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GENERATION ONE

Janell Elizabeth Hawks was born 27th June 1994 in Fort Scott Kansas to Joy Clark (1949-) and Robert Maurice Hawks (1949-). Joy was 42 years old when Janell was born. Janell was born full term with no complications during the pregnancy or birth she weight at 7lbs and 3oz. The nurses asked Joy if she was ready to have Janell on the 25th of June 1994, but that was Janell's older brothers 18th birthday, so Joy had rejected that and said the 27th. When she finally entered the world, Joy had two names picked out just in case they had another boy. Janell is the youngest and the only girl out of eight children. All of her brothers were shocked and didn't know how to handle having a baby girl. Their family was the talk of town because they had finally had a little girl.

Growing up Janell lived right outside of town; her parents had built the house they lived in. It was five bedrooms and three bathrooms, the house and had an upstairs and downstairs. Three bed rooms upstairs where Janell stayed. The room right next to hers was bunk beds where her brothers stayed and right across from them was their parent's room. Her parents had their own bathroom Janell was always jealous because she had one across the hall that she had to share with her brothers. Downstairs in the house there was two bedrooms, one which was bunk beds and one bathroom that the older boys had to share, the laundry room was also downstairs. Janells house was always the hangout spot, whether it was her friends coming over or her brothers friends there was always people over. In their neighborhood right down the street there was a family that had just as many kids as they did. So the kids were together constantly whether it be, playing catch or basketball in the backyard, riding their bikes, playing in Janell's play house her and her dad built they always had a good time together. The play house was Janells' space that she loved to have pretend tea parties, play school with her friends or sometimes even dinner with her brothers.

Inside the play house there was a white board that hung on the wall and there was a little table with play chairs, the boarder of the inside was Barbie wall paper with pink sponges on the wall. Janell has great memories in that play house.

Eventually, they had to move houses because they outgrew their house. The family moved into a house more in the city, on South Adams Street. When they moved there was only two children left living in the house at the time, Janell and her older brother David. David was a junior in high school, Janell was always dragged along to his sporting events. Her parents never missed an event the kids were involved in.

Janells family is very active in many things around community such the St. Mary's Catholic Church where they still attend every Sunday. They were involved in 4H, many memories showing sheep and getting ready for the fair in the month of July. West Point was the group they were active in for many years until Janell graduated high school. Sports were another thing that the family was very active in; the children were involved in many sports such as wrestling, baseball, cheerleading, and dance team and show choir.

When Janell was old enough to attend school she went to Bryan School which held grades K-1st. The day before Kindergarten Janell fell on the monkey bars at Truman Elementary and broke her right leg. Her brother David rushed Janell over to her mom who was walking the track and then they got in the car and went to Fort Scott hospital. Janell ended up with a cast and being pushed home in a wheel chair. When she got to school the first day everyone wanted to push her around in a wheel chair so they took turns doing so. After Bryan, Janell went to Benton School which held only 2nd grade. She has some of the best memories there because she had great teachers, Mrs. Pritchett and Ms. Blue. After 2nd grade, Janell went to another school which was Truman Elementary that is 3rd-5th grade. Then from Truman she went to Nevada Middle School which was tough times for Janell. She was trying to find her way to fit in; she was a little overweight so she got made fun of sometimes. However, in middle school she was active in band and show choir so she

could make some friends. Then one middle school was over she went to high school. High school was some of the best and worst times for Janell. Freshman year she lost her grandmother Thelma Clare Costello Hawks (1920-), she was very close with her grandmother. However, after that high school was fun for Janell, she was active in a lot of sports, such as cheerleading, tennis, Dance Team and Show Choir. Once junior year came along Janell lost a lot of weight, then she started to open up; she was very social able and loved meeting new people. Some of her favorite memories in high school include, being nominated for Homecoming Queen senior year, being crowned Mat Warming Queen and Prom Queen. Janell was outstanding at being social, but she struggled academically, everything was a challenge to her she had to study extra hard but she made it through high school.

