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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Smith, Porter Brown
1892 MO – 1971 CA



Porter Brown Smith – Find A Grave 65900805



Porter Brown Smith, an employee of the Long-Bell Lumber Company, in the front, middle, sitting on table, with other Tuscania survivors – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



Photo is captioned "Porter, Meffort and (Garland?) Smith" – order in photo not identified -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/60616727/person/44539077003/media/15b28972-2296-4076-85de-57bbcead781b>



Find A Grave 65900805

SMITH PORTER BROWN		4.26.21/3.11	
		C	410 153
Cpl 1 Conv Co		K	670 136
Liberty Mo		A	1 387 603
Ssn	250 881	Died	3-30-71
Born	4/1/92	T	456 812
		R	223 855
Enl	12/15/17	Dte	6/21/19
		Cl	163 551
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1926		INDEX CARD	

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W7LN-VYPZ>

LONG-BELL MEN ABOARD.

One of the 20th Engineers is Reported to Be Safe.

Numerous employees of the Long-Bell Lumber Company were members of the 20th Engineer Regiment. Whether any of them were on the Tuscania the information so far received does not state, with the exception of Tom Ashby of Liberty, Kas., a member of Company E, 6th Battalion, whose name is among those rescued and taken to Fort Ellen, Islay, Scotland.

These other Long-Bell employees are in the 6th Battalion, of which Companies D, E and F and headquarters were on the Tuscania:

Porter B. Smith, Liberal, Mo., Company E, 6th Battalion.
 Vernon E. Babcock, Walnut, Kas., Company E, 6th Battalion.
 W. M. Barwick, Chicago, Company F, 6th Battalion.
 Paul H. Marshall, Columbus, Kas., Company E, 6th Battalion.
 Other Long-Bell employees living in

"Kansas City (MO) Star" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 2

Among other Missourians saved are:
Paul Griffith, Nevada; Churchill B.
Kouns, Tuscumbia; James W. Burke,
Beaman; Alva L. Beall, Greencastle;
Millard Brooks, Brunot; Burley Sears,
Harrisonville; Porter B. Smith, Liberty;
Gordon Daily, Columbia; Oscar Axon,
Braymer; Charles L. Burkett, Trayer;
Evan W. Chase, Mountain Grove; Virgil
D. Bruer, Dexter.

"Kansas City (MO) Star" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

A Clay County Boy.

Porter B. Smith, the young man referred to in the following, is a nephew of Mrs. J. T. Riggin, of this place, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Liberty.

The letter was read by Harry Foresman, third vice-president of the Long-Bell Lumber Co., and is taken from the American Lumberman of February 20. Mr. Foresman spoke as follows.

"Right here I want to read you a letter which I received from one of our boys, Porter B. Smith, who was manager of our yard at Leon, Kan.--a young man 23 years of age--that you might know something of his aspirations. To those of you who are not acquainted with him, I want to say that he is a young man of splendid morals and high ideals. He writes from American University, Washington, D. C., as follows."

"Arrived at Washington last evening, Jan. 13, about 9 o'clock. The 20th Engineers is the best regiment in the whole army because it is made up of the best class of men ever gathered together for a purpose. Thanks to you good men for getting us men into this organization. Our officers are all lumbermen and treat us swell. No swearing here, thank heavens, and allow me to say right here, Mr. Foresman, that is what makes the 20th stand first.

It sure is an honor to the lumber industry of this great country. Then, again, they give us the very best of uniforms. Our clothes given us at St. Louis were discarded and we were given two suits of olive drab uniforms, a swell short overcoat with a belt all the way round. If we could come back to Kansas City with our 20th uniforms we would be saluted on the streets for commissioned officers

"We were rather lucky, after all. Kyle Phares and myself are in the same company, while Tom Ashby, Purl Marshall and Everett Babcock are together. George Kumpf was unlucky about getting shipped out, due to the inefficiency of doing business at Jefferson Barracks.

"Two things we always find that are well worth mentioning are the Y M C. A. and the American Red Cross. Members of these organizations are the first people we see in camp and the last when we leave. When we were set out of our train outside of Washington, the Red Cross ladies were there with refreshments, it being in a place you would think a lady would be afraid to enter, but their little house was there between the railroads.

"One thing more—about good old Long-Bell. We have found a great number of our men here and they are men, too. We are looked upon as being a little bit elevated from others, as Long Bell sounds something really great to all these men. Even our captain and lieutenants look up right now when we say Long-Bell. Thanks to the luck that we are your representatives. And let me tell you now, we are going to make our end go and uphold that honor that Long Bell has in the 20th Engineers; and when we come back from 'over there,' Long-Bell boys are going to bring the honor."

"I know I speak your sentiments as well as my own when I say that we are proud that our company has representing us at the front young men who have as high ideals as this Mr. Smith evidences. 'No swearing here, thank Heavens, and that is what makes the 20th stand first.' Isn't that a wonderful statement? I presume if you and I were training, expecting to get close to the firing line and appreciating what 'over the top' meant as expressed by this French soldier, there would be a great satisfaction within our

there is going to come a great blessing to all mankind, for really what we are contending for, and for which this glorious nation of ours is taking the lead, is to give to all the people of the world the freedom which is their divine right and which they are entitled to enjoy.

"As we have entered into this strife with no selfish motives, as our good President has told the world, let us help ever to keep that spirit before us and be inspired by the glorious deeds of our forefathers who made it possible for us to enjoy the freedom we have had all our lives, for I am sure we can be inspired by the words of the poet:

"Freedom's battle once begun,
Bequeathed from bleeding sire
to son,
Tho baffled oft, is ever won."

