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GENERATION ONE

Shawna L. Jacobs (1969-) was born on January twenty-ninth the year one-thousand nine-hundred and sixty-nine. Shawna was born in Henderson Nevada in a hospital called Rose De Lima Hospital. Shawna was premature birth with a weight of one pound and one ounce. As her parents or at least her mother was religious, and a member of the LDS faith Shawna spent her entire life with in this church during her stay in the hospital she had many blessings from the Bishops of different wards.¹

Shawna's was released from the hospital and grew up to start kindergarten. Shawna remembers the name of the school was Henderson Elementary, she also remembers the teachers were friendly to her and there was not much grass for the children to play on because it was hot and dry there. Shawna remembers that there were many girls her age, but she only made few friends that because she was shy and reserved as a young child.²

Shawna loved growing up in Henderson on the family farm there were many things to do one of her favorite memories was that her and her brother had a lot of animals to play with such as horses, cows, and her favorite pigs. Shawna thinks back on how much fun the pigs were because her and her brother would ride the pigs and charge kids in the neighborhood a fee to ride them as well.³

Shawna always looked up to her brother. He was the most important person to her, when the pig slammed her against the fence it cut her leg deep and there was so much blood, her brother kept her calm and kept her mind off of the blood and helped her to her house where her

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mother was inside baking. When Shawna's mother found out why she had cut her leg Shawna was not allowed to go near the pigs for six-month Shawna always looked up to her brother. He was the most important person to her, when the pig slammed her against the fence it cut her leg deep and there was so much blood, her brother kept her calm and kept her mind off of the blood and helped her to her house where her mother was inside baking. Shawna was hit by a car at the age of five and spent several months in a hospital and all most passed away. This is what caused her severe dyslexia.¹

Shawna only lived in Henderson for a short while growing up, her father had been transferred to Beaver City Utah for work. This caused the family to have to move, they bought another far where Shawna remembers the first animal that she got was a horse and she was trained to barrel race. This sport she did love for sure.² What Shawna liked about the new area was that there were a lot of old places where Archaic and Sevier Fremont people had lived so there were a lot of ruins to look into, this is where she developed her love for history.³

This is also the sight of a trade route that the early settlers of the Mormon church had used to transport supplies and for travelers heading to Salt Lake City. This was also the site of The 1776 Dominguez–Escalante Expedition, this was the first European exploration in this area in 1776. ⁴This is a rather small town the 2010 census was 3112 people.⁵

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⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beaver,_Utah.

⁵ <http://censusviewer.com/city/UT/Beaver/2010>.

Shawna had to move at the age of sixteen because of a divorce that involved her parents. This led her and her mother to Galena KS. This is where Shawna finished high school by graduating from Galena High in one-thousand nine-hundred and eighty-nine.¹ After high school was over Shawna went MSSU, and Labette Community College to get her degree in nursing. Shawna remembers in the middle of this she met and married, Stephen Blain Robert Werths (1967-). This was her first marriage, and they had two girls and a boy, this marriage ended in divorce. Then in 1999 Shawna recalls getting remarried (this man requested to not be mentioned in this paper) and they are still married.²day.

Shawna has worked in various jobs in nursing, from mental hospitals to emergency rooms and with dementia patients, as she does in Texas today. This is leading to retirement, so Shawna has been at Pit state from 2013 to current to have a second career, achieving this as an online student³. Today Shawna lives in the suburbs, this was unlike her child hood. Today she has to go visit friends that lived in the suburbs but are now in the country. Shawna has done this because there are more opportunities living near a city then in the country or suburbs. As graph 7.3 shows us that the opportunities are in the city, but Shawna still has chosen that she likes the things the city can offer she stays in the suburbs.⁴

Shawna likes to think about the days on the farm but really never sees herself going back to that life as living near the city also allows for her more personal growth and benefits of going

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⁴Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York:Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 173

to museums and to places that are rich in history such as the case of the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.

