

## *Descendants of Arthur Lee Smith*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. ARTHUR LEE<sup>4</sup> SMITH (*WILLIAM JASPER<sup>3</sup>, JOHN EXUM<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> was born May 11, 1894 in New Salem Township, Union County, North Carolina<sup>5,6,7</sup>, and died March 25, 1948 in at home in Concord, NC at age 52, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>8,9,10</sup>. He married IVA FETNA THOMAS<sup>11</sup> February 06, 1919<sup>12</sup>, daughter of CLEMENT THOMAS and MARY HINSON. She was born May 02, 1897 in Tuckaseegee Road, , Gaston County, North Carolina<sup>13,14</sup>, and died December 30, 1995 in Brian Center, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>15,16</sup>.

#### Notes for ARTHUR LEE SMITH:

Listed in Davidson Nance, Nance=The History and Genealogy of the Nances, Record Number:, Marshville, North Carolina, May 1, 1930, p. 45, 47.

My granddaddy Smith died when I was only 2 years old, so I never really knew him. He was only about 52 when he died from a sudden heart attack. He and his brothers had a barber-shop quartet and he sang the lead tenor part.

My mother said that my granddaddy Smith really knew about rhythm and counting and was really good at it.

At all the parties and gatherings, he would sing the "Laughin' Song". Alphalfa sang this same song on one of the Little Rascals movies. They would go to Charlotte and have recordings made of their singing. His daughters Olena and Helen did a recording of the song "I wish that I could hear my mother pray again". I don't know the title, or who wrote it, but that's how the lyrics start out.

#### More About ARTHUR LEE SMITH:

Baptism: Mount Moriah Methodist Church, New Salem Township, Union County, North Carolina

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>17</sup>

Illness: Bef. 1948, had diabetes for a long time<sup>18</sup>

Interests: singing, a leading tenor voice<sup>18</sup>

Moving: Cabarrus County, North Carolina

Occupation: manager Pounds Coal Company, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>19</sup>

Religion: St. Ann's Methodist Church, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina; Religion: church choir director at a large city church<sup>20</sup>

Residence: Union Co. N.C.#GT#Concord, New Salem Township, Union County, North Carolina

#### Notes for IVA FETNA THOMAS:

Listed in Davidson Nance, Nance=The History and Genealogy of the Nances, Record Number:, Marshville, North Carolina, May 1, 1930, p. 45, 47.

There was no birth certificate. Her birth date was only known as her personal knowledge of her birthday. She was told this story to be able to tell how old she was. In 1899, her daddy took out an insurance policy out on her, telling the insurance agent that she would be two on her next birthday - May 2. This took place in 1899 and counting back 2 years would be 1897. She was born in Gaston County on or near Tuckaseegee Road. Clem Marshall, her daddy, would have been 50 years old when Iva was born. Catherine, her mother, would have been about 48 years old when she was born. She was the youngest of eleven children.

My grandmother lived to be 98 and 1/2 years and died in 1995. I knew her very well.

Read Bible, crochet afghans, crossword & picture puzzles

She loved to crochet afghans in the ziz zag pattern in many color combinations and did many of these afghans, giving them to many different people, even way up into her nineties, the last of them probably no more

than a year before she died at age 98 and a half years old.

also known as "Ivy", "Mama Smith"

Her grandchildren and even other people called her "Mama Smith".

Funeral Service: James 4:8; Psalm 23; Amazing Grace; When We All Get To Heaven

She then went to the hospital in Concord, where medical tests showed she probably had liver cancer. She was too old to be operated on or to receive chemo-therapy, being at that time 98 years old. She went to Brian Center in Mooresville, North Carolina, where she died 4 months later on Dec. 30, 1995.

Mrs. Iva Fisher

CONCORD - Iva Thomas Smith Fisher, 98, formally of Georgia Street, Concord, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995, at the Brian Center in Mooresville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Wilkinson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery. The Rev. Fenton Jones will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Born May 2, 1897, in Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Clem Marshall and Mary Catherine Hinson Thomas. She was a member of Ann Street United Methodist Church and a lifelong resident of Concord.

Her first husband was the late Arthur Smith. Her second husband was the late Dr. W. R. Fisher.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Olena Smith Ham of Mooresville; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She also played the piano just a little bit, just enough for a few hymns that she would play.