... great satisfaction within our souls to know that we were associated with men of such character, who were endeavoring to live the right kind of life. And how proud we must feel that our Government has taken so much interest in the moral welfare of our boys.

"The world surely is on fire, but out of it I have the faith to believe

"Savannah (MO) Reporter & Andrew County Democrat" Friday 19 Apr 1918 p 2

MISS MAURINE CONLEY MARRIED

Miss Maurine Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conley of this city, and J. Vinton Pressnall of Oma-

ha, Neb., were married in Omaha on February 24th last by Rev. C. O. Stuckenbruck, at his home. The witnesses were Porter B. Smith of Liberty and C. A. Tranel of St. Louis. Mrs. Pressnall had been living in Omaha with the family of her uncle and attending business college and her marriage was not known to her family and friends until her return here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pressnall will make their home in Kansas City at present, where he will attend vocational training school for a year and then enter the jewelry business.

"Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian" Thursday 10 Apr 1924 p 1

RESEDA'S VETS WILL INSTALL

RESEDA, June 24.—H. M. Stansbury, commander of the 20th District of the American Legion, will install new officers of Reseda Post, No. 308, July 11, at a meeting in the Legion Hall.

The new leaders are, Paul Ackerman, commander; Thomas K. Martin, first vice commander; A. L. Morrow, second vice commander; M. L. Gaffney, finance officer; Porter B. Smith, chaplain; Samuel MacDonald, Jr., historian; O. H. Thorson, sergeant at arms, and Walter Schroeder, F. L. Parrish and H. O. Hayes, district committeemen.

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“Los Angeles Evening Citizen News” Saturday 24 Jun 1933 p 3

LEGION STRESSES AMERICANIZATION

(Continued from Page One)

Park, Van Nuys and Studio City posts are to be inducted into their posts and units.

The play which the Reseda auxiliary post plans to put on is to be one of the features of the evening's program. The presentation is an original play, written and directed by Mrs. O. H. Thorson, a member of the local auxiliary. It deals with the Civil war and songs written during that period will be sung by different members of the cast and authentic letters written by soldiers of that time will be read.

Members of Cast

Those who are in the cast are Mrs. Criswell, Mrs. Ruth Bright MacDonald; Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. W. L. Fletcher; Neida, Mrs. A. V. Olson; Amy, Mrs. Harold Pulliam; Martha, Mrs. J. P. Blair; Carrie, Mrs. H. O. Hayes; Sue, Mrs. O. H. Thorson; Hannah, Mrs. L. E. Parker; slaves, J. F. Blair, W. L. Fletcher; L. E. Parker, A. C. Shepherd, H. A. Roberts, Porter B. Smith and Jack Brevoort.

Porter B. Smith (or his wife?) in the American Legion Auxiliary play – “Van Nuys (CA) News” Monday 26 Feb 1934 p 5

Wife Mary Catherine Stepp

MARRIAGE LICENSES.	
Wilber B. Caven, Hastings.....	50
Mrs. Elizabeth V. Hawk, Lincoln.....	31
Joseph J. Kopic, Wilber.....	27
Mildred E. Kohel, Wilber.....	21
Jack L. Meyer, Lincoln.....	40
Mary E. Humphreys, Lincoln.....	30
Porter B. Smith, Liberty.....	33
Mary C. Stepp, Bellevue.....	25

Marriage license between Porter Brown Smith (age 33) & Mary C. Stepp (age 25) – “Lincoln (NE) Journal Star” Thursday 11 Mar 1926 p 12

Porter B Smith

Marriage • Nebraska Marriages, 1855-1995

Name	Porter B Smith
Event Type	Marriage
Event Date	10 Mar 1926
Event Place	Lancaster, Nebraska, United States
Event Place (Original)	Lancaster, Nebraska
Sex	Male
Age	33
Birth Year (Estimated)	1893
Father's Name	John W Smith
Mother's Name	Mary E Pettyjohn
Spouse's Name	Mary C Stepp
Spouse's Sex	Female
Spouse's Age	25
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1901
Spouse's Father's Name	Edward F Stepp
Spouse's Mother's Name	Sophia A Wenchner

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/9QVM-THL>

TEX.
Mrs. Porter Smith, of Kansas City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stepp, of Bellevue.

“Omaha (NE) Evening World-Herald” Saturday 1 Jan 1927 p 2

Raymond Stepp has returned from Kansas City, where he was called by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Porter Smith.

Bellevue NE news - “Omaha (NE) World-Herald” Thursday 4 Jul 1929 p 18

Mrs. E. L. Stepp is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Porter Smith, in Liberty, Mo.

"Omaha (NE) World-Herald" Wednesday 7 Aug 1929 p 2

Name	Mary C Smith
Event Type	Death
Event Date	19 Dec 1934
Event Place	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States
Event Place (Original)	Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States
Sex	Female
Age	34
Birth Year (Estimated)	1900
Father's Name	Edward F Stepp
Mother's Name	Sophie Weisner
Spouse's Name	Porter B Smith
Document Number	14830
Record Number	0

Form 5

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS

14830

1. PLACE OF DEATH: DIST. NO. 1901
COUNTY OF Los Angeles
CITY, TOWN OR RURAL DISTRICT OF No Los Angeles
STREET AND NO. 18349 Nordhoff
IF DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, GIVE ITS NAME INSTEAD OF STREET AND NO.