Generation Two

A1a. Danella Murphy (1950-2002)

A1b. Bobby Armstrong (ukn)

Danella Murphy was born in Cedar City, Iron, Utah. She was the third child born to Venice Jones and Daniel Henry Murphy. Danella Murphy was the fourth child of for children. She grew up in a rural community that was a main agricultural hub for this area of Utah.¹ She was born 27, July 1950.² Danelle as a child enjoyed school she had many friends in elementary school, she attended Hale Elementary School. At the age of six she had to move to Roswell, New Mexico because her farther was in the army and was transferred to Area-51.

There she was as a child living on post as an army brat. Danella was also allowed to play outside during the necular testing, she was radiated as a child which caused her health problems

¹Family Search.org

²<http://search.ancestry.com/collections/1732/records8964666>

³Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

⁴²Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

later on in life. When she went to high school she gained a fondness for learning and it developed into accounting and management.¹

Danella was twenty- four years old when she married Bobby Armstrong. With this man Danella had three children and one that died in the womb. The first child was Darrell Armstrong, the second was Shawna L. Jacobs whom had a twin brother who died as a result of Shawna's ambilocal cord getting wrapped around his throat.² This is been hard on Danella as well as Shawna. There seems to be no way to heal the hurt from the death of the twin.

Shawna remembers that that her mother's home was always a nice place to be even as she was older. From a young age, I can remember my mother going bowling every Wednesday night, the rest of the time she spent working or going to church. I was raised LDS and so was everyone on my mother's side of the family. On Sundays, my mother would go to what is called Relief Society where the women would meet for close contact. Then after church everyone would have made something at home and the whole church would have a large lunch together as a group so that everyone could socialize with each other. I know this is two examples of what chapter one of the book Made in America calls Group Theme. My mother went bowling to find new friends but with the Relief Society with in church is an example of how women gained power with in the home.³

² Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs

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Shawna remembers that her mother was sick a lot even when she was a child. When Shawna began to think about a job for her future the fact that her mother was sick a lot led her into nursing so that she could help her on her days off.¹ Shawna remembers the day her mother passed away was really hard on her, it was 19 March 2002.² Shawna remembers that they always had so much fun but it was a lot of work because her and her mother seemed to have the same personality. This will always be hurtful for Shawna because there were so many things that were left unsaid.³

Generation Three

A1a1. Venice Jones (1928-2003)

A1a2. Daniel Henry Murphy (1913-1986)

Venice Jones (1928-2003) was born in La Verkin, Washington, Utah, United States. Venice was a girl born to Whitney Jones Ella Duncan on 8 March 1928 La Verkin, Washington, Utah, United States. As a little girl Venice remembered not having much as a child.⁴ She was born in a time when the country was suffering from the economic down turn and not too many people even as much as been able to afford a car or had enough food to feed their families and unemployment was on the rise.⁵ As a child Venice could think back to not even having any form of communication with their neighbors which were far away from them.

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"United States Social Security Death Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JB77-SZ2> : 19 May 2014), Danella White, 19 Mar 2002; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

³ Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs

⁴ Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

⁵ Family Search.org

Venice could remember that there was only one school and that was a grade school named La Verkin Elementary School. When the children went to higher grades they had to go to the neighboring town called Hurricane.¹ She was the oldest of four children, she had two younger brothers and sister.

After high school she met and married Daniel Henry Murphy. They moved around a lot because Daniel Henry Murphy was in the Army. In their travels they had three kids two boys and a girl.² Venice Jones died 15 November 2003 Roy, Weber, Utah, United States.³

Daniel Henry Murphy was born to Lola Mae Hunter and Joseph Merian Murphy. Daniel Henry Murphy was the second oldest of nine children. Daniel was born 12 December 1913 Cliff, Grant, New Mexico, United States.⁴

The newspaper that was published the year that Daniel was born shows how there were more local issues that concerned the town as well as the preservation of history of religion to them. The paper also covered issues such as the need to update heavy equipment in order to fix their roads and bridge repair. It also covered a national issue of being able to use any stamp on parcel mail that at the time was allowed by the federal government.⁵

