

SMITHSON FAMILY NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2010 #30

OUR PAST & PRESENT

Dear Cousins,

It has been several months since the last newsletter was published, so I have packed as much information into this volume as possible.

This issue celebrates nearly 22 years of the Smithson Family Exchange newsletters. The very first issue was penned by Cousin Addie Rickey and published in the Spring of 1989. Addie continues to tirelessly provide the bulk of the research and data contained herein, so please share your thanks with her for her magnanimous efforts.

Mark Smithson

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JOHN SMITHSON

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http://wiki.answers.com/Q/Who_is_John_Smithson#ixzz1B4R6AEkB

John Smithson was the co-executive producer for the show on the Discovery Channel *I Shouldn't Be Alive*.

John Smithson is founder and creative director of Darlow Smithson Productions (DSP), a UK based multi-award-winning independent TV and film production company. He has extensive experience as producer, director and executive producer on a wide range of projects from feature film to long-form TV documentary.

John's work has won more than 20 international awards including, recognition from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) and the Royal Television Society (RTS). In 2000, John was awarded an Emmy for his program Station X.

His most recent role was as originator and producer of **Touching the Void**, the most successful British theatrical documentary in UK box-office history. **Touching the Void** was an unprecedented success with critics and audiences worldwide, scooping 12 major awards, including the prestigious Alexander Korda Award for the Outstanding British Film of the Year in the 2004 BAFTA film awards.

A major player in the global market, Darlow Smithson Productions makes programs for broadcasters in key territories around the world. Widely regarded as an industry leader in high quality factual programming, DSP has achieved worldwide recognition for its ground-breaking documentaries, series and docu-dramas.

John Smithson, Darlow Smithson

9 September, 2010 | By [Robin Parker](#)



Darlow Smithson's co-founder talks to Robin Parker about joining Endemol and how technology is changing documentary-making.

John Smithson (Story Continued)

Fact File

- **Career:** Started as reporter at Piccadilly Radio in Manchester. Then moved to Radio 4 to produce consumer show Checkpoint. Hired by Granada to work as a researcher on World In Action. Back to BBC TV to produce Rough Justice. Set up Darlow Smithson Productions in 1988. Company acquired by IMG in 2006. Sold to Endemol in 2009
- **Lives:** North London
- **Watches:** "Live football, Britain's Got Talent, whatever good doc is on that week and lots of stuff on Sky+ to see what my competitors are up to."
- **Wishes he'd made:** Top Gear, Das Boot, Mad Men

If John Smithson's working life has changed much since joining the Endemol family, he's not showing it. He mentions in passing that while there's the odd meeting, some company-wide targets to hit and a bit of accounting to bear in mind, it's business as usual for Darlow Smithson, the company he co-founded 22 years ago.

Rejecting the "orphan" label that stuck to the company after previous owner IMG exited the media space, he paints a picture of a producer that - together with fellow IMG indie Tiger Aspect - carried on quietly, then got the market excited when it came up for sale, and finally entered the warm embrace of a global TV production powerhouse.

As we meet, news has just broken of Shed's £100m sale to Warner Bros, a further indication, according to Smithson, that the money men know what they're doing - and that traditionally creative companies are becoming more accepting of the commercial side of the business.

"The one thing that's genuinely encouraging is that the consolidators do seem to understand the power of the brand," he reflects. "There's no point buying a company like ours just to absorb it into a bigger company. Here, I'm left alone to run Darlow and I have complete editorial freedom."

To this end, Darlow remains in its Kentish Town HQ with its full roster of staff. Smithson keeps check on natural history subsidiary Tigress and heads to Bristol each week to hook up with the Tigress team, fuelled in part by his curiosity about a rare factual genre in which he has barely set foot.

Plus, he says, he now gets direct access to distributor Endemol Worldwide Distribution - crucial for marketing Darlow's roster of international documentaries - and the chance to draw on the entertainment experience of the super-indie behind Big Brother and Deal Or No Deal.

"We've got a good track record in factual, particularly specialist factual," he says. "The challenge now is to make sure our shows appeal to a wide audience, and I'm interested in the fusion of entertainment and factual. We've already had some cross-fertilisation within Endemol to look at how to introduce a more popular entertainment sensibility to a show."

Smithson is adamant that this is not "dumbing down" but a means to reach audiences with factual material from which they might otherwise shy away, and, crucially, for levelling the balance of singles and series within Darlow's output. "There's no such thing as a perfect balance, but we are talking to both the BBC and Channel 4 about some series, and that's where that entertainment sensibility comes in," he says.

What unites projects as disparate as 9/11: **Phone Calls From The Towers**, **Touching The Void**, **Thriller In Manila**, **Anne Frank** and new ITV1 drama **U Be Dead** is their basis in fact, whatever their form. Smithson gives the sense that picking over the pieces of a story, deciding what form it should take, is one of the most thrilling parts of a job that's never the same from one day to the next.

He's a self-professed "stalker" of the big stories, hunting the rights to the book of Touching The Void for almost three years and the similarly chilling story behind Danny Boyle's forthcoming scripted feature 127 Hours, on which Smithson is a co-producer, for four. But he maintains it's no exact science. "Sometimes you don't get them - but sometimes, the little stories no one wants become the big stories," he says.

John Smithson (Story Continued)

Of his recent experiences, BBC4 drama *Micro Men*, which depicted the computer race of the 1980s between Clive Sinclair and Chris Curry, was in its own small way the most eye-opening. “It’s just brilliant that BBC4 will do dramas like that: British to the core and totally enjoyable, and with real information in it. We’ve done more than our share of serious subjects, so it was refreshing to go into a cutting room and actually have a laugh.”

But Discovery commission Stephen Hawking’s *Universe*, which used CGI to take viewers inside the “mind-numbingly complex” thought processes and ideas of the scientist, has occupied most of his time. Two years in the making, it ticked the big three boxes for any production that passes Smithson’s test: combining storytelling, ambition and innovation.

Of these, naturally, story comes first. “You need to find the balance between what you can do technically and what you can raise financially, without throwing the story out of the window,” he says, noting *Ti-gress*’s track record in innovating in technology to film from remote locations including Everest and the Canadian wilderness, where *Alone In The Wild* was shot.

Darlow now has a working party of editorial and technical staff thrashing out plans for 3D and aims to have a slate of shows in production within the next nine months, including a possible reversioning of the Hawking series.

“It’s a seismic change,” he notes. “Nothing, including and up to the shift from SD to HD, has changed so fundamentally how you actually make and edit something. The pacing’s different, as is the nature of the shot. With only one player in the UK, it’s still a minority thing but I’m really excited about its potential.”

Piecing together the tapestry of home videos that became *Tsunami: Caught On Camera* also got him thinking about the use of user-generated content. What, he posits, would coverage of a disaster on the scale of 9/11 look like now, with people able to film HD-ready video on their phones?

“Nothing beats the power of the real thing and the less cut it is, the more powerful it is,” he says. “It doesn’t matter if the camera goes out of focus or things go black. We’re all generating so much material for the archives and you’re not going to get more than 20 seconds of it on the news.”

This thirst for new technology has, he says, supplanted the work he used to put into the theatrical market, which pushed *Touching The Void* to global success. In looking at the ‘new’ ways of doing things, he finds himself asking if theatrical, and all the red tape associated with it, is now the ‘old’ way.

“Whenever you look at a big story, you think: how should we do it? When you tackle complex stories in 45 minutes, you’re boiling them down to 8,000 words or so. In the edit, you’re not just cutting out the crap. So how else can you use the good stuff? Is there, perhaps, a clever app?” Welcome to the future of documentaries.

HOW TO PITCH BY ... JOHN SMITHSON

Do

- Find out what they’re looking for rather than what you think they should have
- Pitch a few projects you really believe in, rather than lots that might work
- Always send a follow-up email, summarising the meeting and agreeing next steps
- Lighten up. These meetings are better if they’re fun rather than life or death

John Smithson (Story Continued)

Don't

- Fall in love with your ideas. If they don't fly, kill them
- Over-develop. Do the detail when you're closer to a green light
- Over-promise. You've got to get real in the Ed Spec, so cut the hype

JOHN SMITHSON ON...

Darlow Smithson's Values

"I don't want to be an arthouse company and don't see why you can't reach a big audience with quality. Tsunami: Caught On Camera got more than 3 million on Channel 4 just before New Year's Eve. It's very much our trademark sort of show: high production values with clear storytelling."

The TV he admires

"The X Factor and Britain's Got Talent are supremely good shows. In our domain, is there a way of doing what they do? I'm fascinated by Deadliest Catch, a really well made show that's doing amazing ratings in the US. I love One Born Every Minute and Undercover Boss. And as for those brilliant American dramas like Mad Men and Glee, I just sit back and think: 'God, that's a good show'."

Co-productions

"They're not for the faint-hearted. Increasingly, every partner is assertive about what they want and you have to be resourceful about creating a core version of the show and customising it for each player."