2. FULL NAME Mary C. Smith
RESIDENCE: No. 18349 Nordhoff
LOCAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE

3. SEX Female
4. COLOR OR RACE Cauc.
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED? (WRITE THE WORD) Married

6. DATE OF BIRTH Aug 6 1900
7. AGE 34 4 13 DAYS IF LESS THAN ONE DAY HRS MIN

8. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE AS SPINNER, SAYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC.
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILKING, CANNING, BAKING, ETC.
10. DATE DECEASED Dec 1 1934 11. TOTAL YEARS SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION 10

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Baltimore
STATE OR COUNTRY Md.

13. NAME Edward J. Stepp
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Carthage
STATE OR COUNTRY Mo.

15. MAIDEN NAME Phyllis Weisner
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Hamilton
STATE OR COUNTRY Ohio

17. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE
A. CITY, TOWN OR RURAL DISTRICT OF DEATH 2 6 MOS. DAYS
B. IN CALIFORNIA 3 3 MOS. DAYS
C. IN U.S., IF OF FOREIGN BIRTH 3 3 MOS. DAYS

18. INFORMANT (SIGNATURE) Porter B. Smith
ADDRESS 18349 Nordhoff St. No 70

19. BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL 0 0 0
PLACE Oakwood DATE 12/2/34

20. EMBALMER (SIGNATURE) John A. Kierke
FUNERAL DIRECTOR (SIGNATURE) Sherry Wallace Funeral
ADDRESS Canoga Park Calif

21. FILED DEC 21 1934 George L. Smith M.D. REGISTRAR
LOCAL REGISTRAR 3700 Pelican DEPUTY

22. DATE OF DEATH December-19-1934
23. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM to
TO to
THAT I LAST SAW to ALIVE to
ON to AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE ABOVE STATED DATE AT THE HOUR OF to M.
THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE, IN ORDER OF ONSET, WERE AS FOLLOWS: Pulmonary tuberculosis
OTHER CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE: to

24. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I TOOK CHARGE OF THE REMAINS DESCRIBED ABOVE, HELD AN autopsy INQUEST, AUTOPSY OR INQUIRY THEREON, AND FROM SUCH ACTION FIND THAT SAID DECEASED CAME TO HIS DEATH ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

25. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE? to DATE OF INJURY to
INJURED to CITY OR TOWN OF to AT to COUNTY AND STATE OF to
INDUSTRY OR PUBLIC PLACE? to
NATURE OF INJURY to

26. IF DISEASE/INJURY RELATED TO OCCUPATION, SPECIFY to

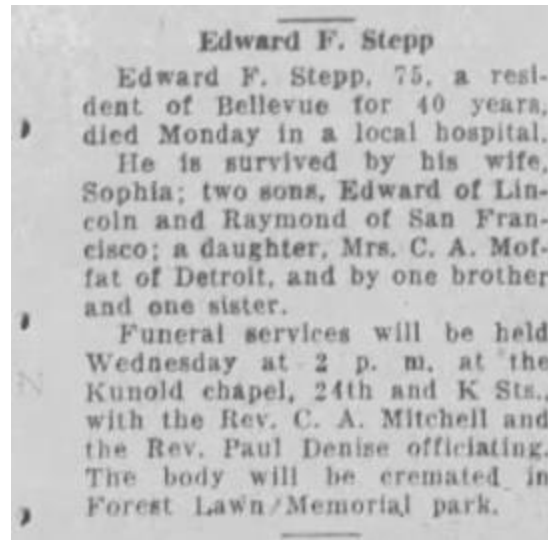
27. SIGNATURE John A. Kierke M.D.
ADDRESS Coronary Office Co.

28. WHEN REQUIRED BY LAW to CORONER
COUNTY OF to to to

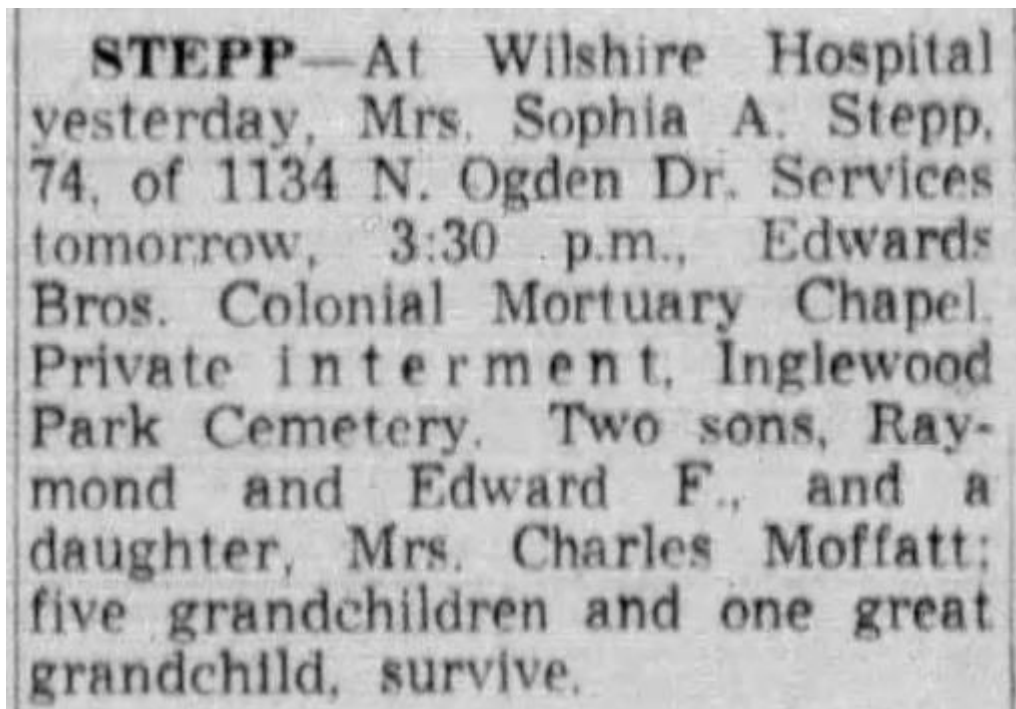
MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated exactly. If unknown, give approximate age. Physicians should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be clearly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