Once Janell graduated Nevada High School in 2013, she then went on to Ozark Technical School for two years, and then transferred to Pittsburg State University in 2015. First, she was majoring in Elementary Education. She currently is majoring in Bachelor in General Studies with an Emphasizes in Family Consumer Science, and will be graduating in December of 2018.¹

¹ Personal Knowledge of Janell Elizabeth Hawks

GENERATION TWO

A1a. Joy Jeanne Clark (1949-)

A1b. Robert Maurice Hawks (1949-)

Joy was the oldest of four siblings; two brothers, Jerry Clark (1951- 2010) and John Clark (1960-) to Joann Graham (1927-1979) and Franklin Clark (1916-2003). She was born and raised in the same community in Hutchinson, Kansas her whole life until she went off to nurses training in Fort Scott, Kansas. Growing up she lived in a neighborhood full of boys and enjoyed lots of outdoor sports such as baseball, soccer and lots of kickball. She remembers summer evenings often included the boys coming to her bedroom window knocking on the screen and talking through the window for hours. She attended three different elementary school as the boundaries changed and the neighbor boys across the street attended different schools. In junior high, her favorite subject was Science, Home Economics, mainly sewing, cheerleading and band, playing the saxophone. Also in junior high Joy met Robert and they ran around in the same crowd every weekend and attended lots of the same parties. At the age 14 she began volunteering at Mercy Hospital two blocks away as a Pink Lady, thus, beginning her interest as a Nurse.

Since there was only one high school all the neighborhood attended the same school. She remembers lots of great friends and great memories of cheerleading, band and lots of different clubs. Joy began dating Robert sophomore year which was in 1965. They continued to date though high school,

Robert known as "Bob" worked at the local sign shop and Joy became a Nurse's Aide and worked every weekend. After graduation Bob continued his education at Hutchison Junior College, later going to Kansas State University and Joy went away to Mercy School of Nursing in Fort Scott, Kansas. Following Joy graduating from Nurses training they got married at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchison and moved to Manhattan, Kansas until Bob graduated in 1971.

In 1972 they welcomed their first child on 31 January, Michael Maurice Hawks. Also on that day Bob received his first job offered since graduation with 3M Company in Nevada, Missouri. Joy enjoyed staying at home with their first child until he was 1 year old then returned to work as an RN part-time nights. In the following years; 1975, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1986, and 1994, Robert Daniel, Richard Alan, Thomas Jacob, Zachary John, Marc Christopher, David Patrick and lastly Janell Elizabeth Hawks. All of the children were baptized catholic and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church will growing up in Nevada, Missouri.

Robert Maurice Hawks (1949-) was born in 1949 in Hutchison, Kansas Reno County. He was the second oldest to **Eldon Maurice Hawks (1920)** and **Thelma Louise Costello Hawks (1920-2010)**. Other children included **Judy Clare (1949-unk)**, **Terran Sue (1931-2011)**, **Kimberly Ann-"Kim" (1955-)**, **Constance Joy -"Joy" (1956-)**, and, **Deborah Kay-"Debbie" (1959-)**. Robert Maurice Hawks went to Morgan Elementary School he lived closed enough that he walked every day. Then he went to Liberty Junior High in Hutchinson that was 7th-9th grade. When he turned 14 he started driving to school in his old ford 37 pick-up. In Kansas when turning 14 you can drive to church and school. In 9th grade he played football and basketball. After school he was started working at Lowen Sign Company. When he turned 16 he bought his first car, a 1957 Chevy a two door Sedan. On the weekends Roberts liked to work

with his dad on cars and hangout with his friends and his girlfriend. They would go to movies, walk to the park. He played basketball for Holy Cross Catholic Church in 10th grade. His parents loved going to sporting events, as so did Robert. They would not only go to the high school events, but also the University to watch whatever sport they could. As he turned 18 he turned in his old car for a corvette.

After he graduated high school, he went to Hutchison Junior College and graduated in 1969 with an Associate's arts degree. Then transferred to Kansas State University there he roomed with three guys that were all good friends. They lived in a three bedroom apartment. He traded his corvette and bought a new Dodge Cornet. His senior year in high school he got married to Joy Clark (1949-). After he got married to Joy he moved out of the apartment full of guys to the Married Student Housing. Robert graduated in 1971 with a degree in Bachelor of Science and Business Administration with a dual specialty field of personal management and industrial relations.