Ambition

"Like storytelling, ambition never goes out of fashion and it's the one word I hear more than anything else now. The more ambitious you become, the fewer competitors you have in independent production because broad casters will only give big money to someone that they trust."

"And there's a direct link between ambition and money - you can innovate on all sorts of budgets but you can't do, say, groundbreaking CGI on £10,000 a show."

DEDICATIONS AND TRIBUTES TO SMITHSON'S

Smithson Valley High School

http://www.comalisd.org/schools/SVHS/SVHS_History.asp

The school was named after Benjamin Smithson, one of the very first Texas **Rangers**, and an early settler of the area.



Smithson Valley High School opened in the fall of 1976 in rural central Comal County. Prior to its opening, students from the area were bussed to Canyon High School. As a “bicentennial” school, the colors were chosen as those of the flag: red, white, and blue.



DEDICATIONS AND TRIBUTES TO SMITHSON'S

(Smithson Valley High School, Texas continued)

The first graduating class numbered 71 proud Rangers, a far cry from the 570 seniors in the class of 2007! The campus on FM 311 was written up in Texas Highways magazine as one of the most beautiful campus sites in the state with its gorgeous views of the hills and valleys.



Due to the growth of the area, the “new” high school campus was opened in March of 1988 and the “old” campus became Smithson Valley Middle School.

In its early years, the extracurricular emphasis was on agriculture and building trades; now the school offers advanced academic classes as well as vocational offerings such as health science technology and hospitality. The attendance zone for SVHS spreads far and wide, including northern San Antonio, western Boerne, southern Blanco, Fischer, Canyon Lake, Bulverde, Spring Branch, and the Smithson Valley area. The school is now serving the children of its early graduates.



DEDICATIONS AND TRIBUTES TO SMITHSON'S

Tennessee Smokies Baseball

http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/team1/page.jsp?ymd=20100314&content_id=8786142&vkey=team1_t553&fext=.jsp&sid=t553

The history of the Tennessee Smokies dates back to the year 1896. A year that saw the crowning of the last Czar of Russia, the discovery of gold in both the Klondike and in Alabama, and the first Intercollegiate basketball game. 1896 also gave East Tennessean's their first chance to taste professional baseball.

The Knoxville Indians took up residence at Baldwin Park for a period of two years, starting what would become a lengthy and rich baseball tradition in the Knoxville area. The original Knoxville professional baseball team packed the stands, drawing upwards of 3,000 cheering spectators, who paid roughly 75 cents to watch the games.

The Reds followed the Indians into the upper-eastern third of the state after a four-year baseball drought that began in 1898 and ended when play resumed in 1902. The Reds remained in place, providing the early baseball fans in Knoxville for four seasons with some thrilling baseball. No records for this team are available, but it is interesting to note that the squad played in three different associations over its four-year existence, including the Appalachian League for two seasons (1902-03), the Tennessee-Alabama League (1904) and the Tennessee-Alabama-Georgia League (1905). Once again, however, the sport that would become known as America's 'National Pastime' wasn't able to flourish in East Tennessee. The Reds ceased playing in 1906, leaving the Knoxville area without a baseball team until the 1909 season.

In 1909 the game returned to Knoxville as the Appalachians of the South Atlantic League would call Chilhowee Park home for the next six seasons. The 1909 team recorded a 52-60 mark, finishing fifth in the league. In 1910 the team moved into the Southeastern Association and in 1911, the team changed both its name (back to the Reds) and its league affiliation (now the Appalachian League) and play through the 1914 season. In 1915, baseball once again disappeared from the Knoxville area and would stay away for the next five years.

The team returned for the 1921 season with a new team name (Pioneers) and new venue (Caswell Park). Another switch of the team's name in 1925 saw the introduction of the moniker "Smokies" for the team, a name the team now carries. During this time the team tasted quite a bit of success with first-place finishes in 1923, 1924 (both in the Appalachian League) and 1929 ("Sally" League). The 1929 team, led by the likes of pitchers John Walker and L. Bates, and hitters Elwood Smith, Boob McNair and Frank Waddey, took home the league title.

Baseball went on hiatus in the Knoxville area in 1930 due to the Great Depression, but the team returned to the area the following year with a new home. **Smithson Stadium**, named after the man who brought the team back, **W.N. Smithson**, would be the home for the Smokies through the 1944 season, when the Smokies and many other teams folded due to the manpower needed for World War II.

With the Allies victory finally secure in 1945, baseball resumed in the States. Knoxville saw a renaissance with the Smokies collecting four first-place finishes in the Tri-State League under new manager and Knoxville native Bill Meyer. A member of the Appalachians back in 1910, Meyer was instrumental in bringing back winning baseball to the East Tennessee region.

Meyer's role with the identity of the team would stretch beyond management of the team in the coming years. After **Smithson Stadium burned to the ground in 1953**, a new stadium was constructed on the same grounds. The new \$500,000 venue was initially named Municipal Stadium, but re-named Bill Meyer Stadium after Meyer's passing in 1957.

DEDICATIONS AND TRIBUTES TO SMITHSON'S

Tennessee Smokies Baseball (Continued)

The Smokies continued to play in the South Atlantic League, or the "Sally" League until 1964, when it changed names and became the Southern League. The "Sally" League moved up to Double-A in 1963, which prompted the league's name change (the league members wanted to distance themselves from Class A ball). The team's first few runs through the Southern League as a Reds affiliate were rough though, as the Smokies never finished above fourth place and twice finished lower than sixth place.

Following another short hiatus that lasted through the 1971 season, baseball returned to the Knoxville area in 1972. The now Knoxville White Sox were back in the Southern League and won league titles in both 1972 and 1974. During the stretch the team compiled a 218-196 record (.694 winning percentage). The team also took home the pennant in '74, the team's first title in 45 years. The '74 team was led by Nyls Nyman, a very talented outfielder that led the Southern League in four offensive categories: batting average, hits, runs and triples. Manager Jim Napier captured manager of the year honors that same year, leading the team to a 3-2 title series win over Jacksonville.

The White Sox tasted title success again four years later, as the team won its second Southern League pennant with an 86-56 record and 2-1 title series win over Savannah. The team stormed out to a first-half 49-21 record and West Division title under the direction of manager Tony LaRussa. When LaRussa left in the middle of the '78 season, he was replaced by Joe Jones, would lead the Smokies to a second-half West Division title as well. Winning was contagious, as the team drew more than 81,000 fans to Bill Meyer Stadium (the largest yearly total since 1962).

In 1980, the Knoxville club began a long relationship with the Toronto Blue Jays. The now K-Jays would start off the new decade in the Southern League cellar, finishing the 1980 and '81 seasons with the worst record in the 10-team league. The '82 squad rebounded though to make the playoffs, falling to Nashville in the first round of the playoffs. The squad's turnaround though planted the seed for a nice three-year playoff run in the mid-'80s, which included a title appearance in 1984 against Charlotte. The K-Jays would fall in that series, 3-0, and then in first-round match-ups against Huntsville in '85 and '86.

The 1990s were a turbulent time for the team. Changes began in 1993 when the team changed its moniker from the Blue Jays back to the Smokies. The team saw ownership change in 1994 with Don Beaver purchasing the team from the Toronto Blue Jays. And in the late part of the decade, the team began search of a new stadium as Bill Meyer Stadium was showing its age. The search would take the team beyond the city limits of Knoxville and Knox County, and into Sevierville, where in 1999 it was announced the Smokies would be moving to Sevier County and into a brand new, state-of-the-art \$19.4 million facility.

This facility was called Smokies Park, and welcomed in a new era of Smokies baseball. Opening Night 2000 saw the inaugural game at Smokies Park and with it, a 10-7 win over the Chattanooga Lookouts. Two years later, the team would welcome in a new parent club, the St. Louis Cardinals, after a 22-year relationship with the Toronto Blue Jays. In year two of the it's relationship with the Cardinals, the Smokies won their first Southern League title since 1978, a co-championship with the Mobile Bay Bears. The teams split the title due to Hurricane Ivan.

2005 brought about a new parent club affiliation with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The team struggled in '05 with a 64-76 record, but in 2006 rebounded with a 70-69 record. The partnership with the D-Backs would be short-lived though, as in September 2006 it was announced the Smokies would now be under the affiliation of the Chicago Cubs.

DEDICATIONS AND TRIBUTES TO SMITHSON'S

Tennessee Smokies Baseball (Continued)

The Smokies scored a wildcard berth in 2007 and almost pulled out a divisional series win against Huntsville. The team, 73-65 on the year, however couldn't hold onto a 2-1 series lead and fell, 3-games-to-2 to the Stars. The team was unable to continue its success in 2008 and missed the playoffs.

Last season was one of the most memorable in team history. Chicago Cubs great and Hall of Fame player Ryne Sandberg was named manager of the team in December 2008 and led the Smokies to a Southern League North Division title and playoff series win over Huntsville. Sandberg led the Smokies back from a 12-game losing streak in the first half of the season and all the way to a date in the Southern League Championship Series against the Jacksonville Suns, where the Smokies fell 3-1 to the eventual champion Suns.