I remember her playing probably her favorite hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

More About IVA FETNA THOMAS:

Burial: Aft. January 02, 1996, Oakwood Cemetery, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>21</sup>

Education: 3rd grade<sup>22</sup>

Funeral Ho: Aft. January 01, 1996, Wilkinsons Funeral Home, Undertaker, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>22</sup>

Illness: August 1995<sup>22</sup>

Interests: crochet and reading the Bible<sup>22</sup>

Memorial S: Aft. January 01, 1996, Wilkinson's Funeral Home Chapel, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>22</sup>

Nicknames: Ivy, Mama Smith<sup>22</sup>

Obituary: Aft. January 01, 1996<sup>22</sup>

Occupation: practical nurse<sup>22</sup>

Religion: Methodist<sup>22</sup>

Residence: Concord N. C. then after widowed in Mooresville, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>22</sup>

Marriage Notes for ARTHUR SMITH and IVA THOMAS:

She married first Arthur Smith, son of William Jasper Smith and Francis Almira Stewart. They were the parents of three girls, Helen, Olena, and Willie Ree. They met at Mount Pleasant Church or Pleasant Hill Church, in Union County, North Carolina at a family reunion.

Children of ARTHUR SMITH and IVA THOMAS are:

2.
  - i. HELEN GLARIS<sup>5</sup> SMITH, b. November 30, 1919, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina; d. February 05, 1982, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina.
  - ii. INFANT SMITH<sup>22</sup>, b. Abt. 1920<sup>22</sup>.

More About INFANT SMITH:

Burial: Abt. 1920, Oakwood Cemetery, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>22</sup>

3.     iii.   OLENA SMITH, b. October 17, 1921, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina; d. July 14, 2005, Thursday morning, 9:50 at home, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina.
4.     iv.    WILLIE REE SMITH, b. June 27, 1924, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina; d. October 25, 1991, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina.

### *Generation No. 2*

**2.** HELEN GLARIS<sup>5</sup> SMITH (*ARTHUR LEE<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM JASPER<sup>3</sup>, JOHN EXUM<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 30, 1919 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>23,24</sup>, and died February 05, 1982 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>25</sup>. She married GEORGE THOMAS FISHER<sup>26</sup> Bef. 1950<sup>27</sup>, son of GROVER FISHER and HELEN CRESS. He was born Abt. 1919, and died January 27, 1994<sup>27</sup>.

Notes for HELEN GLARIS SMITH:

Maxine Litaker and Willie Ree Smith both got scarlet fever while still 5 and already had their books ready to go school. Maxine died before she could start school but right she became 6 years old. Willie Ree got well. Helen was taken on a hospital stretcher and taken to John Hopkin's Hospital in Baltimore accompanied by her mother, Iva, and a hired nurse. They spent a week there and then came back home. Her dad, Arthur, and her sisters didn't go. According to her sister in 2005, the disease that Helen had was St. Fices Dance.

More About HELEN GLARIS SMITH:

Illness: Bet. 1946 - 1948, hospitalized<sup>28</sup>

Occupation: Housewife, a good cook

Residence: Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina

Children of HELEN SMITH and GEORGE FISHER are:

- i.   BEVERLY NANETTE<sup>6</sup> FISHER<sup>29</sup>
- ii.  DEBORAH MARLENE FISHER<sup>29</sup>
5.   iii. BECKY LYNN FISHER
- iv. JERRY MICHAEL FISHER<sup>29</sup>

**3.** OLENA<sup>5</sup> SMITH (*ARTHUR LEE<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM JASPER<sup>3</sup>, JOHN EXUM<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>30</sup> was born October 17, 1921 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>31</sup>, and died July 14, 2005 in Thursday morning, 9:50 at home, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>32</sup>. She married LEONARD MILTON HAM<sup>33</sup> September 27, 1941 in Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>34</sup>, son of JAMES HAM and OLETA ARTHURS. He was born September 12, 1920 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>35</sup>.

Notes for OLENA SMITH:

her full given name. She went by her middle name all her life.

