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GENERATION ONE

Mitchell Scott Baker (1988-) was born in Pittsburg, Kansas, on 17 August 1988 to **Robert Mitchell Baker (1965-)** and **Nancy Sue Scales Hall (1969-)**. Mitchell was born full term after 16 hours of labor with no complications. Mitchell's mother was a college freshman when she got pregnant which was a big surprise to Nancy and Robert. Nancy endured the long pregnancy with no problems.

Mitchell's parents married on March 5, 1988 while Nancy was 5 months pregnant. They moved in with Robert's parents, **Ralph Robert Baker (1936-2005)** and **Ellen McColm Baker (1949- 2017)**.

GENERATION TWO

A1a. Robert Mitchell Baker (1965-)

A1b. Nancy Sue Scales Hall (1969-)

Robert Mitchell Baker (1965-), was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on 1 March 1965 to **Ralph Robert Baker (1936-2005)** and **Ellen McColm Baker (1949- 2017)**. Robert has one older brother, **Scott Randell Baker (1960-)**.

Robert moved several times throughout his childhood to four different states, including Texas, Kansas, Iowa, and finally Arkansas. Robert enjoyed sports such as baseball, football and moto cross where he and his brother often traveled for meets.

Robert graduated from Bentonville High School in Bentonville, Arkansas, in 1983 and joined the United States Army straight out of high school. He attended basic training in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and later joined the 101st Airborne, serving most of his time in Germany. When he returned to the United States

Nancy Sue Scales Hall was born in Girard, Kansas, on 27 January 1969 to **Clifford D Scales (1946-)** and **Joan Marie Hallacy Scales (1944 -)**. Nancy has two sisters and two Brothers, **Judy Scales Shidler (1964-)**, **Shelia Scales (1980-)**, **Clifford B Scales (1979-)** and **Tommy L Scales (1982-)**. Nancy grew up in Girard, Kansas, and lived there until his senior year of high school.

In Figure 8.1, “Current Religious Preferences of American Adults Aged Twenty-Five to Seventy-Four,” Americans professed many religions, but a Majority of adults were Protestant. Protestant reached over 50%, and in second place was Catholics who were around 25%.¹ Although none

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), 189.

of the family is Protestant, Catholicism is an important aspect of Mitchell's, Nancy's, and Nancy's entire families lives.

GENERATION THREE

A1a1. Ralph Robert Baker (1936-2005)

A1a2. Ellen Marie McColm (1949-2017)

A1b1. Clifford D Scales (1946-)

A1b2. Joan M Hallacy Scales (1944-)

Mitchell's grandfather, **Ralph Robert Baker (1936-2005)**², was born in Muncie, Indiana, on 5 June 1936 to **Ralph Baker (1907-1978)** and **Hellen Staley Baker (1919-1981)**. Ralph was an only child. He played basketball at Ball State University in Indiana and later transferred to Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. In 2002 Ralph retired as a private truck driver due to a back injury. He spent his days doing yard work and planting flowers until his death in 2005.

The *Weekly Indiana State Sentinel* was a democratic paper in Indiana. Most of the elected officials throughout the 1840s and 1850s were Democrats, so the *Weekly Indiana State Sentinel* was a big factor to the entire state keeping up with who the elected officials were and what they stood for³. This was important to Mitchell's grandfather's family because politics have always been a very important topic to the entire family. Mitchell is certain that this paper was a huge staple in the Baker family for keeping up with politics and any other major events that were going on in the state at the time.

Muncie, Indiana is a city and the seat of Delaware County, Indiana. It's located in East Central Indiana. During World War II, the city's manufacturers turned their efforts to wartime production.

² "United States Social Security Death Index," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VSM1-ZWT> : 19 May 2014), Ralph R Baker, 06 May 2005; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

³ *Weekly Indiana State sentinel*. (Indianapolis [Ind.]), 10 Feb. 1855. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress. <<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014286/1855-02-10/ed-1/seq-1/>>

Ball State and Muncie's airport trained pilots for the US Navy⁴. Ball State Cardinal's men's basketball started in 1920, and there was little success in the program until the 1970s⁵.

Mitchell's grandmother, **Ellen Marie McColm Baker (1941-2017)**⁶, was born 1 November 1941 in Cherokee, Kansas, to **Charles M McColm (1918-2004)** and **Kathleen Smith McColm (1921-)**. Ellen has one brother, **Charlie McColum (1944-)** and one sister **Debbie McColm Leahan (1956-)**. Ellen was the director of Class LTD in Pittsburg, Kansas, until her retirement in 2007. In 2014 she was diagnosed with lung cancer and in 2017 it finally took her life.

Mitchell's grandfather on his mothers side, **Clifford D "Bud" Scales (1946-)**, was born 26 November 1946 to **Hilton B Scales (1909-1986)** and **Mildred Childers (1917-1992)**. Clifford has 8 brothers and sisters, Betty Scales, Sherlie Franklin, Richard Scales, Pete Scales, James E Scales, Gary H Scales, Linda Lou Scales, Carolyn Scales Hallacy.