Daniel was not a good student, but he was a big supporter of the armed forces, so when he was of age he enlisted in the army. This led him to a thirty-year career in the army. His last post the Shawna can remember was in area fifty-one.⁶ Shawna had understood that he was also

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Verkin,_Utah

² Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/19289391>

⁴ <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XCMC-DK6>

⁵ *Belen news*. (Belen, N.M.), 17 July 1913. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress. <<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92070450/1913-07-17/ed-1/seq-1/>>

⁶ Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

involved in Vietnam, and the Korean war. When Daniel retired from the army he moved to Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. There he started a business as a road builder and land clearing. He seemed to love doing this for the people of his local area so much so that a lot of time even if someone¹ could not pay for all the work he did Daniel would allow the customer to make payments that they could afford.²

What Shawna can remember the most about Daniel Murphy is that he would take her out on camping trips and teach her survival skills, as well as how to hunt and fish in the desert areas of Lake Meade Utah and New Mexico.³ This man was a best friend to Shawna and also her grandfather whom she looked up to.

Daniel Henry Murphy passed away in 15 Jul 1986 Afton, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, USA. Shawna remembers that he is buried in Grand Army National Cemetery located in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, USA.⁴

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⁴<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/161165531>

Generation Five

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A1a2b2. Daniel Murphy (1832-1886)

Matilda Jan Denning (1884-1950)

Matilda Jan Denning (1884-1950) was born on 14 October 1884 in Malad City, Oneida, Idaho, United States. Matilda was the oldest of fourteen children born to the parents of Emma Jane Celesta Squires (1866–1947) and James Henry Denning (1853–1919). As a child she grew up moving from town to town and state to state. Matilda herself was a mother of nine children.

According to the book *Century of Difference* the chart titled “American schooling almost Doubled over the Century” according to the authors the years of school completed went up on an increase but the bottom twenty percent of kids did not complete school while the top twenty percent had increased as did the middle ten percent.¹

In the year that Matilda was born in Malad City, this town seemed like it was a large city and it was growing with its own bakery, brewery for beer was starting up. The town also had Malad city is mainly a Mormon town settled by Welsh in 1856, the prophet Brigham Young requested members of the reorganized church go and settle the area, which is what happened. The church knew that this was a valuable place as a shipping hub between Salt Lake and Butte Montana.

This city is the largest city next to Butte and it has the oldest department store in Idaho.² Malad City has one of the oldest Tabernacle LDS meeting houses in the country, as the railroad came to town so did a growth in population as well as stores and moderation, of a school system at first children like Matilda were home schooled before any central education was formed.³

John Wallace Duncan (1885-1956).

John Wallace Duncan married Matildia married on 25 November 1903.⁴ This union in marriage led to the birth of nine children for this couple. John was born 13 March 1885, Mesa,

¹ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 11.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malad_City,_Idaho

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malad_City,_Idaho

⁴ "Montana, County Marriages, 1865-1950," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F34W-WH1> : 7 December 2014), Wallace Duncan in entry for Orrin D.

Maricopa, Arizona, United States. This town was settled by Mormons coming from Saint George Utah after the wiping out of the Apache Indians by the US Army.¹

This town was first known as Jonesville. This town was and still is largely founded on the idea of education the first school was built in 1879. In 1883 the town had a population of three-hundred and it was then incorporated.²

As a young man John moved back to Utah where his family were mainly living. John was a farmer in Utah until at the age of thirty-three John got his draft card on September 12th, 1918 for World War 1.³

Duncan and Reta H. Shaw, 07 Jun 1946; citing Marriage, Beaverhead County, , Montana, county courthouses, Montana; FHL microfilm 1,905,612.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesa,_Arizona

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mesa,_Arizona

³ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-81W3-D9Q?cc=1968530&wc=9FCQ-K6F%3A928433501%2C928440801> : 14 May 2014), Utah > Washington County; A-Z > image 338 of 1296; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

When John returned he went on as a farmer expanding his land as much as he could afford. He had grown up on land that came from the government in the land grant program in Idaho. John passed away in 31 May 1956 La Verkin, Washington, Utah, United States.¹ This town has been a hub for the ag industry for many years and it continues to expand.²