Now I wish that I had kept dresses my mother had made. She was always sewing and made beautiful dresses and all kinds of clothes for me and everybody in the family. Mom would see a dress in a store window and come home and make a dress that looked just like the one in the store. She didnt even have to have a pattern to go by. Im still amazed just to think about it. At least I have all the afghans and hook-latch rugs that she and my grandmother made for me. They are beautiful. She died of congestive heart failure. My mom passed away peacefully on Thursday morning at 9:50 AM, July 14, 2005. I was very blessed to be sitting right beside her bed holding her hand when she passed. After being bedridden since February, 2005 and about 20 hours of my mom being in a coma-type sleep, she opened up her eyes and I said "Good morning, Mother. Im not on the phone today. Im right here." She smiled. By that time, my dad was right there. It seemed like she was mouthing the words, "I love you" and then she passed away. It was a strange thing that was about the time I had been calling her about every day for the past year.

At that exact same time, my cousin got a sudden urge to go pray, and without knowing why, she did. Also at the same time, a friend of mine and my daughter were on the phone, agreeing about the need for prayer at that particular time. I was able to experience quite a few miracles from God this past week. One of them was that within about 10 minutes after her death the sores on her feet were beginning to look like brand new baby feet after so long of being so bad. I would not have believed it if I had not seen it with my own eyes the extreme difference in her feet. It was amazing!!! I am so sad, but now I know Mother is at peace, healed, and finally able to walk, and she is with Jesus! Although I will miss her for the rest of my life, by the grace of God, I was much stronger, calm, and peaceful, than I thought I would be through all this. Even so, I was shocked when my dad called me the "Rock" probably because of your prayers. On Saturday both the funeral and graveside service were very beautiful. Sunday morning the immediate family met at the gravesite and joined hands in a circle for prayer before me and my husband and my childrens families came back to Virginia.  
Notice for Olena Smith Ham.

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Olena Smith Ham

MOORESVILLE -- Olena Smith Ham, 83, died July 14, 2005. Funeral 11am Saturday, Cavin-Cook Funeral Home; burial, Glenwood Memorial Park. Visitation Friday, 6:30-8:30pm, at the funeral home. Published in the Charlotte Observer on 7/15/2005.

At 2:00 the family went to the funeral home to spend some time together and view the body.

From 6:30 - 8:30 PM, the family received family and friends at the Funeral Home.

Saturday morning at 11:00 AM in the chapel at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, PO Box 977, 494 E. Plaza Dr., Mooresville, NC 28115, (704) 664-3363.

Processional Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven".

Officiated by Rev. Mark Pitts of First Baptist Church, Mooresville, North Carolina.

Prelude and Recessional Music by Eddie Hicks, Minister of Music of First Baptist Church, on the piano and "All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art" sung by his wife, Claire.

Solo "Whispering Hope" sung by Jenny Perry, granddaughter of Olena Ham.

"Beyond the Sunset" was played on the piano as the recessional music.

Interment was afterward at the Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

After that the family and invited friends went to First Baptist Church for a luncheon provided by the church.

Pallbearers: (I'm sorry if I've left anyone out)

Richard W. Smithdeal (her grandson),

David Steele (her great-nephew)

Seth Smith (husband of her granddaughter, Emily Smithdeal Smith)

Donnie Perry (her son-in-law)

Bruce DeCaron (son of Nancy, her neice)

David DeCaron (son of Nancy, her neice)

Medical Information: Heart Attack, Stints in arteries, high blood

pressure, low-grade diabetes, congestive heart failure, arthritis, one leg bent out at the knee, poor circulation in her legs, had to have the middle toe removed on both feet because of sores on her feet that wouldn't heal because of poor circulation. At the end all of her organs were shutting down and her congestive heart failure was so bad that she couldn't even swallow water very well. She had to have water given to her by a medicine dropper. She couldn't have any food of any kind because she would have choked to death on it and we were told that that would be a horrible death. As it was she passed away peacefully after a long coma-like sleep. She opened her eyes up at the very last. I was sitting beside her bed holding her hand. I said, "Good morning, Mother"; After that she smiled and she was gone.

Olena Ham

Olena Smith Ham, 83, of Mooresville, died Thursday, July 14, 2005, at her home.

Born Oct. 17, 1921, in Concord, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Iva Thomas Smith. Mrs. Ham was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, Mooresville.

Mrs. Ham is survived by her husband, Leonard M. Ham, Sr., whom she married Sept. 27, 1941.

Also surviving are her children, Cynthia Ham Smithdeal, Suzanne Ham Cornelius, Leonard M. Ham, Jr. and Julia Ham Perry; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 16, at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel in Mooresville. Burial followed in Glenwood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice at Lake Norman, 705 Griffith St., Suite 203, Davidson, NC 28036.