2010 promises to be an exciting season as a handful of top Cubs prospects will be under the tutelage of first-year Smokies manager Bill Dancy. Here's hoping the team will defend its North Division crown and take home the Southern League crown!

Smithson International Truck Museum, Rimbey, Alberta

http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/pm_v2.php?id=exhibit_home&fl=0&lg=English&ex=00000394

In 1980 Ken Smithson bought back two rundown International 1956 gravel trucks that he had owned years earlier. As a truck driver, he had once relied on them for his livelihood. But this time, he set his sights on restoring the hardy vehicles to mint condition and he did so with a meticulous eye for detail. He followed up that project in 1982 with the purchase of another old friend, a 1951 L Series International half-ton. He was hooked. He spent the next eight years in a labour of love, searching out and refurbishing as many International half-tons as he could. As he worked, he enjoyed the camaraderie of a close-knit group of men who toiled alongside him, bringing their significant trade skills to the job at hand. In the end, he completed 19, all now housed in a collection at the Smithson International Truck Museum in Rimbey, Alberta, Canada. Smithson, who had been a farmer, a truck driver and a heavy equipment operator, was in many ways an ordinary man. Yet his enthusiasm and dedication were anything but ordinary and he excelled at the restorations he found so exhilarating. This exhibition celebrates the man and his remarkable work. **Acknowledgements:** We are extremely grateful to Ken Smithson, without whose dream the Smithson International Truck Museum would not exist, and without whose willingness to share, this story could not be told.



IN MEMORIAM

Richard Dale Smithson

In Loving Memory...

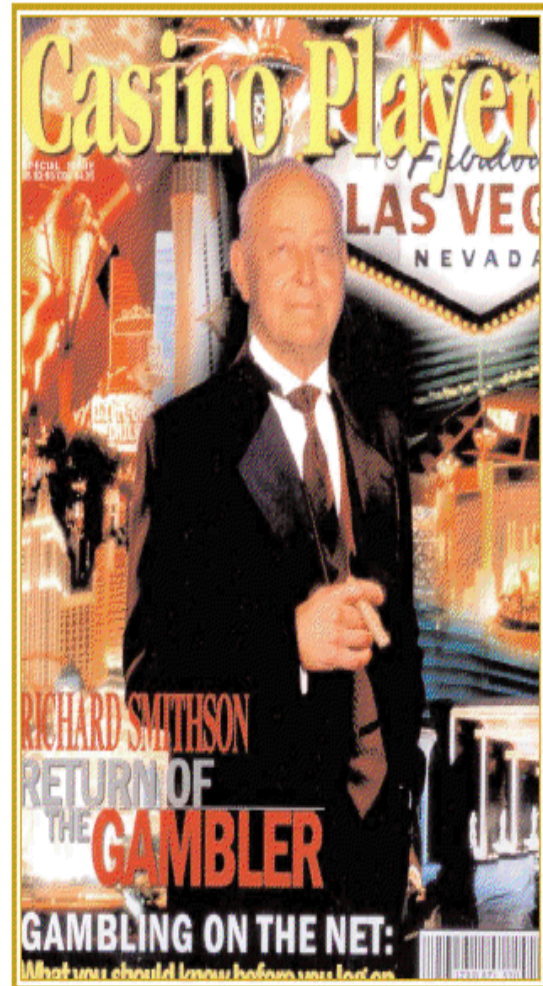
Richard Dale Smithson, 83, passed away at Mercy Medical Center on Friday, October 8, 2010 from complications of cancer. Richard was born on July 7, 1927 in Perry, Iowa, the son of Raymond and Sarah Cross Smithson. He faithfully served in the US Army as a paratrooper during World War II. Following his discharge from the Army, he moved to Des Moines. Richard worked as a tire builder for Firestone for 33 years and was a member of Local Union 310. He also owned and operated Smithson Fencing and Landscaping. Richard later became co-owner of Smithson Limousine. Richard loved his family. He enjoyed playing cards and cooking and grilling for everyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Richard was also very active in the Court Avenue entertainment district in downtown Des Moines.



Richard is survived by his sons, Larry Smithson of Des Moines and Frank Smithson of New York; three grandsons, Chris, Ryan and Jason Smithson all of Des Moines; great grandchildren, Andrew and Jadah Smithson; niece Joyce Short of Des Moines, several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends and his

companion of five years, JoAnn Gillam of Ankeny. Richard was preceded in death by his beautiful wife, Donna Mae Hibbert Smithson.

Memorial contributions in Richard's name may be made to the Central Iowa Honor Flight, P.O. Box 125, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51502.



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IN MEMORIAM



*"The quality of a
man's life
is measured by
how deeply
he has touched the
lives of others."*



IN LOVING MEMORY

Richard Dale Smithson

July 7, 1927 ~ October 8, 2010

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT
12:00 PM, Friday, October 15, 2010
Lutheran Church of Hope

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jeremy Johnson

MUSIC BY

Hope Worship Band

PALLBEARERS

Larry Smithson
Frank Smithson
Chris Smithson
Ryan Smithson
Jason Smithson
Andrew Smithson

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Jadah Smithson

INTERMENT

Glendale Cemetery
Des Moines, Iowa



Everyone is invited to join the family at
Club Ice, E. 2nd & Court Avenue, downtown,
following the graveside service.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Dale Smithson

Des Moines

Richard Dale Smithson, 83, passed away at Mercy Medical Center on Friday, October 8, 2010 from complications of cancer. Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creek Pkwy., West Des Moines. Burial will follow at Glendale Cemetery. His family will receive friends from 12 (noon) to 8 p.m., Thursday, October 14, 2010 at Iles Funeral Homes - Dunn's Chapel.

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Richard Clayton Smithson

YORK, Neb. - Richard Clayton Smithson, 82, York and formerly of Rapid City, S.D., died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center on.

Survivors include his wife, Julia, York; two sons, Richard, Central City, and Michael, Hastings; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Family will greet and accept friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. CST Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Metz Mortuary.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at First United Methodist Church in York with the Rev. Bill Jardine and the Rev. Art Phillips officiating. Private family inurnment will be at York's Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Nebraska Lions Foundation or the York Adopt-A-Pet. An online guestbook is available at www.metzmortuary.com.

Published in Rapid City Journal on November 8, 2010

IN MEMORIAM

Megan Smithson

Smithson, Megan Raechelle Age 18. Tragically Sunday, December 26, 2010 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Joliet to Tamara K. (fiancé Jack Kushman) Smithson and Michael P. Smithson, living in Morris, IL the past 2 1/2 years. She was a senior at Morris Community High School and a member of HOSA. Surviving are her parents; sister, Mikayla Rose Smithson; maternal grandfather, Thomas Skoien of New Lenox; paternal grandparents, Richard Smithson of Kingman, AZ and Jeanne Sievert of Mokena, IL; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends also survive. Preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Sharon K. Skoien. Funeral Services for Megan Raechelle Smithson will be Friday, December 31, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. Private family interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to the [Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation](#) would be appreciated. Visitation Thursday 6-8 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. until time of services at: FRED C. DAMES FUNERAL HOME 1201 West Route 6 at Deerpath Drive, Morris For information: (815) 942-5040 www.fredcdames.com

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Barbara Rudenberg, nee Smithson

"*Chicago Tribune*", July 12, 2010. (Jewish Star Symbol) BARBARA RUDENBERG

Barbara Rudenberg, nee Smithson, 76, of San Diego, CA, formerly of Glencoe, IL. Loving mother of Murray, Gregg (Kim), and David (Derek) Rudenberg; cherished sister of Ken (Edie) Smithson and the late Bonnie (Stan) Samuels; proud grandma of Sam and Sarah Rudenberg; dearest friend of Ralph Hillman, Karen Coleman and Simone Birndorf. Memorial donations may be made to San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

Kenneth William Smithson, M.D.

"*Arizona Republic*", Wednesday, June 30, 2010. B-7 SMITHSON, KENNETH WILLIAM, M. D.

Born February 17, 1945 and passed into God's loving arms on June 27, 2010. Devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather, Ken is survived by his devoted wife Shelly, two children, Jenny Haas and Alex Smithson, three step daughters, Brandi Breault, Breck Orcutt, and Kisha Byers, and fourteen grandchildren. Ken retired from VHA Inc., in Irving, Texas in 2009 as Senior Vice President in Research and Development. He was an expert in hospital/physician relations, evidence-based medicine and the economics of health care quality, in addition to being board certified in both Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. Ken authored and edited over two dozen VHA highly regarded research monographs on a wide range of health industry topics. He was member of the 2007 and 2008 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Examiners. Prior to his time with the VHA, he was in private practice in Phoenix, where he was also Chief Medical Advisor for the State of Arizona's Q10 and Chair of Quality and Utilization Management at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, where he practiced medicine for 14 years. His managed care background includes 10 years with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, where he was Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs. Ken received his early undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill starting in 1964. He then performed post graduate work at George Washington University Medical Center and Stanford University Medical Center. He later continued his education by earning an MBA from Arizona State University. Ken used his expertise to serve his country at the National Naval Medical Center and Naval Medical Research Institute.