Clifford Scales lived on a family farm until 1957 when they moved into the city limits of Girard, Kansas. He attended Girard High School where he played nose tackle for the football team. When he was 17 years old, he dropped out of high school and worked at a local coal mine for 8 years, then for the Crawford County Road Works Department driving a maintainer until his retirement in 2007.

In Figure 5.8, the graph shows that fewer skilled workers belonged to unions in 2000. In 1950, the percentage of skilled workers belonging to labor unions had a steady decrease over the next 50 years. Clerical and sales workers remained the same over a 50-year time frame, and

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muncie,_Indiana#History

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ball_State_University

⁶ "United States Public Records, 1970-2009," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2M62-Z97> : 23 May 2014), Ellen K Baker, Residence, Pittsburg, Kansas, United States; a third party aggregator of publicly available information.

professional workers had a slight increase⁷. Mitchell's grandfather Clifford worked on the mines as a heavy equipment operator around Crawford County, and Mitchell's father was a union electrician. Clifford worked long hard hours until the early 1950s when the mine became unionized. Because they became unionized, they got better benefits, which allowed him to buy the land that he still resides on, he was able to have health insurance for him, his wife, and 5 children, and his long work hours slowed down a bit. As time went on, Clifford and Mitchell's father decided to start working for local companies and were no longer working in a union. The decline of percentage of workers belonging to labor unions is accurate to Mitchell's grandfather and father.

Mitchell's grandmother on his mothers side, **Joan Marie Hallacy Scales (1944-)**, was born 27 February 1944 in Girard, Kansas, to **John M Hallacy (1909-2004)** and **Leona I Trainor (1912-1999)**. Joan had 12 brothers and sisters - Gene Hallacy, Robert Hallacy, Jerry Hallacy, Bill Hallacy, Herb Hallacy, Mary K Mason, Rita Ann Tierney, Dorothy Murphy, Virginia Cronister, Leona "Lou" Clark, James Patrick Hallacy, Hubert E Hallacy, Dewayne Hallacy, and John Hallacy. Joan grew up on a family farm outside of Walnut, Kansas, and she graduated high school from Girard, Kansas, in 1962. Clifford and Joan were married May 30, 1964 in Greenbush, Kansas.

In Figure 7.3, "Distribution of Population Across Types of Places," Americans moved from the countryside to the suburbs in one century. This figure matches Mitchell's family because both his grandmother and grandfather Scales moved from rural farms to the city limits of Girard, Kansas. Mitchell's mother Nancy moved from a town to a small metro city, matching trends from

⁷ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 113.

1900-2000. The chart shows that the percentage of populations moving from the countryside to the suburbs is decreasing overall, especially for countryside populations⁸.

Many of Mitchell's family members have lived in Girard, Kansas, at some point in their lives.

Girard, Kansas, was founded in the spring of 1868. Carbon Creek was the location of the first mining camp in the county, where several strip pits were opened and from the strip pits, slopes were run across the veins and coal operations opened on a small scale. In the 1960s, many of the mines closed⁹. This is important for Clifford Scales, as he worked for a local coalmine for 8 years.

⁸ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 113.

⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girard,_Kansas#History

GENERATION FOUR

- A1a1a. Ralph R Baker (1907-1978)**
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- A1b2a. John M Hallacy (1909-2004)**
- A1b2b. Leona I Trainor Hallacy (1912-1999)**

Mitchell's great-grandfather, **Ralph R Baker (1907-1978)**, was born in 1907 and information on his parents is unknown. Mitchell's great-grandmother, **Hellen M Staley Baker (1919-1981)** was born in 1919 and information on her parents is unknown

Mitchell's great-grandfather, **Charles Marvin McColm (1918-1971)**¹⁰ was born in 1918. On October 5, 1942 Charles joined the United States Army to fight in World War II. He was honorably discharged on October 12, 1945 as a technician 5th grade 316 engineering battalion.

Mitchell's great-grandmother, **Kathleen Smith McColm (1921-)** was born 18 January 1921 near Cherokee County, Kansas, and information on her parents is unknown. Kathleen was an office secretary at Pittsburg Community Middle School for 30 years. She walked five miles every day to keep in shape, she continued this even until she was 80 years old. Now, Kathleen is in hospice care at Via Christi Village due to having dementia.

Mitchell's great-grandfather, **Hilton B Scales (1908-1986)**¹¹, was born 23 April 1908 in Crawford County, Kansas, to **Marion Benjamin Scales (1861-1918)** and **Beadie Mae McFall (1871-1951)**.

Mitchell's great-grandmother, **Mildred Childers Scales (1917-1992)**¹² was born 21 January 1917 and information on her parents is unknown.

¹⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110229639/charles-mccolm>

¹¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/105208130>

Mitchell's great-grandfather, **John M Hallacy (1909-2004)** was born 27 March 1909 in Girard, Kansas, to **Jerry Hallacy (1868-1941)** and **Nora Lucy Shay Hallacy (1874-1955)**. John was 95 years old when he passed away at the Crawford County Hospital District No. 1 at Girard¹³. The Hallacy's owned an 80 acre farm near Braselton, Kansas, and the family still owns the property to this day.