Cara Isabell Wilson (1878-1918)

Cara Isabell Wilson was born in 10 September 1878 Millville, Cache, Utah, United States. This was a very small town, and it still is today. Shawna can remember traveling there to visit family.³ The newspaper that I found says a lot about the area in which she lived, the settlers were bothered by Indians they would burn their houses and still their livestock and kidnap the women or just kill everyone.⁴

Shawna can remember Danella telling her stories about Cara being one of the first women relief society presidents when the office was formed. Cara was also one of the first women teachers in this area because the town was one of the first to have a dedicated school.⁵

Cara got married in 2 February 1898 St. George, Washington, Utah, United States to George Alonzo Jones out of this union they had nine children. Cara had married three more times before her death. Cara died in 28 November 1918 La Verkin, Washington, Utah, United States.⁶

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/33276>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Verkin,_Utah

^{3 3} Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

⁴ <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85058130/1896-02-15/ed-1/seq-1/>

^{5 5} Personal knowledge of the author, Shawna L. Jacobs.

⁶ 28 November 1918 La Verkin, Washington, Utah, United States

George Alonzo Jones (1876-1965)

George Alonzo Jones

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This may be a legend but according to Shawna's memory this is how it was always to be by family, and to see that it was also documented in the church library as an early settler is amazing.

I was born in Rockville in 1867 on April 8th, in an old adobe house to Charles Henry Jones and Viola Maria Russell. When I was still a baby, we moved back to Grafton. We lived in an old log house, one room with a lean to.¹

My sister, Annie, was about four years old and I was about two. We used to fight over two chairs, one was a rocking chair and the other one a straight leg. They were made by Freeborn Gifford's father. Our house was situated about 500 yards east of the old church house, where Frank Russell now lives, which was Grandpa Alonzo Russell's house.²

In Grafton we had a town herd of cows or every cow we owned we had to herd one day. I herded cows with Joseph and Hyrum Hastings (twins) and John Stanworth. The other boys and I knew where every watermelon patch was located from Rockville to Duncan and as we herded cows, we enjoyed watermelon and would let the rings (rinds?) float down the river.³

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In 1876 when I was about nine years old, we moved to Beaver in an ox team. Grandfather Russell drove the ox team and Elias Russell drove a mule team. This was the 2nd year of the United Order and we really had a hard struggle, often living on almost nothing except potatoes which we got from the Tithing office. Great Grandfather (Charles H.) set type for the Beaver newspaper which I believe was called the Beaver Herald he helped roll the paper after the type had been set. He was called a "rolling devil".¹ Old Joe Fields owned and ran the printing office he taught Bert Skinner, Charles Ship and Kent Farnsworth how to set type.²

We lived there close to a year at old "Dad" Phillip's place. Also at that time, there were soldiers living at "Fort Cameron", above Beaver, John R. Murdock was our Bishop in Beaver, father of John C. Murdock. We moved back to Grafton in the year of '77, with the help of a man named "Van Va Leet" from Kanosh.³

When we moved back, we moved our house down in the west end of Grafton. While moving it there, we lived in a dugout. My father went to work for the Coop or Cannan ranch, Jim Andrews was the foreman. At the age of twelve, I went to work for William Wright on Kolob for \$25.00 a month, my duties were to help Mrs. Wright milk 45 cows night and morning and then build fences during the day.⁴

Every other week, I packed 24 pounds of butter down on a burro and delivered it to Dan Morris and he then sold it to Silver Reef. I worked for Mr. Wright for one year.