There will be a celebration of Ken's life this 4th of July between noon and 4:00 PM at an open house at their home, 1439 N. Sunshine Lane, Southlake, TX 76092. All friends and are welcome. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of your choice. Ken will be missed, but now he can begin his new adventure on the barge. We love you. (sent by Irene Wright)

2. "*The Pilot*", June 29, 2010. [same as above]

3. Today's Obituaries: Funeral Digest URL: <http://www.funeraldigest.com/obituaries/2010/06/30/kenneth-william-smithson-md/143849768> [

IN MEMORIAM

George Smithson Lloyd and Betty Sue Lloyd November 9, 2010

George Smithson Lloyd, 76, and Betty Sue Lloyd, 71, of Charles Town, passed away Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

George was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Harford County, Md., and was the son of the late George Roosevelt Lloyd and Anna Smithson Lloyd.

Sue was born April 8, 1939, in Wyoming County, and was the daughter of the late Laney Roy Wheeler and Alice Dameron Wheeler.

They were members of the Charles Town Presbyterian Church.

Both Sue and George were career educators. George retired as a principal from Anne Arundel County Schools in Maryland, with 30 years of service. At the time of his passing, he was intermediate principal at Mill Creek Intermediate School in Berkeley County. He was a member of the Malta Lodge No. 80 A.F. & A.M. of Charles Town, the Barber Shop Harmony Society and Sounds of the Shenandoah.

Sue was a graduate of Baileysville High School in Wyoming County and Concord College in Athens. Her career as a kindergarten teacher spanned 30 plus years in Frederick County, Md., and Wyoming and Jefferson counties of West Virginia. She was a member of ETA Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Presbyterian Church Book Club. She was an author and photographer, and had a passion for cooking, which was good for George's passion for eating. Sue and George also loved to travel and shared a deep adoration for their grandchildren.

They are survived by their children, George's two sons, George David Lloyd and wife, Elaine, of Round Rock, Texas, and Gregory Rembold Lloyd and wife, Barbara, of Hagerstown, Md.; and Sue's daughter, Tiersa L. Carper, of Charles Town. They are also survived by six grandchildren, Benjamin, Melissa, Rebecca, Phillip and Kristofer Lloyd and Rylee Carper; Sue's brother, Ronnie Wheeler and wife, Lois; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and their faithful canine companion, Simon.

George was preceded in death by his sister, Ann Lloyd Ramey.

A joint service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the Charles Town Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Washington St., Charles Town, with the Rev. John Bethard officiating. Interment will be in Edge Hill Cemetery at Charles Town.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Eackles-Spencer & Norton Funeral Home, U.S. 340 at Halltown Road, Charles Town/Harpers Ferry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Charles Town Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 89, Charles Town, WV 25414, Independent Fire Co., P.O. Box 925, Charles Town, WV 25414, or Citizens Fire Co., 200 Citizens Way, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Condolences to the family may be made at their obituary at www.eackles-spencerfuneralhome.com.



IN MEMORIAM

Horace Smithson

October 6th, 2010

Horace John Smithson, 84, passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, in Camp Verde. His life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at 360 Fifth St. in Camp Verde. A luncheon will be served following the service.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1925, in Woodruff. Horace served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II, as did three of his brothers and one of his sisters. He loved his country, and his family is so proud of his service.

After a lifelong career with Arizona Public Service Co., he retired in October 1980, and was then free to enjoy the beautiful Arizona outdoor activities with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He and his wife enjoyed 64 wonderful years together, and have provided their family with a lifetime of love and priceless memories. His children will always remember the fun of Dutch oven cooking, blanket rides, taffy pulls, the dancing paper doll, playing the harmonica on road trips, camping, fishing, hunting and "the big ditch."

His grandchildren always talk about their happy summers in Woodruff, Fourth of July celebrations, great camping trips and so much more. Besides being a supportive father, a devoted husband and a supportive grandfather, Horace was a true and loyal friend. He was generous with his time, always had a kind word and you could always count on him for a good joke.

Survivors include his wife, Jean (Higgins); sons Ronald (Jared David) and Robert (Rhonda May), daughters, Karen (Bob Sellers) and Gaylene (Allen); 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Lorena (Weech); his father, Dennis Estelven; his brothers, Layne, Onzel, Fred and Dan; and his sisters, Ina, Amber and Ola.



IN MEMORIAM

The Rt Rev Alan Smithson -Tributes paid to ex-Bishop of Jarrow



Tributes ... the Rt Rev Alan Smithson.

<http://www.jarrowandhebburngazette.com/latest-news/Tributes-paid-to-exBishop-of.6383898.jp>

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former Bishop of Jarrow after his funeral this week.

The Rt Rev Alan Smithson, 73, retired as Bishop of Jarrow in 2001, a post he'd held for 10 years. Mr. Smithson later served as an assistant bishop in the diocese of Glasgow and Galloway and in Edinburgh.

The Rev Jenny Lancaster, team vicar for the Jarrow team ministry, said: "Alan Smithson was a very warm and approachable person, and nothing like you'd imagine a bishop to be.

"I was once on a religious retreat with him near Riding Mill, Northumberland, and he had us doing woodwork, making things like prayer stools. "He was a wonderful man, and I was very upset to hear he'd died."

The Rev Barry Hunt, of St Oswald's Church, Hebburn, said: "Alan Smithson was a very pleasant person and very approachable as Bishop of Jarrow." A graduate of Queen's College, Oxford, Mr Smithson served as residentiary canon at Carlisle Cathedral from 1984 until 1990, then moved to the North East. He was based in Durham during his time as bishop of Jarrow.

A keen watercolour painter, Mr. Smithson exhibited his work several times over a number of years.

A funeral service for Mr. Smithson was held at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Portobello, Edinburgh, on Wednesday. A memorial service is also being planned.

Mr .Smithson leaves a wife, Jean, and two sons and two daughters.

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IN MEMORIAM

Fraser Davis Smithson

Naples, FL

Fraser D. Smithson passed away at their cabin in the mountains of North Carolina



on June 12, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay; sister, Suzanne Kay, and son, Brian (Lara) Smithson; granddaughters, Catherine and Olivia. And son, James (Carol) Smithson; granddaughter, Natalie and grandson, Conor.

Fraser graduated in 1963 from the University of Florida, College of Engineering. He had a successful 29 year career with General Motors culminating in his retirement as Executive Director of the GM Proving Ground in Milford, MI.

While GM took Fraser and Kay to Michigan, they always looked forward to returning to Florida. In 1993 they built their dream home in Naples. They enjoyed boating and the camaraderie with the Naples Cruise Club. Fraser enjoyed being active in the Royal Harbor Association where he served as president.

As wonderful as Naples is, the summer Florida heat spurred Kay to realize her dream of building a cabin in the mountains of North Carolina. Fraser loved the cool breezes and the wonderful sounds of the waterfall behind the cabin.

Instead of flowers, contributions may be made in Fraser's name to his favorite charity, the Salvation Army,

In November there will be a memorial service in Naples, followed by a burial at sea. Details to follow.

IN MEMORIAM

<http://southern-times-messenger.whereilive.com.au/news/story/traagic-death-should-not-be-in-vain/>

Don't let Danny-Jo's death be in vain, say grieving parents

25 May 10 @ 11:00am by Chantelle Kroehn



HEARTACHE: Amy Smithson and Ned Kelly lost their daughter, Danny-Jo to meningococcal disease.

A CHRISTIES Beach couple, devastated by the loss of their 22-month-old girl from meningococcal disease, is calling for greater public awareness about the deadly illness.

Danny-Jo the daughter of Ned Kelly and Amy Smithson died less than two hours after being admitted to Noarlunga Hospital on the morning of Saturday, May 15. Mr. Kelly said that when Danny-Jo went to sleep on Friday night she was cutting her teeth and had a slight nappy rash but otherwise appeared healthy. "But the next morning she woke up about twenty-to-seven screaming in utter pain," he said.

"When I changed her nappy I called Amy in straight away because I noticed a rash that didn't look right on her belly. "She said it looks like a meningococcal rash, we need to get her to the hospital."

After Danny-Jo was given medication at Noarlunga Hospital, her parents were told she needed to be transferred to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and to wait outside so they could ride with her in the ambulance. "We waited for about 15 minutes and knew something was wrong because it was taking too long," Mr. Kelly said.

"A nurse came out and asked us to go inside and that's when a specialist from the ICU came in and told us she had passed away." The rash that two hours earlier had only been on her belly had spread to cover most her body. "That's what scared us, the fact that it spread so quickly," Mr. Kelly said. "Parents need to know how quick it is. We don't want them to have to go through this."