CA death record of wife Mary Catherine Stepp Smith -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/9QVM-THL>



Obituary of former father-in-law Edward F. Stepp – “Omaha (NE) Evening Bee-News”
Tuesday 11 Feb 1936 p 7



Obituary of former mother-in-law Sophia Wuechner Stepp – “Los Angeles (CA) Evening Citizen News” Monday 12 May 1941 p 12

Wife Myrtle May Delzell

Myrtle Smith

Private memorial services will be held at a later date in Oakwood Cemetery in Chatsworth for Myrtle Mae Smith, 91, of Chico, who died Monday in a local convalescent hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born May 6, 1893, in Passport, Ill. She had been a resident of Venice, Los Angeles County, for 40 years before moving to Chico in 1978.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Ramona Peck of San Francisco; a stepson, Edward Porter of Huntington Beach; and six grandchildren.

Her husband, Porter Brown Smith, died previously.

Arrangements are under the direction of Chico Funeral Home.

Obituary of wife Myrtle May Delzell Smith – “Chico (CA) Enterprise-Record” Tuesday 12 Feb 1985 p 8

Children:

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER W 268-C	1. NAME (Print) Edward Porter Smith (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER 12935-C
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 12934 Ferndale Ave., Venice, Calif (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE None (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 19 DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 18, 1927 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Omaha Nebraska (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS H. F. Halstead, 12940 Ferndale Ave., Venice, Calif		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Unemployed		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42)	16-21630-4 (OVER)	Edward P. Smith (Registrant's signature)

WWII registration for son Edward Porter Smith - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/18349118:2238?tid=&pid=&queryId=9e1570a96ca86a65e6cb60facfd830b2&_phsrc=hFB57888&_phstart=successSource

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY OF MARRIAGE (PERSONAL DATA, LICENSE TO MARRY, CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE)							
GROOM PERSONAL DATA	1a. NAME OF GROOM—FIRST NAME	1b. MIDDLE NAME	1c. LAST NAME	2. AGE OF GROOM (LAST BIRTHDAY)			
	Edward	Porter	Smith	24	YEARS		
	3a. USUAL RESIDENCE OF GROOM—STREET ADDRESS (IF RURAL, GIVE LOCATION)		3b. CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA, GIVE STATE, COUNTY AND NAME OF NEAREST CITY)	3c. COUNTY (IF OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA, GIVE STATE)			
	12939 Ferndale Ave		Venice	Los Angeles			
	4. COLOR OR RACE	5. NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, MARRIAGE ANNULLED	6. NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED (EXCLUDING THIS MARRIAGE)	7. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)			
White	never married	none	Nebraska				
BRIDE PERSONAL DATA	8a. NAME OF FATHER OF GROOM	8b. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	9a. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF GROOM	9b. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)			
	Porter B Smith	Mo.	Mary Katherine Stepp	Nebr.			
	10a. NAME OF BRIDE—FIRST NAME	10b. MIDDLE NAME	10c. LAST NAME	11. AGE OF BRIDE (LAST BIRTHDAY)			
	Marylou	Hastings	Abell	21	YEARS		
	12a. USUAL RESIDENCE OF BRIDE—STREET ADDRESS (IF RURAL, GIVE LOCATION)		12b. CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA, GIVE STATE, COUNTY AND NAME OF NEAREST CITY)	12c. COUNTY (IF OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA, GIVE STATE)			
918 N. Lima St		Burbank	Los Angeles				
13. COLOR OR RACE	14. NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, MARRIAGE ANNULLED	15. NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED (EXCLUDING THIS MARRIAGE)	16. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)				
White	never married	none	California				
17a. NAME OF FATHER OF BRIDE	17b. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	18a. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF BRIDE	18b. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)				
Theodore C Abell	Conn.	Louella Reed	Ohio				
19. MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED							
We, the bride and groom named in this certificate, each for himself, state that the foregoing information is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, that no legal objection to the marriage nor to the issuance of a license to authorize the same is known to us, and hereby apply for license to marry.							
LICENSE TO MARRY	20a. BRIDE (SIGN FULL NAME)		20b. GROOM (SIGN FULL NAME)				
	<i>Marylou Hastings Abell</i>		<i>Edward Porter Smith</i>				
	21a. AUTHORIZATION AND LICENSE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ANY PERSON DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF THE ABOVE NAMED BRIDE AND GROOM, DULY VERIFIED WRITTEN CONSENT, HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO AND FILED BY ME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED BRIDE. THE ABOVE PERSONAL FACTS ARE INCLUDED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.		21b. COUNTY CLERK	21c. COUNTY OF ISSUE OF LICENSE			
			Harold J. Ostly	Los Angeles			
CERTIFICATION OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY AND WITNESS	22. I hereby certify that the above named bride and groom were joined by me in marriage in accordance with the laws of the State of California		22b. DATE				
	on May 25		1951 at Burbank California				
	23a. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS		24a. SIGNATURE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY				
	<i>Flamora L. Smith</i>		<i>H. J. Havens</i>				
23b. ADDRESS OF WITNESS—STREET ADDRESS		24b. OFFICIAL TITLE AND DENOMINATION IF PRIEST OR MINISTER					
12934 Ferndale Ave.		Minister - Disciples of Christ					
23c. ADDRESS OF WITNESS—CITY OR TOWN AND STATE		24c. ADDRESS OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY					
Venice, California		1624 Opechee Way, Glendale, Cal.					
LOCAL REGISTRAR (COUNTY RECORDER)	25. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (COUNTY RECORDER)		26. LOCAL REGISTRAR (COUNTY RECORDER)				
FILED MAY 28 1951			Name B. Beatty Los Angeles County				
STATE OF CALIFORNIA			BY <i>Z. Tump</i> DEPUTY				