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When I quit working for Mr. Wright I went to work at Shumpah ranch. During this winter at the age of 13, I was snowed in for three months and all alone.¹

There was around 6 feet of snow and I had to feed 60 head of cattle and four saddle horses. John C. Murdock came out on the 25th of March this was the first person I had seen since the 15th of December.² After the snow melted at Shumpah, I started on the roundup marking and branding cows and the remainder of the summer, we raised wild hogs. In September we went on the fall roundup. I worked there until was 15. In the spring I went to work for the church herd at Pipe Springs, Mix MacArthur was my boss. I worked there two years and then went to upper Kanab and worked for De Wooley and Dan Seegmiller on the Seegmiller Ranch, farming, (Age 17).³

I went back to Shumpah (scootumpah? Whitney Reldon Jones remembered it pronounced this way) at the age of 19 and started courting Louisa Stevens. I courted her for four years during which time I worked at Shumpah and Cannan Ranch.⁴

After I broke up with Louisa Stevens. I started to go with Clara Isabell Wilson. We were married February 22, 1898 in the St. George Temple. On the way to be married, we stopped in Harrisburg the first night and stayed with the Lang family.⁵

The next day, we stopped at the old Washington Factory and traded a barrel of molasses for blankets. We then went on in to St. George and got our marriage license. We stayed that

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night at Mix MacArthur's place. The third day we were married and traveled back to Washington and spent our wedding night at Joe Mills.¹

On the sixth day after the wedding, a reception was held at Virgin and two days after the reception, I went back to Shumpah to work. One dollar a day was the highest wage paid and that was what I was getting.²

On the 30th day of January 1899, Morris was born. He lived sixteen days and died with the flu. He was buried at Virgin, Utah. I went on my mission to Kentucky on the 9th of November, 1899 and on the next February 24, 1900, Ivey was born. This all took place at Mt. Dell.³

Jim MacArthur was my first companion in the Mission Field. We labored together seven months. Our Mission Headquarters was Chattanooga, Tennessee, I was transferred to Kentucky where I was given a new companion who was Ruben Jackman from Joe Town, Utah. We labored in Bourbon County, Kentucky. In this district, the people were very bitter against the Mormons. We labored together until conference time which took place at Louisville, Kentucky. We took a new companion at this time mine was Malchum Nish from Idaho After that Si Leavitt of Gunlock was my companion with W. C.⁴

Parker from Murray as my last one. We were released on Christmas Day, 1902, and I arrived home on the 27th of December. Edward ones met me at Lund. For eight months I had chills and fever,”⁵

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Malaria". During the next 25 years I herded sheep. I can remember Si Leavitt, one of my mission companions, was unable to write and could read a little. I used to write his letters for and he really worked hard to learn. He was a wonderful speaker and friend maker. In the years 1870 at 72, my father made trips to "Fort Laramie" and brought back emigrants.¹ These trips took 7 months each. He had two pair of oxen, Mig and Turk, Broad and Bright. When I was 9 years old, John D. Lee was killed for the terrible "Mountain Meadow" massacre in the year 1876.²

They sat him on the edge of his coffin and ten men shot him and only one gun was loaded so that no one would know who the executioner was. John D. Lee had twenty-one grown sons and they wanted to keep their father from being killed but he said, "my time has come so I must go". In the same year the soldiers left "Fort Cameron" to fight in the Spanish American War.³

During this time the government men were hunting "cohabs" or polygamous as so many men had more than one wife and were always hiding and some of them would use assumed names. One fellow, Bishop Hunt, was hiding at Moccome under the name of "Pappy Wilson". For every Cohabs the deputies caught, the government gave them \$50.00.⁴

I remember just before I got married in September of 1897, we went on a big 2,000 head of cattle drive. We started at Cane Beds and was 23 days on the trail to Milford. From Milford on the trip was made by train.⁵ We went to Wyoming and delivered 1,000 head of dry cattle to the Hutton Ranch. The other 1,000 head of cattle and calves were delivered to Laramie. While traveling on the train, we arrived near Green River and the train was stopped because of a wash

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out. Two hundred and fifty men worked all night to clear the tracks; 5 trains stood side by side by waiting to go on.¹

Joe Petty spent twelve hours walking the train keeping the cattle on their feet so they wouldn't stomp each other to death. On November 20th, we got into Milford where we got some and came on the rest of the way home on horseback.²

When I was about 38 years old, working then for John Smith, I had a dream (the only dream I ever had that came true). I dreamed that I saw Arch and Bill Swapp and Bill Jones all together on the steps of the Coop arguing.³