He said staff at Noarlunga Hospital were also shocked by Danny-Jo's death, and those involved in her case had been offered counselling. Danny-Jo was the first person in SA to die from meningococcal disease this year. There have been 10 confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease reported in SA so far this year, compared to eight cases at the same time last year.

Mr. Kelly's mother, Lynn Cockrum, described her granddaughter as "beautiful, happy and cheeky". "She was dad's little puppy who followed him everywhere; whatever dad did, Danny-Jo did." Mr. Kelly: "If I walked out the back and tucked my shirt into my pants, she would do the same."

IN MEMORIAM

Danny-Jo's (Continued)

Ms. Smithson said Danny-Jo had been a wonderful big sister to her youngest daughter Aleana, 10 months. "She used to love feeding her a bottle," she said. "Everything you would expect from a five or six year old, she would do."

CALL TO LIFT LID ON DISEASE

THE official secrecy surrounding meningococcal disease needs to be lifted and better measures put in place to deal with cases, Ned Kelly and Amy Smithson say. The parents of 22-month-old Danny-Jo, who died earlier this month from the illness, are concerned with how her case was handled by the Health Department.

Miss Smithson said she and her partner, and other people who had come in contact with Danny-Jo, were only given preventative medication eight hours after her death at Noarlunga Hospital on May 15. She said it was only when they took their youngest daughter Aleana, 10 months, to the hospital later that day to check a suspicious rash that they were given antibiotics. When they left the hospital about 5pm, other people who had been in contact with Danny-Jo were getting their preventative medication.

"The people that got the medication could have gone anywhere what if they'd gone to AAMI Stadium?" Miss Smithson said. The Christies Beach couple believe the primary school Danny-Jo's sister attends should also have been notified and signs put up at the hospital notifying people there had been a death from meningococcal disease.

They also believe people should be told when there is a meningococcal-related death in their area, since health authorities only reveal that a person has died from the disease, not where the person is from. "It should be asked of the families if they want it to be confidential ... we were told by the Health Department it would all be confidential, no names, no nothing," Miss Smithson said. Mr. Kelly added: "If people know where it is they can be more protective and vigilant."

SA Health's chief medical officer Professor Paddy Phillips expressed his sympathies to Danny-Jo's family. "Meningococcal disease is an extremely serious illness, and unfortunately has a 10-15 per cent mortality rate, despite the best of care," he said. "SA Health staff are highly experienced and expert in controlling the spread of infections, such as meningococcal, and quickly determine who requires what sort of follow up and treatment." Professor Phillips said antibiotics were provided to some contacts to reduce the chance of them carrying the bacteria. "Not all contacts require further assessment or antibiotics because meningococcal infection requires very close contact for a prolonged period of time."

Meningococcal fact sheet

A severe infection caused by meningococci bacteria which may result in meningitis, septicaemia and pneumonia. Meningococci bacteria are carried, usually harmlessly, in the nose and throat of about 10 percent of the population. The bacteria are passed from person to person by close prolonged contact, with fine droplets spread by coughing, sneezing and spluttering. Only a very small number of people in close contact with carriers develop the disease, when the bacteria invade the body from the throat or nose

The disease can affect all ages but is most common in children under five and in young adults. In Australia, 5-10 percent of people with meningococcal disease die, despite rapid treatment. Symptoms in infants and young children include fever, fretfulness and tiny red or purple spots that spread and enlarge to look like fresh bruises. The time between a person becoming infected and symptoms is usually 3-4 days but can vary from 1-10 days

Information provided by the Health Department

IN MEMORIAM

James D. Smithson

COTTONDALE James D. Smithson, age 83, of Cottdale, died May 6, 2010, at DCH Regional Medical Center. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Memory Chapel Funeral Home with Donald Springer, Ken Cheek, Ed King, and Robert Sprung officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Hill Gardens with Memory Chapel Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider, directing. Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carlos and Ethel Smithson, and his siblings, Mike and Gladys Smithson.

Survivors include his wife, Neal Smithson of Cottdale; his daughter, Joan Jackson (John) of Cottdale; his sons, Dudley Smithson and Don Smithson (Irene), both of Cottdale; his sister, Dot Tidmore of Tuscaloosa; his brother, Morris Smithson (Bob) of Cottdale; his grandchildren, Wendy Barger (Tommy), Tres Jackson (Tara), Bryant Jackson, Jared Jackson, Melinda Christian, Trip Smithson (Britni), Reba Smithson, and Major Smithson; and eight great-grandchildren.

James was born in Hale County, Ala. He graduated from Moundville High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master's degree, and an AA in Education from the University of Alabama. He attended Howard College and Southeastern Seminary. He worked at BF Goodrich. He taught Alabama history at Tuscaloosa High School, where he also served as an assistant principal and guidance counselor at Tuscaloosa Area Vocational School. He pastored Baptist churches in Tuscaloosa and Hale Counties, including New Hope, Stewart, Elrod, Corinth, Carrolls Creek, Pleasant Hill, and Mount Hebron.

Pallbearers will be Tres Jackson, Bryant Jackson, Jared Jackson, Trip Smithson, Major Smithson, and Tim Weaver. Honorary pallbearers are Juanita Lee, Amedisys, Spine Care Center, teachers of the City School System, pastors of Tuscaloosa County and Hale County Baptist Associations, South Highlands Church, and all members of churches where he had previously pastored.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to South Highland Baptist Church, 128 39th St. E., Tuscaloosa, AL 35405. Condolences may be offered at www.memorychapelfuneralhome.com.

Published in "Tuscaloosa News" on May 9, 2010

Kathryn Albright Smithson

May 11, 2010

HUBER HEIGHTS, Ohio - Kathryn Albright Smithson entered Heaven's Gates on Thursday (May 6, 2010) in Huber Heights, Ohio, where she had lived for over 50 years.

Kay was born in Waterford, Ohio, on Feb. 15, 1926, to John E. and Muriel Humiston Albright. She was a 1944 graduate of Waterford High School.

On Feb. 15, 1947, she married the love of her life, Richard L. Smithson of Macksburg. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Winnie Albright Smith Johnson; and a grandson, Shon Daniel Piper.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; daughters, Julie Smithson, London, Ohio, Connie (Vic) Piper and Sandy (Larry) Welti of Huber Heights; one grandson, Jason Piper, Huber Heights, Ohio; granddaughters, Pamela Piper and Sara Piper of Huber Heights; a niece, Sue Smith-Adams and nephews Michael (Anne) Smith and Dexter Smith of Waterford; several special great-nieces and great-nephews; and many loving great-great-nieces and one great-great-nephew.

No services will be held.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Leon Smithson

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Richard-Smithson&lc=1759&pid=142470784&mid=4240252>

DENISON - Richard "Wolf" Smithson, 70, passed away on May 2, 2010 at Texoma Medical Center in Denison.

Visitation for Mr. Smithson will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at Bratcher Funeral Home, 401 W. Woodard St., Denison, TX 75020.

He was born on March 22, 1940 in Durant, OK, the son of James C. Smithson and Stella Bealle. On April 27, 1976 he married Kathy Hayden in Sherman, TX.

Wolf ran movie projectors at local theaters; worked for Buddy Clay for several years; worked at the Safeway plant; worked for Johns Mansville for 10 years and retired from LOF, after 17 years. He loved to read and shoot big weapons at Red River Fire Arms. During his high school days, he was in the Durant High School band.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; son James Gary Smithson & wife Lori of Arlington; daughter Stacey Lang & husband Robert of Sherman; brother

R. C. Smithson & wife Jane of Florida; father & mother-in-law James & Rosa Hayden of Denison; grandchildren Shawn Michael Shaffer & wife Sharee; Gary Dwayne Lang; great-grandchildren Donavin, Gavin, Havin, Devin.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of Bratcher Funeral Home, 401 W. Woodard Street, Denison, Texas 75020. For further information, please call the funeral home at (903) 465-2323, or for an online obituary, directions or to leave a condolence, please go to www.bratcherfuneralhome.com

More pictures on web link.



IN MEMORIAM

Doris Smithson

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/adn/obituary.aspx?n=doris-smithson&pid=146590157>

Doris Marie Smithson, 87, a former 55-year resident of Anchorage, died Oct. 21, 2010, at Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo, Mich.

A private family memorial service and Holy Eucharist were held Oct. 23 at St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo, with the Rev. Mary E. Perrin officiating. Interment will take place at a later date at Angelus Memorial Park Cemetery in Anchorage. In accordance with her wishes, she was cremated.

Doris Marie Churchill was born Oct. 15, 1923, in Seattle, Wash. In 1946, she married Dr. Robert A. Smithson in Cleveland, Ohio, where her husband established his first dental practice. With an adventuresome spirit, in 1948, Dr. and Mrs. Smithson moved to Skagway. Two years later, in 1950, the family moved to Anchorage, where Dr. Smithson opened a dental office. They resided in West Anchorage on the corner of 13th Avenue and S Street for over 50 years. Doris' beautiful flower gardens were greatly admired and attracted the attention of many.