Leonard Ham went to work at the ship yard in Wilmington, NC. She packed up their things and moved to Wilmington to be with him. She moved in with him. After they got married and during World War II, for about a year she lived and worked in Wilmington, North Carolina, while she stayed with friends, Ernestine and Lee Rochelle. She met them on the back porch of Ernestine's mother, Mrs. Lorey. Ernestine and Lee had a room to rent out and Olena rented the room for \$7.00 a week. Lee worked at the ship yard where Leonard worked. Olena worked 'skit' jobs as she put it. One of the jobs was Woolworths. Evelyn was one of Leonard's cousins. Her husband worked at the ship yard. Leonard also worked at the ship yard. They drive together. They lived in Wilmington for about a year. While still in Wilmington, Leonard enlisted in the air force. He was shipped out immediately from Wilmington to an air force base. Olena moved back to Concord to be close to her family.

More About OLENA SMITH:

Baptism: First Baptist Church, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>35</sup>

Burial: July 16, 2005, Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>36</sup>

Education: High School#GT#Income Tax training

Illness: Bet. 1996 - 2005<sup>36</sup>

Interests: sewing, crochet afghans, hook-latch rugs, puzzles<sup>37</sup>

Memorial S: July 16, 2005, Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 11 AM, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>38</sup>

Moving: Abt. 1947, Concord N. C.#GT# Mooresville, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>38</sup>

Obituary: July 15, 2005, Obituary in Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina<sup>39</sup>

Occupation: Bef. 1941, hosiery mill, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina; Occupation: Before she got married, she worked in a hosiery mill in Concord, North<sup>40</sup>

Religion: Methodist>Baptist; Religion: As a young person, she was confirmed as a member of Ann Street Methodist<sup>40</sup>

Residence: Coddle Creek Road, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina

Notes for LEONARD MILTON HAM:

Drawing, Oil Painting, a talented artist, he loves and collects John Deere tractors and John Deere memorabilia, Mooresville Art Guild, playing the accordion. He was so happy to get his new Horner Accordion. He practices it every day, and plays for things (restaurants, nursing homes, etc.) about town on the accordion. He mostly plays German Polkas and Waltzes, and old beloved hymns, and popular music from the 30s and 40s.

More About LEONARD MILTON HAM:

Baptism: First Baptist Church, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina

Education: GED, , , North Carolina

Interests: <sup>40</sup>

Occupation: Pipe fitter, brick layer, Duke Power; Occupation: also farmer, artist, and musician<sup>41</sup>

Religion: Baptist

Residence: Coddle Creek Road, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina

Marriage Notes for OLENA SMITH and LEONARD HAM:

They spent the night in Statesville, North Carolina. The next day his daddy insisted that they go to a family reunion and a job in Blacksburg, Virginia. So, they spent their honeymoon in Blacksburg, Virginia at a boarding house.

Children of OLENA SMITH and LEONARD HAM are:

6. i. CYNTHIA KAY<sup>6</sup> HAM
- ii. SUZANNE HAM
7. iii. LEONARD MILTON HAM JR.
8. iv. JULIA FRANCES HAM

4. WILLIE REE<sup>5</sup> SMITH (*ARTHUR LEE<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM JASPER<sup>3</sup>, JOHN EXUM<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>43</sup> was born June 27, 1924 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina<sup>44</sup>, and died October 25, 1991 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>44,45</sup>. She married ROBERT FRANKLIN HAM<sup>46,47,48</sup> January 30, 1943 in Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina, son of JAMES HAM and OLETA ARTHURS. He was born September 09, 1917 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>49</sup>, and died February 17, 1991 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>49</sup>.

Notes for WILLIE REE SMITH:

sudden massive heart attack at age 68 at home about 6 months after her husband died

Maxine Litaker and Willie Ree Smith both got scarlet fever while still 5 and already had their books ready to go school. Maxine died before she could start school but right she became 6 years old. Willie Ree got well.

More About WILLIE REE SMITH:

Burial: Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>49</sup>

Illness: Abt. 1929<sup>50</sup>

Occupation: Housewife

Religion: Baptist

Residence: Coddle Creek Road, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina

More About ROBERT FRANKLIN HAM:

Burial: Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina<sup>51</sup>

Children of WILLIE SMITH and ROBERT HAM are:

9. i. NANCY CAROLYN<sup>6</sup> HAM

10.     ii. ROBERT WAYNE HAM
11.     iii. GARY LYNN HAM