The next morning, I went to town and saw these fellows just as I had dreamed. I got my groceries and started back to my work when I met Charles Maxwell and he told me that his brother Jim had killed Bill Jones. He told me it was a put up job as Bill Jones had something on the Swapp Brothers and they were tell afraid he'd, so they got Jim Maxwell drunk and persuaded him to shoot Bill with a rifle. They had a hearing and turned him loose.⁴

Shawna remembers hearing this story Her mother but to find it written down and to be written the same way that she had heard it, and to find it written in church history is amazing to her.⁵

Unisa Jane Mackay (1872-1921)

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Unisa was born on 26 September 1872 Comanche, Comanche, Texas, United States.¹ Unisa was born to the parents of Rue Ann Boyd born 1847

Newton, Missouri, United States, and John Calvin Mckay born 9 April 1847 Texas, United States.

Unisa was born in Comanche, Texas, this town prior to her birth was not there, it was a land grant given to settlers that wanted their own land. This was done by a land grant to Stephen F. Austin.² This land was barren and plagued with danger of Indians as well as bandits.³

Shawna remembers stories that were told as legend that this lady was full Comanche Indian. Shawna thinks that after her research that this may not be true for the lady seemed to have white parents.⁴

Unisa married Drewry Henry HUNTER 17 AUG 1890 in Lincoln, New Mexico.⁵ From this marriage Shawna found that this couple had nine children all of which were born in Comanche, Texas. Comanche, Texas was a supply route and it was popular with hunters as well. It was also where John Wesley Harding killed the sheriff.⁶

The memories that Shawna remembers this maybe legend is that Drewery was a hired gun in the Lincoln county wars. There is no way to prove this, but it is a good legend at any rate. Unisa died in 20 August 1921 Hillsboro, Sierra, New Mexico, United States.⁷

¹Internet, New Mexico Death Records 1889-1945, Family Search, Archive, Page number: film number 2032741, item 2

²https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Comanche_County,_Texas_Genealogy

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⁵<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KNH4-SQB>

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comanche,_Texas

⁷ Internet, New Mexico Death Records 1889-1945, Family Search, Archive, Page number: film number 2032741, item 2

Drew Henry Hunter (1862-1908)

Drew was born in 28 April 1862 Buffalo Gap, Taylor, Texas, United States. This couple had seven children the second oldest being Lola Mae Hunter.¹ Shawna found that Buffalo Gap was and still is a small town with no more than 300 people and it was founded in 1857, and it got a post office in 1878.² This town was also a real place for buffalo to come drink water now for the most part it has become a museum of frontier ways of life from Indians to the agricultural settlers.³

The closet newspaper that Shawna could find was The Dallas weekly herald. June 21, 1873, this paper showed the progress that was going on as well as the troubles that settlers were having to learn to deal with. Shawna also found the Texas seemed to be in this area democratic supporters.⁴ During further research Shawna found the family also had a story for this man and that seemed to be that it was, until now. Shawna had heard stories of Drew Henry Hunters wife being the sister of really bad men from Texas. This Shawna found to be true. Unisa Jane Mackay was the daughter of John Calvin Mackey, this man had sons and brothers that were thieves, train robbers and murders from Texas to New Mexico, and Vegas.⁵

¹<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KNZM-SV6?spouse=KNH4-SQB>

² <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KNZM-SV6?spouse=KNH4-SQB>

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo_Gap_Historic_Village

⁴<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84022279/1873-06-21/ed-1/seq-1.pdf>

⁵ <https://sites.google.com/site/jamesnatmackey/comanche-county-texas-court-house-records>

Shawna also found newspapers in Texas that had reported on these men and the murders of people even a few men that owed the Mackey's fifty cents. Shawna tried to find the newspaper at the Library of Congress and tried to call Steve Leggett, but he has been in LA, so here is the closest that she could come to the articles about these men.¹

Martha Jane Simmons (1852-1894)

Martha Jane Simmons was born on 19 April 1852 Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee, United States. Shawna found that this lady was born in a time that was hard for people from TN. Shawna found in the Nashville Union that the town was suffering from an economic downturn like most of the country and there were labor strikes going on. Shawna found that the paper was also advertising for people to move west.²

Shawna found that at a young age she met Daniel Murphy, they then set out for New Mexico. Shawna found that when they got to Texas the couple got married in Cooke, Texas in the year of 1869.³ Shawna found that when they married in Texas Daniel was thirty-five and Martha was only sixteen.⁴ They family stayed several years in Texas before moving on to New Mexico.