Marriage of son Edward Porter Smith to Marylou Hastings Abell on 25 May 1951 in Burbank CA - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G93H-WZNL?i=1128&cc=1804002>

EDWARD P. SMITH, seaman second class, USNR, of Venice, has reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Training Schools, Lake Union, Seattle, Wash., Eleventh Naval District officials announced today. The son of Porter B. Smith, 12934 Ferndale avenue, Venice, he enlisted in the Navy in January, 1945. He spent five months at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, undergoing instruction and will receive additional training at his new station.

"Venice (CA) Evening Vanguard" Friday 22 Jun 1945 p 3

Beachcombers Band Opens Rehearsals at Venice

An amateur band to be known as the "Beachcombers" has started weekly rehearsals at Oakwood Playground, 767 California St., Venice.

Porter B. Smith, Charles Clemmons, Frank Lorah and 15-year-old Chuck Hedges form the nucleus of the group.

Playground Director John Bird extends a welcome to any musicians, young or old, amateur or professional, to join the Thursday evening sessions. Especially needed are mandolin, violin and bass players.

"Venice (CA) Evening Vanguard" Tuesday 30 Aug 1955 p 3

Ramona Frances Peck
 in the U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-Current

Name:	Ramona Frances Peck
Death Age:	86
Birth Date:	3 Aug 1928
Residence Place:	Long Beach, California
Death Date:	27 Oct 2014
Obituary Date:	1 Nov 2014

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/327313218:2190?tid=&pid=&queryId=699c4521008d3a2f6b3c3cc637a0ba39&_phsrc=hFB57855&_phstart=successSource

OBITUARY

Ramona Frances Peck

3 AUGUST, 1928 - 27 OCTOBER, 2014

IN THE CARE OF

Stricklin/Snively Mortuary

*Arrangements under the direction of Stricklin/Snively Mortuary,
 Long Beach, CA.*

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/long-beach-ca/ramona-peck-6175706>



Some of the Smith family – from left: father John W. Smith, (Harry) Meffert Smith, mother Mary Elizabeth (Dollie) Pettyjohn Smith, Edna Smith (later Pfeister) – 1905 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/60616727/person/44068640891/media/d73c57ff-c3da-4eb3-afc6-8350eb58549b>

Father:

rites for John W. Smith.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 1.—Funeral services for John W. Smith will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday at the home near Liberty Landing, four miles south of here. Mr. Smith, 72, died early this morning. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Marshall Pfeisterer; three sons, Porter Smith, Resida, Cal.; Frank Smith, Missouri City, and Melfert Smith, of the home, and a sister, Mrs. John Tyler, 2305 West Forty-seventh street terrace.

Obituary of father John W. Smith – “Kansas City (MO) Star” Sunday 2 Dec 1934 p 21

N.B.—Every item of information should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

DEC 13 1934 MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				Do not use this space. 42352 107	
1. PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Liberty</u> Township <u>Liberty</u> City <u>Liberty</u>		Registration District No. <u>201</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>5280</u>		File No. <u>107</u> Registered No. _____ St. _____ Ward)	
2. FULL NAME <u>John W. Smith</u> (a) Residence, No. <u>Liberty Mo. Rtd 3 St.</u> Ward _____ (Usual place of abode) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>60</u> yrs. mos. ds. (If nonresident, give city or town and State) How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>widowed</u>	21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) <u>Dec. 1, 1934</u>		
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF <u>May E. Smith</u>			22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>June 1, 1934</u> to <u>Dec 1, 1934</u> I last saw him alive on <u>Dec 1, 1934</u> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m.		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) <u>July 26-1862</u>			The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:		
7. AGE YEARS <u>72</u> MONTHS <u>10</u> DAYS <u>5</u> If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.			Date of onset		
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Farmington</u>		Coronary Sclerosis		
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>See</u>		948		
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>24 years</u>		Other contributory causes of importance		
	11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>50</u>		948		
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Near Liberty Mo.</u>			Name of operation _____ Date of _____		
MOTHER / FATHER	13. NAME <u>Porter B. Smith</u>		What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Clinical</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u>		
	14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Mo.</u>		23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____		
	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Etiza Wallace</u>		Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)		
	16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Mo.</u>		Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.		
17. INFORMANT <u>Mr. Marshall Pfeister</u> (ADDRESS) <u>1443 2nd St. Mo.</u>			Manner of injury _____		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE <u>Liberty - Mo.</u> DATE <u>12/1/34</u>			Nature of injury _____		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Church - Upchurch Co</u> (ADDRESS) <u>Liberty Mo.</u>			24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____		
20. FILED <u>TV 1 4 21</u>			If so, specify _____ (Signed) <u>Swatow Matthey</u> M. D. (Address) <u>Liberty Mo.</u>		

MO death record of John W. Smith -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60382/images/1934_00043627-02369?pid=886774

Mother:



Mother Mary E. Pettyjohn Smith – Find A Grave 50692549

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Clay Registration District No. 201
Township Liberty Primary Registration District No. 5280
City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Mary E. Smith
(a) Residence, No. Liberty, Mo. Rm 3 Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 40 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) June 18-1872
7. AGE YEARS 61 MONTHS 11 DAYS 19 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Housewife
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. Self
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) near Savannah (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo.