After Robert graduated he applied for a job in 3M and they assigned him to a job with 3M Company in Nevada, Missouri. He worked there for 37 years, he eventually retired in 2010. Currently now Roberts like to fish, go to the high school events where his son is a wrestling coach, he likes to go to car shows, he likes to travel and spend time with family.²

² Robert Hawks Interview with Janell Hawks

GENERATION THREE

A1a1. Joann Graham (1927-1979)

A1a2. John Franklin Clark (1916-2003)

A1b1. Thelma Costello Hawks (1920-2010)

A1b2. Eldon Maurice Hawks (1920-1980)

Janell's maternal grandmother, **Joann Graham Hawks (1927-1979)**, was born in Hutchison, Kansas in 1927, to **Edna Lightfoot (unk)** and **Edward Lightfoot (1863-1910)**. Joanna was the only child.

Hutchison, Kansas was incorporated as a city in 1872, just a few years after Janell's maternal great grandpa. Hutchison contracted with the Santa Fe railroad crossing over the Arkansas River. The community earned its nickname "Temperance City" due to alcohol set by its founder³. Hutchinson, Kansas was where the family was originally born and raised.

Janell's maternal grandfather, **John Franklin Clark (1906-1968)**, was born on 5 August 1916 in Hutchison, Kansas to **Emma B. Clark (1884-UNK)**. John was one of eight children: Cleo M. Clark (1910-UNK), Floyd M. Clark (1914-UNK), Earl D. Clark (1916-UNK), Lydia E. Clark (1919-UNK), Charles O'Dell Clark (1920-2005), Jeane P. Clark (1923-UNK), Russell R. Clark (1925-UNK).

³ Wikipedia. "Hutchinson, Kansas." Accessed January 15, 2018.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hutchinson%2C_Kansas

Thelma Costello Hawks (1920-2010) and **Eldon Maurice Hawks (1920-1990)** were Janell's paternal grandparents. Thelma was born to the parents of Francis Edward "Frank" Costello (unk) and Charlotte Leona "Lottie" Dullⁱ (unk.) In fact, her Grandmother Hawks was the only grandmother she really knew. Thelma grew up in out on the farm in Nickerson, Kansas. She had two other sisters, Betty Hobson (unk) and Joan Foster (1925-2014.) The original homestead was destroyed by a fire on Aprils Fools' Day of 1935. They replaced the original structure which was a total lose. The family moved into an outbuilding during the reconstruction. The building had no electricity. Thelma has lots of memories as a child searching the barn for farm cats, digging to China in the sand, playing pickup sticks and exploring the upstairs bedrooms. In high school Thelma was active in many clubs and organizations such as cheerleader, pep club and enjoyed playing piano. In high school was when she met Janell's paternal grandfather Eldon Maurice Hawks (1920-1990). The two met at a Reno Community High School basketball game their freshman year of high school. Thelma had gone to the game with her older sister Mary and her boyfriend Chalmers (Reds brother.) They dated a few times at the end of their sophomore year and then started going steady during their junior year. After high school, she attended Hutchison Community College where she completed her education at Hutch Juco where she graduated with her degree in Interior Design. They got engaged in September of 1941. Red stopped by to take Thelma out for lunch they then went for a drive around town. They ended the ride in Carey Park where he surprised her with

a ring. They were married on 24 January 1942 in the rectory of St. Teresa's Church. There was a brunch that was hosted for the new couple at the home Thelma's Aunt and Uncle's after the wedding. She started a family with Red in 1943 with Judy (1943-1987) their oldest child. Thelma was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She spent her time as a full-time mom and homemaker. Throughout the years, they attended many sporting events together and enjoyed playing Bridge with good friends on regular basis. Thelma passed in 2010, the year Janell was a sophomore in high school. She passed away at her home in the middle of the night in Hutchison, Kansas where Janell would travel for the holidays including Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thelma's house was in the middle in the town right next to the Holy Cross Catholic Church where we would always walk to church on Christmas for Midnight Mass. Her house had five bedrooms, two upstairs, one on the main level and one downstairs. The kids always shared the bunk bed in the basement. The basement had a keyboard and a chalkboard where the cousins always put on Christmas concerts for everyone. Her house was somewhere we always wanted to go.