Mitchell's great-grandmother, **Leona I Trainor Hallacy (1912-1999)**, was born on 16 October 1912 in Walnut Grove, Neosho County, Kansas, to **Peter I Trainor (1871)** and **Kate M Trainor (1872)**. John and Leona were married on August 22, 1933 in Walnut, Kansas¹⁴.

¹² "United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKT3-41Z8> : 26 October 2016), Mildred Childers Scales in entry for Marjorie K Scales, Pittsburg, Kansas, United States, 21 Jan 2011; from "Recent Newspaper Obituaries (1977 - Today)," database, *GenealogyBank.com* (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : 2014); citing *Morning Sun, The*, born-digital text.

¹³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/9928416>

¹⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/9921016/Leona-I.-Hallacy>

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A1b2b2. Kate M Trainor (1872-1905)

Mitchell's great-great grandfather, **Roy Samuel Smith (1895-unk)**, was born 20 June 1895 in Lamar, Missouri. His fathers name is William Smith, and his birth year and death year are unknown. In 1917-1918, Roy was drafted into World War I.¹⁵ Mitchell's great-great grandmother, **Ellen T Hanson Smith (1900-unk)**¹⁶, was married to Roy, but information on when they were married is unknown.

¹⁵ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K66C-TJ9> : 12 December 2014), Roy Samuel Smith, 1917-1918; citing Crawford County no 2, Kansas, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 1,643,511.

¹⁶ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VRVB-9ZN> : accessed 22 November 2017), Ellen Smith in household of Roy Smith, Cherokee, Sheridan Township, Crawford, Kansas, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 19-25, sheet 3B, line 55, family 62, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 1227.

Mitchell's great-great grandfather, **Marion Benjamin Scales (1861-1918)** was born 16 June 1861 in Pulaskia, Kentucky, to **James Benjamin Scales (1834-unk)** and **ladyka Weldon or Walden (1839-unk)**. James and ladyka were married 1859 in Pulaski, Kentucky. According to past generations, ladyka was Niitsitapi, also known as the Blackfoot or Blackfeet Indians who reside in the Great Plains of Montana and the Canadian Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The name is said to have come from the color of the peoples' moccasins that are made of leather.

Marion Scales married **Mary Elizabeth McFall Scales (1861-1891)** on November 28, 1880 in Mound City, Linn County, Kansas¹⁷. Together, Marion and Mary had five children. Mary died in 1891 and Marion married Mary's sister, Beadie Mae McFall May 25, 1892¹⁸. Marion and Beadie had eight children together.¹⁹ Mitchell's great-great grandmother, **Beadie May McFall (1871-1951)** was born 23 October 1871 in Missouri Territory, United States, to **Daniel McFall (1830-1898)** and **Martha Jane McHill (1838-1895)**.

Pulaski, Kentucky is a county located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It was founded December of 1798 from land given by Lincoln and Green Counties and named for Polish patriot Count Kazimierz Pulaski. In 1840, the census states that the population for Pulaski County was 9,500. The 1840 census is when James and ladyka Scales would have been counted in the total population. The 1860 census states that the population was 17,201, which is when James and ladyka's son, Marion, would have been counted in.²⁰

¹⁷ Kansas County Marriages, 1855-1911, database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/FW2L-MT5> : 18 October 2017), Marion Scales and Mary Mcfall, 28 Nov 1880; citing Marriage, , Linn, Kansas, United States, district clerk, court clerk, county clerk and register offices from various counties; FHL microfilm 1,521,455.

¹⁸ "Kansas Marriages, 1840-1935," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/FWZG-F6L> : 12 December 2014), Marion Scales and Beadie Mcfall, 25 May 1893; citing , Crawford, Kansas, reference ; FHL microfilm 1,404,718.

¹⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/34407937/Marion-Benjamin-Scales>

²⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulaski_County,_Kentucky

Mitchell's great-great grandfather, **Jerry Hallacy (1868-1941)**²¹ parents are unknown. Jerry was buried at the Saint Aloysius Cemetery in Greenbush, Crawford County, Kansas, with his wife, Nora. Mitchell's great-great grandmother, **Nora Lucy Shay Hallacy (1874-1955)**²² was born 25 October 1874 in Kentucky, United States, to **Jhon Verden Shay (1852-1940)** and **Bethany Ann Hardin (1854-1930)**.

Mitchell's great-great grandfather, **Peter I Trainor (1871-unk)** was born 1871 in Kansas. He married Kate 12 May 1908 in St. Paul, Neosho County, Kansas. Mitchell's great-great grandmother, **Kate M Trainor (1872-1905)** was born 1872 in Kansas. Kate died 28 September 1905.²³

²¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/8981404/Jerry-Hallacy>

²² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/8981403/Nora-Hallacy>

²³ "Massachusetts Deaths and Burials, 1795-1910," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/FHPZ-XD6> : 10 December 2014), Kate McGee Trainor, 28 Sep 1905; citing , reference 124; FHL microfilm 2,257,348.