13. NAME Andrew Pettyjohn
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Mo. (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo.

15. MAIDEN NAME Hannett Ruppel
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Memphis (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo.

17. INFORMANT John Smith (ADDRESS) Liberty, Mo.
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Liberty, Mo. PLACE Liberty, Mo. DATE 6/9/34
19. UNDERTAKER Chas. Arthur Co (ADDRESS) Liberty, Mo.
20. FILED 6/8 34 E T Brand Registrar Liberty

1 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) June 7, 1934
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from June 4, 1932, to June 7, 1934
I have seen him alive on June 4, 1934 Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
Parkinson's Disease 1932
87B
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Other contributory causes of importance: _____
Name of operation _____ Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? no
23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.
Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no
If so, specify _____
(Signed) Byrdon Mallory, M. D.
(Address) Liberty, Mo.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

WHILE FILLING IN, WITH UNPAID INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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MO death record of mother Mary Elizabeth Pettyjohn Smith -

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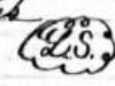
MARRIAGE LICENSE. No. 602

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF Morgan

THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge, Justice of the Peace, Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, or any other person authorized under the Laws of this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE, between Mr John W. Smith of Proctor County of Morgan and State of Missouri, who is of the age of twenty-one years; and Miss Mary E. Williams of Proctor in the County of Morgan and State of Missouri, who is of the age of eighteen years.

 WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Versailles, this 17th day of March 1888

By _____ Deputy. James McNair
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Morgan }
did at Versailles in said County, on the 17th day of March A. D. 1888, unite in Marriage the above named persons. 

This is to Certify that the undersigned J. D. Houston Judge of Probate
J. D. Houston
Judge of Probate
The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for Record in my office, on the 17th day of March A. D. 1888

at _____ o'clock and _____ minutes M.
By _____ Deputy. James McNair
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

MO marriage license, between Mary E. "Williams" and John W. Smith – Morgan Co. MO – 17 Mar 1888 -

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Mrs. John Smith, Liberty, Dies.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

LIBERTY, MO., June 7.—Mrs. Mary E. Smith, 62 years old, wife of John

Smith, who had lived on the old Ed Withers farm at South Liberty for forty years, died there today. She was born near Savannah and had spent most of her life in Clay County. Besides the husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Marshall Pfeisterer, Liberty; three sons, Porter B. Smith, U. S. Navy; Meffert Smith, South Liberty, and Frank Smith, Missouri City; a sister, Mrs. William VanNorman, 410 South Bellaire avenue, Kansas City; two brothers, H. L. Pettijohn, Twentieth street and Kensington avenue, Kansas City, and Charles Pettijohn, Independence. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday at the home. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery here.

Obituary of mother Mary E. Pettyjohn Smith – “Kansas City (MO) Star” Thursday 7 Jun 1934
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Siblings:

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. Marshall Pfeister
COUNTY OF CLAY,
of Liberty, in the County of Clay,
State of Missouri, on his oath says that he is 26 years of age;
and Edna Smith of Liberty in the
County of Clay State of Missouri is over 24 years of age;

that they are not first cousins, nor related in any other degree which, under the laws of the State of Missouri, would prohibit their marriage, and that he knows of no legal impediment to their marriage.

Marshall Pfeister

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of February 1915.

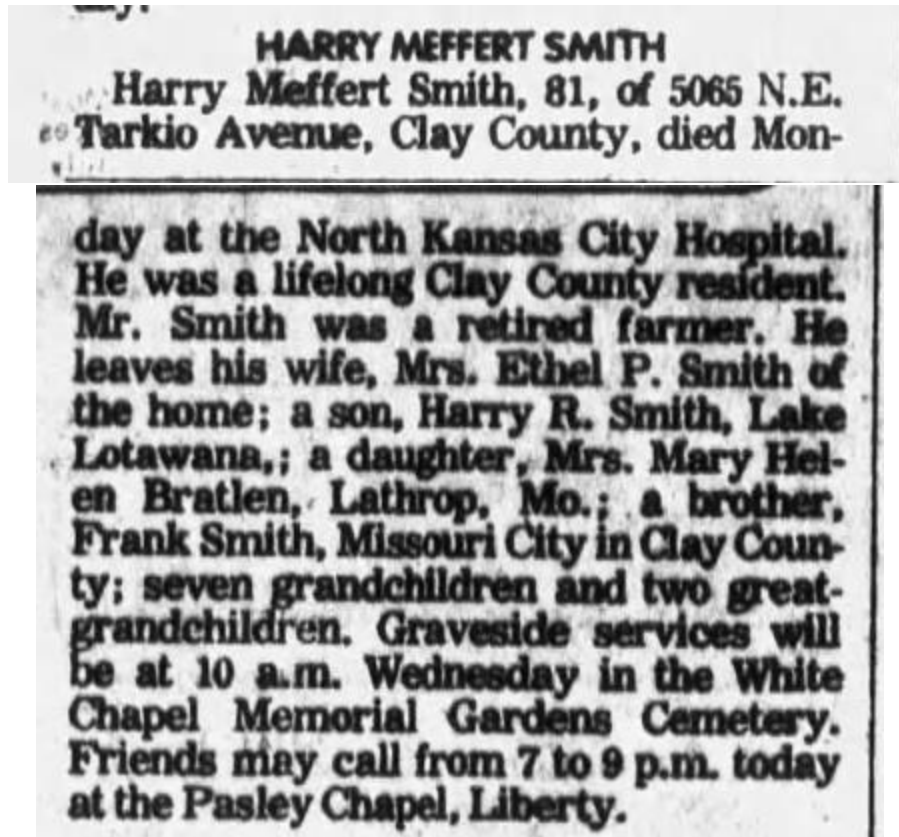
By May Mosby, Deputy. Nicholas Mosby
Recorder of Deeds for Clay County, Missouri.