Mrs. Smithson was a member of The Pioneers of Alaska, All Saints Episcopal Church, Anchorage Women's Club, the Alaska Dental Society Auxiliary, and was actively involved in the Miss Alaska Pageant, serving as a judge and hostess. She volunteered at the Alaskan Crippled Children's Home, the Salvation Army's Booth Memorial Home, in the pediatric ward of Providence Hospital, the Anchorage Public Schools, and served as a Girl and Boy Scout leader. In 1952, Doris was instrumental in starting the first kindergarten in Anchorage, which was located in All Saint's Episcopal Church.

Her family states: "Our mother will long be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, strength of character, independence and creativity. She was one who generously extended her heart and her hand to family and friends. Words cannot give justice to her selflessness, her dedication to being a very present and loving mother, and her ability to give to others in need. She was a devout friend to many, a counselor to those in perplexity, and always ready to meet the call with assistance and without judgment. She was lovingly devoted to her husband of 55 years, her four children and 10 grandchildren, and nourished the deep bonds of family through her ongoing support and affection." Mrs. Smithson was preceded in death by her husband, Robert A. Smithson, and her parents, Alfred and Wavel Churchill.

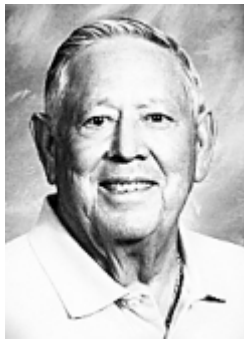
Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Kenyon Morgan of Kalamazoo, Mich., Judith and Mark Hantla of Hays, Kan., Robin and Greg Heinrich of Santa Cruz, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Lisa Smithson of San Diego, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren: Caitlin and Chadwick Morgan, Darcy Haynes, Meagan Wiggs, Brett and Robin Hantla, Ethan Heinrich, and Callie, Robert and Steven Smithson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the West Michigan Cancer Center or the Salvation Army, c/o the funeral home, Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home, 917 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Phone 269-343-2628.



IN MEMORIAM

MARVIN SMITHSON



On Friday, December 24th, 2010, Marvin Lee Smithson, 77, of Merritt Island, died at home with his loving family by his side after a long battle with lung disease. He was born in Chicago, Illinois to Oscar and Dorothy Smithson. Marvin married his high school sweetheart, Carole Aures, and moved his family to Merritt Island in 1963. After 35 years, he retired from the Kennedy Space Center, and spent the following years playing golf, traveling, and enjoying his family. Marvin was also an active member of Grace United Methodist Church in Merritt Island. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carole; his children, Mark Smithson of Canaveral Groves; Karen Henderson (Gary) of Viera, Jon Smithson (Mary) of Merritt Island, and Cheryl Forman (Ted) of Gulf Stream; and his grandchildren, Amanda, Shannon, Lillian, Katherine, Eric, and

Stella. A visitation will be held at 2 - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 TODAY followed by a funeral service at 3 p.m. at Wylie-Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Published in FLORIDA TODAY on December 29, 2010

EARL L. SMITHSON SR.



SMITHSON, EARL L., SR.

Garfield, quietly passed on January 5, 2011. Beloved husband of Katherine Smithson; father of Richard, Mark, Theresa, Cassandra, Earl Jr. and Bennie Sr.; brother of John III, Charles, Portia, Sandra, Russell and Barbara. Also survived by ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Monday 4-8 p.m. at WHITE MEMORIAL CHAPEL OF POINT BREEZE, 7204 Thomas Blvd. at N. Homewood Avenue. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, 5323 Penn Avenue, Garfield. Interment Allegheny Cemetery.

Send condolences at post-gazette.com/gb

Published in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette from January 8 to January 9, 2011

Randy Manfred Smithson, Sr.,

Randy Manfred Smithson, Sr., 55, of 1009 Highway 158, Elizabeth City, NC died Friday, October 15, 2010 at Pitt Memorial Hospital. Mr. Smithson, born in Elizabeth City, was the son of Connie Cartwright of Winston Salem, NC and the late Manfred Smithson and was the husband of Karen Hopkins Smithson of the residence. He was a retired investigator for the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department and attended Fountain of Life. Besides his mother and wife he is survived by two sons, Randy Manfred Smithson, Jr., and his significant other, Wendy Anchors, and Tilton James Smithson, all of Elizabeth City, NC; a sister, Sandra Thomas and husband Phillip of King, NC; a brother James Alan McCoy and wife Angel of Lexington, NC; three grandchildren, Cheyenne Smithson, Raymond Stubbs and Justin Anchors; two great granddaughters, Emma Stubbs and Savannah Stubbs, and several nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by a brother, Ernest Smithson. A funeral service will be Monday, October 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at Twiford's Memorial Chapel with Randy Masters officiating. Burial will be in New Hollywood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home and immediately after the service in the funeral home lobby and at other times at the residence. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2418 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 206, Raleigh, NC 27607. Twiford Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC is serving the Smithson family. You may express condolences to the family by visiting www.twifordfh.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Stace J. Smithson



SMITHSON, Stace J. - of Flushing, age 64, died Thursday, December 30, 2010 at Avalon Hospice, Flint after a ten year battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at Rossell Funeral Home. Private burial will follow at Flushing Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Monday. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the U. of M. Comprehensive Cancer Center. Stace was born in Flint, MI on December 2, 1946, the son of Woodrow H. and Mildred M. (Gardner) Smithson. He married Suzanne K. Kantar in Flint, MI on April 14, 1973. Stace graduated from Flushing High School in 1965 and then from Western Michigan University. He was employed by Delphi for 29.5 years. He was a member of the Flushing Golf Club for many years. Stace is survived by: wife, Suzanne Smithson of Flushing; son, Ryan Smithson and fiancée Jennifer Fox of Jackson; daughter, Rachel and husband Michael Sams of Auburn Hills; brother, Michael Smithson of Flushing; niece, Molly Decker of Flushing. He was preceded in death by a sister, Rebecca Decker. A special thank you to Avalon Hospice. rossellfuneralhomeinc.com

Published in Flint Journal from December 31, 2010 to January 3, 2011

Dawn M. Smithson (nee Booher),

Dawn M. Smithson (nee Booher), age 42, of Newark, DE died suddenly at home on June 22, 2010. She is survived by her beloved husband, James. She is the loving mother of Jennifer, Jamie, Jodi, Dustin and the late Christopher Ryan; daughter of Patricia Ann Wimmer, Rose R. Birney and Ed Booher, Sr. and devoted sister of Tracy Tellekamp, Keri Beth Pennington and Eddie Booher, Jr. Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing on Saturday, 10 to 11:30 AM followed by her Funeral Service at 11:30 AM in the Main Chapel of the D'Anjolell Memorial Home of Broomall, 2811 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Smithson Children's Education Fund, 107 Fox Drive, Newark, DE 19713, would be appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM



Jason D. Smithson

July 9, 1976 ~ December 23, 2010

Jason D. Smithson, 34, Marion, died on Thursday, December 23, 2010 at 4:50 AM in his residence. He was born in Grant County to Frank and Phyllis Smithson. He married Amber Clayborn on August 4, 2001. She survives.

Jason enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping and loved spending time with his family. He was a Indianapolis Colts fan.

Visitation: Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 10:00 am in the chapel at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

Funeral Service: Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 11:00 am in the chapel at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

Officiant: Pastor Steve Johnson

Cemetery: Grant Memorial Park

Survivors:

Wife: Amber Smithson Marion, IN

Son: Chase at home

Daughter Katelyn at home

Mother: Phyllis, Texas

Brothers:

Brian (Denise) Stauffer Marion, IN

Brad (Amy) Stauffer Marion, IN

Brian Ensor Marion, IN

Nick Smithson Texas

Joe Ensor Marion, IN

Stepmother: Rhonda (Charley) Watkins Marion, IN

Preceded in death by:

Grandparents & Father, Frank Smithson

Arrangements handled by Needham

IN MEMORIAM

Effie "Jane" Smithson

1933 - 2010

Visitation:

Thursday, July 08, 2010 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM
Newcomer Family Funeral Home - East Metro Chapel
190 Potomac Street
Aurora, CO 80011 720-857-0700

Service:

Thursday, July 08, 2010 9:30 AM

Interment:

Ft. Logan National Cemetery
4400 W. Kenyon Avenue, Denver, Colorado

Effie Jane Cann Smithson

Born in Prentiss, Mississippi, in 1933. Second daughter of Simpson Frederick Cann and Effie Jane Tyrone Cann. "Little sister" of Myra Elizabeth Cann, most usually known as "Libby Cann".

