Letty had moved to Boonville, Indiana. Ezra worked as a foreman for a

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construction company. Ezra and Letty had four children by this time. Ezra Leverich passed away on July 5th, 1977 and is buried in the City Cemetery in Girard, KS.

Adam’s maternal great-grandmother, Letty Ruth “Rae” Collins (1911-1983), was born on September 14th, 1911 to Clyde Collins (1884-1940) and Ethel Margaret Quillen (1884-1936) in Farlington, KS. Per the 1920 U.S. Census Letty lived with her parents in the Lincoln Township, Crawford County, KS where her father, Clyde, worked as a coal miner. She lived there with her five other siblings. By the 1940 U.S. Census Letty was married to Ezra Leverich and had four children. Letty Leverich passed away on November 9th, 1983 and is buried in Girard, KS.


Adam’s paternal great great-grandfather, **Levy Benton Smith (1859-1938)**, was born on October 30th, 1859 to **Allen Smith Jr. (1833-unk)** and **Hephzibah Jane Reed (1836-1918)**, in Osceola, MO. Per the 1860 Census Levy or Levi was living with his parents in Osceola, MO and his two other brothers.³³ On July 20th 1878 Levy married **Lucinda Short (1861-1943)** in St. Clair County, MO; most likely in Osceola, MO.³⁴ Per the 1930 U.S. Census Levy lived with his son Claud and worked as a general farmer. Levy passed away on August 13th, 1938 and is buried in the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS.

³³ Year: 1860; Census Place: Monegaw, St Clair, Missouri; Roll: M653_644; Page: 1020; Family History Library Film: 803644

Although the family originally immigrated from Switzerland back in the mid-1700s to Pennsylvania.\(^{35}\) The family migrated from Pennsylvania, to Indiana, to finally ending up in Osceola, MO with Levy’s father, Allen Smith Jr. When the Smith family moved to Osceola, MO the area was still being negotiated with the Native Americans. Family legend goes that Levy’s father Allen married Levy’s mother, Hephzibah whom was a full-blooded Osage, to save her from having to move to the reservation. Osceola the town itself has a lot of history to it. Back in the days of “Bleeding Kansas” Osceola was destroyed in the Sack of Osceola by Jayhawks. The events of this led to a 1976 Clint Eastwood film *The Outlaw Josey Wales*. Before the attack, Osceola had a population around 2,500 which at the time was a significant amount; after the attack the population shrank to around 200, including my family. There have been petitions and resolutions as current as 2011 to have the University of Kansas to no longer use the Jayhawk mascot.\(^{36}\)

Adam’s paternal great great-grandmother, **Lucinda Catherine Short (1861-1943)**, was born on October 14\(^{th}\), 1861 to **William Louis Short (1836-1892)** and **Purmelia Ann Murphy (1838-1900)** in Hickory Township, Benton County, MO. She married **Levy Benton Smith** on July 20\(^{th}\), 1878. She did not stay with Levy and left shortly after her son Berdie was born.

Adam’s paternal great great-grandfather, **Ephraim Joseph Toliver (1863-1901)**, was born on March 3\(^{rd}\), 1863 to **George Allen Toliver (1843-1884)** and **Elizabeth Beasley (1844-unk)** in Clay, IL. Per the 1870 U.S. Census Ephraim lived at home with his parents where his father, George, worked as a farmer.\(^{37}\) Ephraim married **Ida J. Manley (1866-1937)** on March 28\(^{th}\), 1886 in Cherokee, KS. It wasn’t

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until the 1900 U.S. Census did Ephraim move to Pittsburg, KS and he was married and had seven children to include Myrtle. Ephraim passed away on January 3rd, 1901 and is buried in the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS.

Adam’s paternal great great-grandmother, **Ida Jane Manley Toliver (1866-1937)** was born on March 3rd, 1866 to **William Rawlins Manley (1831-1886)** and **Rebecca Jane McBride (1830-1880)** in White Hall, IL. Per the 1870 U.S. Census Ida’s father, William, worked as a farmer with five children to include Ida. Ida married Ephraim Toliver on March 28th, 1886. Ida passed away on May 18th, 1937 and is buried in the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS.

Adam’s paternal great great-grandfather, **Andrew Jackson Love (1860-1916)**, was born on April 28th, 1860 to **John Andrew Love (1824-unk)** and **Sarah Ann Thomas (1825-unk)** in Salem, Dent County, MO. Andrew married **Julia Ann Roberts (1859-1928)** on April 25th, 1883. Andrew passed away on January 23rd, 1916 and is buried in Diamond Cemetery in Diamond, MO.