Marriage of **sister Edna Smith** to Marshall Pfeister on 20 Feb 1915 in Clay Co. MO –
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/504972518:1171>

MRS. EDNA PFEISTER

Mrs. Edna Pfeister, 79, of 1111 North Main street, Independence, died Friday night in Northeast Osteopathic hospital. She was born in Liberty and had lived in that area all her life. She was a member of Liberty Methodist church. Mrs. Pfeister leaves three daughters, Mrs. Jean Egan, Liberty; Mrs. Faye Hubbard of the home, and Mrs. Judy Barksdale, 724 North Willis, Independence; three brothers, Porter Smith, Los Angeles; Frank Smith, Excelsior Springs, and Meffert Smith, 5065 Northeast Tarkio, Kansas City, North; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Services will be at 11 o'clock Monday in the Church-Archer chapel in Liberty; burial in Nebo cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel from 7 until 8 o'clock tonight.

Obituary of sister Edna Smith Pfeister – "Kansas City (MO) Star" Sunday 18 Jan 1970 p 23



Obituary of brother Harry Meffert Smith (1898-1979) – “Kansas City (MO) Star” Tuesday 14 Aug 1979 p 16



Brother Harry Meffert Smith - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/60616727/person/44539076799/media/a3edec8b-5315-42ec-b14f-541f1236923f>



Porter's home: 12934 Ferndale Ave., Venice CA – valued at \$1.6 to \$1.9 million in Dec 2022
 – built in 1937 - <https://www.redfin.com/CA/Los-Angeles/12934-Ferndale-Ave-90066/home/6746367>

Name: Porter Brown Smith

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,881

Entered service from: Liberty, Callaway MO

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Porter B. Smith

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John Smith, Liberty MO

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Porter B. Smith

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John Smith, RFD 5, Liberty MO (cpl, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Porter Brown Smith - b. 1 Apr 1892 Liberty MO; res: Liberty MO. Single. Manager lumber company, Long Bell Lumber Co., Leon KS. Medium height & build, with red hair.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Liberty MO

World War II draft registration (1942): as Porter Brown Smith - b. 1 Apr 1892 Liberty MO; res: 12934 Ferndale Ave., Venice, Los Angeles CA. NOK Edward Smith, same address [son]. Employed by Los Angeles City Playground Department, Sunset Pier, Venice, Los Angeles Co. CA. Height: 5'8" – 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 21 Jun 1919

Address: Liberty MO

Rank/unit: private, 1 Conv. Co.

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Apr 1892 Liberty, Callaway MO

Died: 30 Mar 1971 Los Angeles CA

Find A Grave record: 65900805 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Chatsworth, Los Angeles CA

Cemetery: Oakwood Memorial Park

Tombstone: veteran flat: Missouri Cpl 20 Engrs Forestry WWI

Father: John W. Smith, 26 Jan 1862 Clay Co. MO – 1 Dec 1934 Clay Co. MO. Birthdate of Jan 1864 in the 1900 census. Son of Rev. Porter B. Smith & Eliza J. Wallace. Reports in the 1910 census that his marriage to Mary Elizabeth Pettyjohn is his 2nd marriage. Died of coronary sclerosis. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Liberty, Clay MO.

Find A Grave: 50692322

Mother: Mary Elizabeth (“Dollie”) Pettyjohn Smith, 18 Jun 1872 near Savannah, Andrew Co. MO – 7 Jun 1934 Clay Co. MO. Birthdate of Jan 1875 in the 1900 census. Her birth surname is spelled Pettijohn in her obituary. Daughter of Andrew Jackson Pettyjohn & Harriett Kirkpatrick. Died of Parkinson’s disease. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Liberty, Clay MO.

Find A Grave: 50692549

Parents’ marriage: 17 Mar 1888 Versailles, Morgan MO. Mary is listed as Miss Mary E. Williams on the marriage record.