Early childhood in Prentiss had Jane living in her mother and father's Southern Hotel. Jane was a favored child in the Tyrone clan which was centered around south-central Mississippi and occasionally wandered into central Louisiana. Jane grew up and "out-grew" the quiet of the sleepy southern town. She exuberantly entered the "big world out there" at Copiah Lincoln Community College in Wesson, Mississippi. Even the Mississippi college scene couldn't contain her enthusiasm so she pounced upon the city of New Orleans and Soule College in particular the small town girl had grown to be a big city girl who knew lots of stuff... Even what a comptometer was. Somehow Jane ended up in Denver in the early 1950's; when Denver "was like" what most of us wish it had "stayed like"; Happy Days, Rock and Roll and Great Music.

Near the end of the first half of the decade one of Jane's friends refused to date an Air Force guy unless, and only if, said guy procured a date for her friend; Effie Jane Cann, and Van Smithson met and swept off her feet that blossom of the deep south. How unlikely a union that was; a "DAR (Daughter of the American Revolution) and the Daughter of the Confederacy with a self-confessed Colorado horse-trader descended from a pack of charlatans that dealt with and stole from, both the Yankees and the Rebels.

This unlikely pair dated on, derived hope from, cared for and deeply loved one another. They travelled and played and visited and just stayed one with the other.

Then along came the only thing that could make them more close and their lives more full; a little bitty baby named Steven.

That pair became a trio with triple-tied bonds of love uniting them even more tightly with the passing of years. They shared joys others can only aspire to and sorrows too deep to define.

All through her time with us Jane stood tall and proud, a grand dame.



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Warhol group threatens to end Smithsonian funding

The Andy Warhol Foundation said Monday it will withhold future funding to the Smithsonian Institution unless a video removed from the National Portrait Gallery after a Catholic group complained is restored.

By **BRETT ZONGKER**

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON —

The Andy Warhol Foundation said Monday it will withhold future funding to the Smithsonian Institution unless a video removed from the National Portrait Gallery after a Catholic group complained is restored.

Joel Wachs, president of the foundation, said its board voted Friday to demand the video by late artist David Wojnarowicz - which depicts ants crawling on a crucifix - be reinstalled at the gallery. The board sent a letter and e-mail Monday to Smithsonian Secretary Wayne Clough.

The Warhol Foundation has been proud a supporter of the current Portrait Gallery exhibit "Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture," Wachs wrote. It is the first major museum exhibit to explore the impact of sexual orientation on art history.

"Such blatant censorship is unconscionable," he wrote. "We cannot stand by and watch the Smithsonian bow to the demands of bigots who have attacked the exhibition out of ignorance, hatred and fear."

"For the arts to flourish the arts must be free," Wachs wrote.

The foundation says it has given \$375,000 over the past three years to various Smithsonian museums, including \$100,000 to help fund "Hide/Seek," from which the video was removed.

Other museums and galleries in New York, Washington and Los Angeles have rushed to show the video in protest of its removal by the Smithsonian on Nov. 30. The Association of Art Museum Directors also has condemned the Smithsonian's removal of the piece.

Clough said in a statement Monday that the Smithsonian won't show the video again.

"While we regret the foundation's action, the Smithsonian's decision to remove the video was a difficult one and we stand by it," he said. "The 104 works of the 'Hide Seek' exhibition will remain on view at the National Portrait Gallery."

The museum has said the video became a distraction from the larger themes of the exhibit, which opened in late October.

The Smithsonian received more than \$65 million in support from foundations during the 2010 fiscal year.

Wojnarowicz's work explored the subject of AIDS. He died in 1992 of complications from the disease at age 37. The exhibit also features works by major artists, including Warhol, Jasper Johns, Thomas Eakins and Annie Leibovitz.

Associated Press Writer Kasey Jones in Baltimore contributed to this report.

RECENT NEWS

PROFESSOR STEPHEN HAWKING RECEIVED THE JAMES SMITHSON BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

Professor Stephen Hawking smiles after receiving the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal at The George Washington University in Washington February 14, 2005. Hawking is the best known for his groundbreaking research in theoretical physics. (UPI Photo/Yuri Gripas)

Read more: http://www.upi.com/topic/James_Smithson/#ixzz1BG5QToN4



RECENT NEWS

Tales from the Grave: Digging Up the Stories at Old City Cemetery Posted: Oct 28, 2010 11:14 AM EDT



Reporter: Lauren Compton | Videographer: Sally Goin

In this special report called "Tales from the Grave," we show how officials at the Old City Cemetery dig up the past to give life to those buried at the cemetery.

Lynchburg, VA - Thousands of people are buried at Old City Cemetery in unmarked graves and missing tombstones.

The type of digging it takes to unearth the stories of people buried at Old City Cemetery doesn't involve dirt, but a lot of old burial record books. Officials at Old City cemetery catalog and scan dozens of burial books to find out if the people in those pages are buried at the Cemetery.

"It's like a giant jig saw puzzle, and we're gradually getting the pieces to them," said Dawn Wise, Public Relations at Old City Cemetery. And, Wise says they're working to identify every unmarked grave and tombstone.

"There are thousands of people buried here we will never know about unless we do that. And, it's important to honor and interpret every single person buried here," said Wise. Their research helps them find interesting life stories to tell on their Candlelight Tours.

Every October, officials guide people through the cemetery by candlelight, illuminating the stories of the dead they've worked to bring back to life.

Like the story of two men who died in a tragic train explosion in 1866. Newspaper reports say Samuel Smithson and Bob Brown were working on a train on the Virginia and Tennessee Railway when a violent explosion changed the course of their lives.

Reports say Smithson was 20 when he died. His story, on the tour, is one of guilt and sadness.

The story of Walter Steele is hard to forget. He was an eccentric professor whose only dream was to fly to heaven. The professor turned aeronaut met his end during a circus act when he went up in a homemade air balloon. The accident was witnessed by a thousand people at Rivermont Park.

Records say the thud of Steele's impact horrified the crowd of people when it happened, an unbelievable tale that still sends chills to those who hear it in present day.

Candlelight tours at the Old City Cemetery are sold out on the October 28 and 29, but there is a waiting list. You can call 434-847-1465 to be added to the waiting list.

Old City Cemetery: [Tales from the Grave: Digging Up the Stories at Old City Cemetery](#)

OUR FUTURE

DNA PROJECT REPORT

by Christopher T. Smithson

Dear Smithson Cousins --

Over the past couple of years the Smithson Family Association has talked about the Smithson Family DNA Project that has been going on.

The project involves any direct male Smithson descendant to participate in the study.

The main focus is to try and see if any of the branches of the different Smithson lines throughout the United States, England and around the World have any DNA connections between them. The DNA matches will help researchers where records are scarce.

Below is an example of my lineage to be considered for the DNA Study.

1. Christopher T. Smithson
2. William P. Smithson m. Carol A. Davis
3. Arthur F. Smithson [1918-1996] m. Ruth R. Hildt
4. Arthur C. Smithson [1893-1961] m. Lillian M. Wildason
5. Frank P. Smithson [1852-1921] m. Priscilla F. Smithson
6. George W. Smithson

The DNA website that is hosting the test is www.familyreedna.org then you can search for the Smithson DNA Study. The cost of the 12 Marker DNA Study is \$99

The Smithson Family Association has offered to pay 1/2 of the cost for the DNA Test.

Thank you,

Chris Smithson
Descendant of Thomas Smithson & Ann Scott of Baltimore County, MD
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SMITHSON FAMILY REUNIONS

Does anyone have Smithson related family reunions that recently met or any that are scheduled for the upcoming year that you'd like to share? Include the date(s), location, contact person name(s), address, email address, and phone number, and the family names that are included.

SMITHSON FAMILY PHOTOS

Mark Smithson is still requesting any and all Smithson family photos to share with everyone on the website. Please submit electronic copies of the pictures, or feel free to contact him to send the copies and he will digitally scan them and return the originals. Please include as much information with the photo as possible such as names, locations, dates, etc. Email him at smithson.m@gmail.com or via the webmaster@smithsonfamilyexchange.org account.

A NOTE FROM ADDIE

(This content was in the previous newsletter but we wanted to keep this thought — and your feedback about it alive!)

Welcome to the SEARCH and a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR from a PROCRASTINATOR!.

Had great intentions of getting this letter out to everyone last year ... or the year before. Have a feeling that many of you may have moved to new addresses or left us all together. Lots of unfinished lines to work on and still piles of information that has not been added to the database, as yet. I continue to add material as I can find time and seem to find lots of new information on the ever expanding internet. Family History is a fun hobby and passion has run strong with me for over the 50 plus years that I have been pursuing the "family tree"! Have seen some major changes in the way we communicate and keeping up with information overload has been challenging for us all these past years.

Now where did I put that letter??? Have I answered it, yet? ... and will I ever find that marriage record for John and Mary? Things that disturb our sleep, etc. all going 'round in our heads. I am continually surprised by new SMITHSON lines and connections. Also meeting new cousins and helping find new data has provided lots of highlights in my life of 77 years. And we are still looking forward to seeing Rulon's BOOK of VIRGINIA SMITHSON FAMILIES.