Shawna also found that the journey was dangerous the family left Texas and joined a wagon train to New Mexico. The wagon train came under attack of bandits and Indians. Shawna

¹ <https://sites.google.com/site/jamesnatmackey/comanche-county-texas-court-house-records>

² <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86071264/1853-04-28/ed-1/seq-4/>

³ "Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837-1965," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/QV14-LLZY> : accessed 20 November 2017), Daniel Murphy and Martha J Simons, 22 Nov 1869, Marriage; citing Cooke, Texas, United States, various county ...

⁴ <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-66RP-45?i=12&cc=1438024>

found that the attacks left Daniel wounded and when they got to New Mexico the family settled in Silver City, New Mexico.

Shawna found that Martha had been married a few times after the death of Daniel. Shawna found that Martha had nine children.¹ Martha Jane Simmons died on November 1894 Silver City, Grant, New Mexico, United States.

Daniel Murphy (1832-1886)

The chart that I chose to use came from figure 6.6 titled “Households with Key Domestic Goods by Year”. The authors were showing with this chart how many people in the country had no indoor plumbing and other things that are common such as automobiles, telephones, and computers. This took a survey of whites and blacks spanning 1900 to the lack of these things that seemed to be focused in the southern part of the country.²

Daniel Murphy was from Ireland and came to America first to Merryville TN, and settled in New Mexico in a town called Silver City. He bought a large amount of land and opened a brick foundry as well as having his own farm land. he did not own an automobile he traveled everywhere on horse. He had money as an immigrant business owner but like most in the southern United States he did not have access to things like indoor plumbing. This seemed at the time a luxury for people in his time. Most of the other things in the chart were also not

¹ <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L7F1-TYS>

² Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 156.

available to him because of his geographical location as the info structure was not in place. The chart does go on to say that most whites were able to get indoor plumbing and telephones as well as cars long before blacks of the south did.¹

Shawna knows little about this man just the story that she is going to share now part of this may be legend, but the ranch land and brick refinery are real, and the ranch is still owned.² The writing below may be legend all Shawna knows is that it is the way that her mother had to her as well as her grandfather.³

Daniel Murphy was born in 1832. He came to the United States as a stowaway on a boat from County Claire, Ireland. He married Martha Jane Simmons, a native of Nashville, Tennessee. She was born April 19, 1852 in either Memphis or Nashville, Tennessee to Thomas Jefferson Simmons. They were married on November 22, 1869. Afterwards, Daniel set out with his bride for the New Mexico of 1880. Near Marfa, Tex., Indians attacked the wagons, killing several pioneers and robbing or destroying all of the Murphy possessions.⁴

The young Irishman, helping defend the train against the attack received wounds that eventually later caused his death.⁵ When the attack began on the first wagon in the train, his wife and three children fled to the wagons behind. After the battle, Murphy found them, and the

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journey continued. Robbed of everything but their lives, the family arrived in Silver City and began the task of earning a living in a pioneer town. Observing the absence of any building material except timber and adobe, Murphy established Silver City's first brickyard on property located near the present day Big Ditch.¹

. Several of the oldest brick homes in Silver City were built with brick from his yard. Almost all of Silver City north of 12th Street became the original Murphy homestead, which included all of the present Silver Heights Addition, a wilderness of rocks and trees when Murphy owned it. Murphy died of his old wounds September 1, 1886 in Silver City, NM. Later Martha moved her family closer to town. Martha died November 2, 1894 in Silver City, NM.

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