Spouse: Mary Catherine/Katherine Stepp Smith, 6 Aug 1900 Bellevue, Sarpy NE – 19 Dec 1934 North Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Name also found as Katherine/Catherine Mary Stepp. Daughter of Edward F. Stepp (1862-1936, F: 153381849) & Sophia A. (“Sophie”) Wuechner (1867-1941, F: 153381850). One of her siblings was Raymond Englert Stepp (1892-1947, F: 138102395). – Died of pulmonary tuberculosis. – According to her CA death record, buried in Oakwood Memorial Park, Chatsworth, Los Angeles CA – where husband Porter & his 2nd wife Myrtle are also buried – but she is not on Find A Grave as of 20 Dec 2022.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 1926 Lancaster Co. NE



Find A Grave 65900806

Spouse: Myrtle May Delzell Smith, 6 May 1893 Passport IL – 11 Feb 1985 Chico, Butte CA. Daughter of James Harvey Delzell & Mary Elizabeth Jackson. Residing in Porter's home at 12934 Ferndale, Venice CA in the 1940 census. She is single & employed as his housekeeper. Also in the home are Peter's children, Edward & Ramona. Porter is widowed. – Buried in Oakwood Memorial Park, Chatsworth, Los Angeles CA, adjacent to Porter. Spouse Find A Grave: 65900806

Marriage:

Children: by 1st wife, Mary Catherine Stepp

- Edward Porter Smith, 18 Feb 1927 Omaha, Douglas NE - . On his WWII draft registration (12 Jul 1946) he lived at 12934 Ferndale Ave., Venice CA. – Served in the US Navy in WWII. – Married on 25 May 1951 in Los Angeles Co. CA to Marylou H. Abell.
- Ramona Frances Smith Peck, 3 Aug 1928 MO – 27 Oct 2014 CA. On 19 Feb 1953, Ramona F. Peck, of 12934 Ferndale, age 24, married, b. MO, sailed aboard USNS "Fred C. Ainsworth" from Manila, Philippine Islands, to San Francisco CA, arriving 13 Mar 1953.

Siblings:

- Edna Smith Pfeister, 24 Apr 1890 MO – 16 Jan 1970 Kansas City, Jackson MO (in Northeast Osteopathic Hospital). Married in Clay Co. MO on 20 Feb 1915 to Marshall Pfeister (1888-1954, F: 82986442). In the 1950 census Marshall Pfeister (62 MO), a farm hand, lives with wife Edna (59 MO) in Liberty, Clay MO. - Buried in Nebo Cemetery, South Liberty, Clay MO. F: 82985859
- Harry Meffert Smith, 9 Jan 1898 Liberty, Clay MO – 13 Aug 1979 Clay Co. MO. SSN 493-22-5541. Married ca. 1918 to Ethyl/Ethel Pearl Archer (1903-1994, F: 244282766). Buried in White Chapel Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Gladstone, Clay MO. F: 244282738
- Minnie Mabel Smith, 7 Oct 1902 Clay Co. MO – 11 Mar 1917 Clay Co. MO. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Liberty, Clay MO. F: 72947591
- Garland Francis ("Frank") Smith, 21 Oct 1908 Liberty, Clay MO – 20 Sep 1985 Excelsior Springs, Clay MO. Married on 23 Jan 1934 in Clay Co. MO to Stella M. McGinnis (1915-1995). Served in the US Navy. On his WWII draft card, he lived at RFD 3, Liberty, Clay MO, with NOK sister Mrs. Edna Pfeister, employed by H.L. Pettijohn, 7012 E. 15th, Kansas City, Jackson MO. He was 5'6 ½" & 150 pounds, with red hair.

Notes:

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/60616727/person/44539076798/facts?_phsrc=hFB57890&_phstart=succ
essSource

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 558-66-6241

Censuses:

1900 Liberty, Clay MO

John Smith, 36 MO, Jan 1864, parents b. TN, married 12 years, farm laborer

Dollie, 24 MO, Jan 1875, parents b. MO, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Edna, 10 MO, Apr 1890, at school

Porter, 6 MO, Apr 1894

Meffert, 3 MO, Jan 1897

& mother Eliza Smith, 57 TN, Feb 1843, parents b. TN, widow

1910 Liberty, Clay MO

John W. Smith, 48 MO, father b. MO, mother b. TN, in 2nd marriage, married 21 years, laborer, farm

Mary, 38 MO, father b. MO, mother b. KS, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Edna, 19 MO

Porter B., 18 MO

Mefort, 12 MO

Minnie, 9 MO

Frances, 1 MO [son]

1910 Bellevue, Sarpy NE – Porter's future wife Katherine Mary / Mary Katherine Stepp

Edward F. Stepp, 49 IL, contractor, cement

Sophia, 43 OH

Mildred L., 19 IL

Raymond E., 17 IL, clerk, grocery store

Katherine M., 10 NE

Edward F., 7 NE

1920 Ponca, Kay OK

Porter Smith [indexed as Peter], 27 MO, single, parents b. MO, yardman, lumber company
Living with N.W. & Edna Nelson

1930 Liberty, Clay MO

Porter B. Smith, 38 MO, parents b. MO, age 34 at 1st marriage, occupation: none

Mary, 29 NE, father b. IL, mother b. OH, age 25 at 1st marriage

Edward P., 3 NE

Ramona, 1 MO

1940 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA – 12934 Ferndale – in 1935 in Van Nuys CA

Peter [sic] B. Smith, 48 MO, widowed, care-taker, playgrounds

Edward P., 13 NE [son]

Ramona, 11 MO [daughter]

& housekeeper Myrtle M. Delzell, 47 IL, single, employed in private home

1950 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA – 12934 Ferndale

Porter B. Smith, 58 MO, caretaker, city department of parks

Myrtle M., 56 IL [wife]

Edward P., 23 NE, janitor, medical building [son]

Ramona F., 21 MO, stenographer, US Veterans Administration

[the indexer interpreted her middle initial of F. preceding the word “daughter” to read
“foster daughter” but she is Porter’s biological daughter]