Hope you have all enjoyed using Webmaster, Mark SMITHSON's amazing SMITHSON FAMILY website with so many records and photographs now available on it... Mark is operating on overload with his job recently, so is delayed in getting a current NEWSLETTER out to everyone. Give him a thumbs up at: "Smithson, Mark"
<msmithso@tampabay.rr.com>

SMITHSON FAMILY EXCHANGE at:

<http://www.smithsonfamilyexchange.org>

Would an updated ROSTER help? Should it be printed or put at our website? Another website? Seems to me that we need to have something that can be up-dated with email changes and postal address corrections. There are still many people who do not (will not) use computers ... who may have a lot of information they would be willing to SHARE. How do we reach them?

Format should be brief but understandable such as the sample below:

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Drummond Smithson (1754-1843) md. Mary "Polly" Parrott (1753-1851)
John Morris Smithson (1777-1837) md. Lucy H. Dabney (1779-1837)
William Dabney Smithson (1802-1874) md. (1) Eliza Jane Edmondson (1809-1844)
Nathan Haden Smithson (1734-1918) md. (1) Sarah Jane Sands (1834-1872)
Jackson Lee Smithson (1861-1930) md. Paralee Davenport (1863-1941)
Hayden Davenport Smithson (1902-1970) md. Harriet Smith (1906-1999)
Adeline Bennett Smithson md. (1) James Dyal (2) Stanton Rickey

Please let me know what you think about a Roster Project. Need your feedback on how we can be most helpful in sharing data and perhaps climb over a brick wall or two. Larry E. Smithson had that success this last year with some big help from Gay Mathis.

As usual, we have been enjoying lovely winter here in Mesa and are beginning to pull out the boxes for our return to Oregon the last week of April. Drop by in Dallas if you are on the West Coast this summer.

Cousin Addie

SMITHSON QUERIES

Hello Lynne Sullivan,

Welcome to the search for SMITHSON family data. We have a website with a lot of data but not the compiled information such as family group sheets, etc. Can probably fill you in on your line to the Virginia connections, eventually. Rulon N. Smithson is compiling a book on the earliest SMITHSON connection into the Virginia Colony. We think that Yorkshire, Durham and Northumbeland are the places of origin in England but no proof, yet.

Thank you so much for the connection of Missouri Ellen Paraline Smithson to George Carl Winkler in the Missouri Marriages. You mention wrong spellings and this family line seems fraught with them. I have two Missouri E. Smithsons in my database and no marriages for either one, thus no further information about a death for either one. But I would guess that you are on the right track for connections that you have worked out.

The first one is Missouri E. Smithson, dau. of Isaac Fletcher Smithson and his (1) Rhoda Haley. Missouri was born in Cannon Co., Tennessee abt 1866.

The second one is Missouri Ellen Smithson, dau. of Joseph Bonaparte Smithson and his wife Sarah Thomas. Missouri Ellen Smithson was born 19 Dec 1858 in Missouri and is most likely the Missouri Ellen Smithson that you are looking for. But thought that you needed to be aware of the Missouri E. Smithson from Tennessee ... being so close in age.

Here are some sources for you on Missouri Smithson in Missouri:

- 1860 Census of McDowell twp., Gadfly P. O., Barry Co., MO, pg. 135, (941 on right corner of page), #887/#871:
 - Smithland, J. B. age 40, b. TN head, farmer, \$150/\$800 value [Joseph Boneparte Smithson]
 - Smithland, Sarah age 35, b. TN domestic, cannot read or write [Sarah Thomas]
 - Smithland, Andrew J. age 16, b. KY farmer
 - Smithland, Temperance A. age 14, b. KY
 - Smithland, Mary E. age 12, b. KY
 - Smithland, Thomas B. age 10, b. MO
 - Smithland, Joseph B. age 6, b. MO
 - Smithland, Sarah E. age 4, b. MO
 - Smithland, Misuri E. age 2, b. MO [Missouri Smithson]
 - Smithland, Amanda C. age 7/12, b. MO
 - Harper, Sarah age 80, b. VA [?mother of Sarah Thomas]
- 1870 Census of McDonald twp., P. O. Cassville, Barry Co., MO, pg. 1, #4#4:
 - Erwin, C. A. male age 41, b. TN farmer [Campbell A. Erwin md. 2nd to Sarah widow of Joseph B. Smithson]
 - Erwin, Sarah age 46, b. TN [Sarah (?) Smithson, widow of Joseph B.]
 - Erwin, Jackson age 17, b. AR [Jackson Erwin md. Sarah A. Smithson below]
 - Erwin, John T. age 15, b. TN [son of 1st marriage]
 - Erwin, Wm. R. age 13, b. IL? [son of 1st marriage]
 - Erwin, James M. age 8, b. MO [son of 1st marriage]
 - Erwin, Campbell age 6, b. MO [son of 1st marriage]
 - Smithson, T. A. female, age 24, b. KY [Temperance Angeline Smithson dau. of Sarah's first marriage]
 - Smithson, Joseph B. age 16, b. MO [Joseph Bonepart Smithson son of Sarah's first marriage]
 - Smithson, Sarah A. age 16, b. MO [dau of of Sarah's first marriage who md. Jackson Erwin above]
 - Smithson, Missouri age 12, b. MO [dau. of Sarah's first marriage]
 - Smithson, Amanda age 10, b. MO [dau. of Sarah's first marriage]
 - Walker, Mary E. age 22, b. MO [dau. of Sarah's first marriage]
 - Walker, John T. age 5, b. MO
 - Walker, Amanda age 3, b. MO
 - Walker, Caldonia age 1, b. MO
- Debbie Cangiamilla
Ancestry.com website: **Cook, Hughes, Maxey, Smithson Tree**
<http://trees.ancestry.com/pt/TreelInfo.aspx?tid=1555377&pg=1>

SMITHSON QUERIES

(Continued)

Joseph B. Smithson served in the Civil War in the Missouri as a soldier for the Missouri Home Guard along with his brother Albert Francis Smithson. Missouri State Archives probably have their service records.

Until your WINKLER connection, I had only one other WINKLER in my database and it is sparse for details. My database is in the 59,000 + at this point but that includes a lot of surnames that married in.

On Mon, Aug 23, 2010 at 12:04 PM, Lynne s wrote:

Hi-

I am certain that George Carl Winkler married Missouri - it's in the Missouri Marriages - but spelled wrong. And I have them with their 5 month old son in the 1880 census in Arkansas. (George Smithson Winkler)

Then I have George Carl Winkler in 1900 in Missouri with new wife Ellen Staltz (married 1885) and several kids. No sign of Missouri or baby who would have been 21 by now.

Then in the 1910 census for Kansas City - the baby from Arkansas joins the household - with the name John Franklin Winkler - and with the wrong birthdate. But I know it's him because he married Maggie Breedlove and has children of his own by 1920 - and his birthday reverts back to December of 1879 - Arkansas. Oral family history supports this. He also had a military service record that says Dec. 9, 1879 for his birthday.

His death certificate also supports the birthday and show father: George C. Winkler - No Mother!

George Carl Winkler - b. 1858 Ark. was the son of Henry Winkler b.1824 Ind. - d. ? Mo. and Leah Baron b. 1822-4 Tenn.

DO YOU have anything on Missouri's death? Do you have anything further on her? I am assuming that she died and the family took the little boy - but I don't know. I would greatly appreciate any info!!

Lynne Sullivan

My daughter recently married Erik Winkler - (John Franklin "Frank" Winkler's Great Grandson). (OR Missouri Ellen Paraline Smithson Winkler's great great grandson).

SMITHSON QUERIES

According to Tillman Lowell Hale ... both Serenia (Smithson) and James Burton Hobbs are buried in the Allison Cemetery between Achille and Burney. I am wondering if Allison is the earlier name of the same cemetery?
Addie

James Burton Hobbs



Learn about removing the ads from this memorial...

Birth: Feb. 22, 1864

Tennessee, USA

Death: Jan. 3, 1926

Bryan County

Oklahoma, USA

J. B. Hobbs is the son of Nelson B. Hobbs and Sarah Nunley. He was married to Serenia Smithson June 30, 1887.

Family links:

Children:

Helen Octavia Hobbs Alderson (1888 - 1964)*

Johnie A. Hobbs (1891 - 1897)*

Ernest Lee Hobbs Campbell (1897 - 1988)*

Lennora D. Hobbs (1899 - 1903)*

Spouse:

Serenia Tennessee Smithson Hobbs (1868 - 1956)*

Burial:

Burney Cemetery

Bryan County

Oklahoma, USA

Created by: Becky Dillingham

Record added: Jun 23, 2009

Find A Grave Memorial# 38657456

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We would like to include Bible records, marriage licenses, old photographs (with or without exact identification), county court records (deeds, probate settlements, wills), tombstone recordings, biographical sketches, oral history interviews, newspaper obituaries (word-for-word), military and pension data, church items, school graduations, etc. Documentation (when it was done and where copies can be found) is very important but not an absolute necessity.

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