Adam’s paternal great-great-grandmother, Julia Ann Roberts (1859-1928), was born on November 2nd, 1859 to Hugh Roberts (1833-1916) and Sarah Roberts (unk) in Dent County, MO. Julia married Andrew on April 25th, 1883. Julia passed away on January 26th, 1928 and is buried next to her husband Andrew in the Diamond Cemetery in Diamond, MO.\(^43\)

Adam’s maternal great-great-grandfather, John Mayberry (1868-1947), was born in 1868 in Lebanon, MO. John married Violet May Meeker (1871-1933). John passed away around 1947 and is buried in the Englevale Cemetery in Englevale, KS.\(^44\)

Adam’s maternal great-great-grandmother, Violet May Meeker (1871-1933), was born on April 10th, 1871 to John Barker Meeker (1846-unk) and Cynthia Jane Henderson (1848-unk) in Kansas. Per the 1910 U.S. Census Violet was living with John Mayberry in the Baker Township, Crawford County, KS. They had five children at the time.\(^45\) In the 1930 U.S. Census Violet and John still lived in Crawford County, KS. They only have listed Alonzo Mayberry living with them.\(^46\) Violet passed away in 1933 and is buried in the Englevale Cemetery in Englevale, KS.\(^47\)


Adam’s maternal great great-grandfather, **Floyd Emzley McVey (1890-1960)**, was born on February 5th, 1890 to **Luther Emery McVey (1857-1934)** and **Ida Belle Emmons (1866-1942)** in Washington County, AR. Floyd married **Mary Lucinda Russell (1893-1940)** on February 21st, 1915. Floyd passed away on August 9th, 1960 and is buried in the Farlington Cemetery in Farlington, KS.48

Adam’s maternal great great-grandmother, **Mary Lucinda Russell (1893-1942)**, was born in 1893 to **George William Russell (1864-1939)** and **Minnie Irene Rena Redfern Russell (1875-1946)** in Crawford County, KS. Mary married Floyd McVey on February 21st, 1915. Mary Russell passed away on February 13th, 1940 and is buried in the Farlington Cemetery in Farlington, KS.49

Adam’s maternal great great-grandfather, **George Lewis Leverich (1852-1928)** was born on October 22nd, 1852 to **James S. Leverich (1808-1866)** and **Elizabeth Burton (1827-unk)** in Albany, MO. George married **Frances Ann Canaday** in 1880. George passed away on November 10th, 1928 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Englevale, KS.50

Adam’s maternal great great-grandmother, **Frances Ann Canaday Leverich (1862-1939)**, was born in 1862 in Kansas. She married George Leverich in 1880. Frances passed away in 1939 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Englevale, KS.51


Adam’s maternal great great-grandfather, **Clyde Collins (1884-1940)**, was born on June 29th, 1884 to **Solomon Collins (1848-1910)** and **Catherine Melissa Oylear (1854-1932)** in Des Moines, IA. Clyde married **Ethel Quillen (1884-1936)** on November 28th, 1903 in Ottawa, KS. Per the 1910 U.S. Census Clyde and his wife, Ethel, lived in Greenwood, KS where Clyde worked as a farmer. By the 1920 U.S. Census Clyde had moved his family to Lincoln Township, Crawford County, KS and was working as a coal miner. In the 1930 U.S. Census the Collins had moved again, this time to Osage, MO where Clyde worked as a coal miner. Clyde passed away on July 19th, 1940 and is buried in Arcadia, KS.

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**52** Kansas County Marriages, 1855-1911, database with images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/FWLM-WQ5 : 16 February 2016), Clyde Collins and Ethel Quillen, 28 Nov 1903; citing Marriage, Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas, United States, district clerk, court clerk, county clerk and register offices from various counties; FHL microfilm 1,451,457.


Adam’s maternal great great-grandmother, Ethel Margaret Quillen (1884-1936), was born on May 11th, 1884 to Henry Milton Quillen (1860-1942) and Alice Quillen (1868-1887) in Coatesville, IN. Ethel married Clyde Collins on November 28th, 1903. Ethel passed away on August 18th, 1936 and is buried in Arcadia, KS. 57

**The Smith Family Origins:**

From an early age Adam was always told that his family was German. This would come from his father and his Aunts and Uncles. Upon research for this project Adam found information that showed his family came from Buchs, St. Galen, Switzerland. Which is near the German border. But since Germany was not a unified country until late 1800s, many people spoke German around this area. Per the book in the Pennsylvania Archives that Adam found. His ancestor Jacob Schmid came on the *Snow Molly* to the United States. On October 26th, 1741 Jacob took the Oath of Allegiance and boarded the *Snow Molly* at Rotterdam, Netherlands bound for the U.S. to settle in Pennsylvania. This list of foreigners was sent to the Governor of Pennsylvania to approve the immigrants their citizenship. Jacob was 31 when he came to America. 58 In this text, it shows the original spelling of Jacob’s last name to be Shmith. Eventually the Schmid name became Smith, Adam believes this is due to the fact when his ancestors came to the U.S. they still spoke German-Swiss and just changing their last name to Smith was easier.

**The Smith-Native American Story:**

Per stories that Adam was told about his family that came from Osceola, MO; his ancestor, Allen Smith Jr., married Hephzibah Jane Reed. Hephzibah was the daughter of the Osage Chief in the lands that became St. Clair County, MO. Allen married Hephzibah to keep her from having to move to the reservation after the negations for the Osage to give up their lands went through. They gave birth to Levi Benton Smith a year after they were married.

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