Also born in 1920, Janell's paternal grandfather, **Eldon Maurice Hawks -"RED" (1920-1980)**, was raised in Rose Hill, Kansas to Raymond Chalmers Hawks and Dessie Mary Allen on 27 February 1921. The family fell upon hard time because of the poor economy and found it necessary to move in order to find work. They decided to settle in Nickerson, Kansas. In high school Red was an excellent student and athlete. He

⁴played on both the high school basketball and football teams. He was also vice-president of his class.

After High school, Red transferred to Kansas State University where he played basketball on the junior varsity team. He left college to gain employment at Beech Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas to avoid early draft and being sent away to war. When Thelma and Red were getting married Red was not catholic and they were not able to have a ceremony in the sanctuary of the church. In figure 8.7, "Americans Were Increasingly Likely to Be Married to Someone of a Different Religion", shows the trend, by birth cohort, the percentage of GSS respondents who said they were Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish and that their spouse currently espoused a different religion. Over the twentieth century, then, and especially during the "long 1960s" Americans became much more accepting of diversity in general and of religious diversity in particular, even within their own marriages.⁵

Red worked at Beech until he enlisted in the Air Force in 1944. He served at several air force bases stateside until 1945 of August. He was sent then to Japan for one year tour of duty leaving behind Thelma and their first child. He worked in air traffic control, radio mechanics and communication while in Osaka, Japan. When Red returned overseas he took a job with the US Postal Service where he worked from 196 to 1959. Then in 1959 he began working part time as a welder and in production at a local sign company. By 1962, Red decided to team up with Mike Lowen full time in the sign business. He eventually became

⁴ True Love Story of Thelma and Red

⁵ Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, Century of Differences: How America Changed in the Last 100 Years(New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006) , 200.

president of Lowen Sign Company. He was a hard working devoted husband who shared a deep faith and trust in God and in with his wife.⁶ He loved fishing, car races, sporting events of any kind, and of course being with his family. As World War I progressed, Red was drafted but ultimately did not serve in the overseas conflict. He was on the bus to Kansas City to report to the enlistment office near Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, when the war ended. Eldon Maurice Hawks passed away on 4 December 1980; he was only 59 years old. His burial is in Memorial Park Cemetery.

⁶ *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 25 April 2018), memorial page for Eldon M. Hawks (27 Feb 1921–4 Dec 1980), Find A Grave Memorial no. 17718311, citing Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, USA ; Maintained by Phillip H. Pitzer (contributor 46774530) .

GENERATION FOUR

A1a1a. Edna Lightfoot (unk)

A1a1b. Edward Lightfoot Jr. (1863-1910)

A1a2a. Emma B. Clark (1884- UNK)

A1a2b. UNK.

A1b1a. Charlotte Leona "Lottie" Dull (UNK.)

A1b1b. Francis Edward "Frank" Costello (UNK.)

A1b2a. Dessie M. Allen (1894-1978)

A1b2b. Raymond Chalmers Hawks (1892-1950)

Edna Lightfoot (Unk) was married to Edward Lightfoot (1861-1910) in Hutchison, Kansas. They had one girl who they name Joann Graham (1927-1979).

Charlotte Leona "Lottie" Dull (Unk) was married to Francis Edward "Frank" Costello(Unk) they had three girls; Joan Foster (1925-2014), Betty Hobson (Unk) and Thelma Clare Costello Hawks (1921-2010).⁷ They lived in Nickerson, Kansas out on the farm.

Dessie Mary Allen (1894-1978) who was Janell's paternal great grandmother. She was married to Raymond Chalmers Hawks (1892-1950). They had two children Chalmers A. S. Hawks (1917-1955) and Eldon M. Hawks (1921-1980). After Raymond passed away Dessie moved into a small

⁷ "United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKRN-6PGJ> : accessed 25 April 2018), Charlotte Leona Dull Costello in entry for Thelma C Hawks, Kansas, United States, 21 Feb 2010; from "Recent Newspaper Obituaries (1977 - Today)," database, *GenealogyBank.com* (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : 2014); citing *Hutchinson News, The*, born-digital text.

trailer house. Raymond Chalmers Hawks passed away on 31 August 1957 he was 57 years old. Red, Thelma and the kids would visit her on Sunday afternoons. They remember that there were partially frozen bottles of Coke in the freezer, the candy jar that was filled with Brachs Mix or orange slices and going to the park of the block.⁸

⁸ True Love Story of Thelma and Red

