

Descendants of James Robert Ham

Generation No. 1

1. JAMES ROBERT⁵ HAM (*JOHN WILLIAM⁴, SILAS STANLEY³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)^{1,2,3,4} was born September 04, 1890 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁵, and died July 09, 1958 in 10:15 AM; age last birthday-67, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{5,6,7}. He married OLETA MAY ARTHURS^{8,9,10} September 03, 1913 in He was age 22^{11,12,13}, daughter of JACOB ARTHURS and LOUISA PLYLER. She was born February 22, 1891 in Iredell County, North Carolina^{14,15,16,17}, and died November 05, 1949 in 8:30 AM; age last birthday: 58, Coddle Creek, Iredell County, North Carolina^{18,19,20,21}.

Notes for JAMES ROBERT HAM:

his wife called him Jim.

at his home on Coddle Creek Road, Mooresville, N. C., my family were staying with him at the time for about two weeks prior to his death. I was nearly 12 years old at the time. For probably at least 5 years, he had had quite a few strokes, each diminishing his capacity more and more, until there wasn't a whole lot left of his original self. The last stroke took him away.

The following is from his Death Certificate:

Registration District No. 49-00; Registrar's Certificate No. 80

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Place of death: Rt. 1, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina

Residence: Rt. 1, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina

Date of death: Month 7, Day 9, Year 58

Male, White, Widowed

Date of Birth: 9-4-1890

Age (in years last birthday) 67

Usual occupation: Contractor

Kind of business or industry: Heating & Plumbing

Birthplace: N. C.

Father's name: John F. Hamm

Mother's maiden name: Mary E. Armstrong

Name of husband or wife: Oleta Mae Arthurs

Informant's Name and Address: Robert F. Ham, Mooresville, N.C.

Cause of death:

Immediate cause: Coronary Occlusion - Interval Between Onset and Death: Immediate

Antecedent causes: Old Cerebral Hemorrhage

Due to: Hypertensive cardio vascular disease - Interval between onset and death: Years

"I attended the deceased from 1952 to 7-11-1958, and last saw him alive on 7-11-1958. Death occurred at 10:15 AM on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge from the causes stated."

Signature: W. W. Painter, M. D.; Address: Mooresville, N. C.;

Date signed: 7-9-1958

Burial: Date: 7-11-58; Cemetery: Willow Valley; Location: Mooresville, N. C.

Date received by local registrar: 7-11-58

Registrar's signature: Ernest Ward, M.D.

Funeral Director: Cavin Funeral Home, Mooresville, N.C.

age 9, S, born NC, father born NC, mother born NC

"Mr. Jim Ham, the plumber, had an experience one day recently that gave him a shock he will not soon get over. He had planned to go to Concord to get a truck and his 10-year old son Robert begged his father to let him go with him and drive the truck back home. Mr. Ham told him he could not do so -- that he was entirely too young and would not be permitted to drive a car or truck. He stepped in his sedan and drove to the Birdsall-Morrow garage, where he had arranged to secure the service of a mechanic in bringing back the truck, and when he stepped from his car his little 3-year-old son Charlie caught him by the leg of his pants and looking up, said: "I doin' wit' you to Concord." Mr. Ham turned all colors and felt faint at heart. The child had crawled on the fender of the car and held fast to that part of the machine while it came from the Ham home through town, a distance of a mile. The child hanging on to the fender had been seen by several people, but no alarm was given to the father of the perilous riding place of the juvenile."

born NC, father born NC, mother born NC

M W 29; Home Rented, M., read/yes, write/yes, born NC, parents born NC

More About JAMES ROBERT HAM:

Burial: July 11, 1958, Willow Valley Cemetery beside First Baptist Church, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{22,23,24}

Census: September 1900, #T623-1202/B3800 Son W M 9 S, Sharpesburg Township, Iredell County, North Carolina²⁵

Funeral Ho: Cavin's Funeral Home, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina²⁶

Illness: Stroke²⁷

Interests: played the cornet in a band²⁷

Occupation: Ham's Plumbing & Heating, Main Street, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina; Occupation: Farmer²⁷

Religion: Baptist²⁷

Residence: Route # 1, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina²⁸

Notes for OLETA MAY ARTHURS:

at home suddenly about age 58 years old

Registration District No. 49-00---113.

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City or Town: Rural - Coddle Creek.

Street Address: Rt. 1, Mooresville, N. C.

Female, White, Married

Date of birth: 2-22-1891

Date of death: 11-5-49

Kind of business: Hwk. (housework)

Birthplace: Iredell Co.

Father: Jack Arthurs

Mother's Maiden Name: Louise Plyler

Informant's Name & Address: J. R. Ham, Rt. 1, Mooresville, N.C.

Disease or condition directly leading to death: Coronary occlusion; Antecedent causes: due to Coronary arterosclerosis.

"I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 7-6-49 to 11-5-49, that I last saw the deceased alive on 11-4-49, and that death occurred at 8:30 am, from the causes and on the date stated above."

Death certificate signed by: C. L. Bittinger, M.D. on Nov. 6, 1949.

Date received by local registrar: Nov. 10, 1949.

Registrar's signature: Ernest Ward, M.D.
Funeral Director: Cavin Funeral Home, Mooresville, NC
played piano; loved pretty colored glass bottles

More About OLETA MAY ARTHURS:

Burial: November 07, 1949, Willow Valley Cemetery beside First Baptist Church, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{28,29}

Interests: ³⁰

Occupation: Housewife; good cook³¹

Religion: Baptist³²

Residence: Route # 1, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina³³

Children of JAMES HAM and OLETA ARTHURS are:

2. i. DAISY DELENE⁶ HAM, b. July 17, 1914, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina; d. August 12, 1996, c. age 82, , , California.
3. ii. ROBERT FRANKLIN HAM, b. September 09, 1917, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina; d. February 17, 1991, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina.
4. iii. LEONARD MILTON HAM, b. September 12, 1920, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina.
5. iv. CHARLES AUSTIN HAM, b. September 24, 1924, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina; d. September 12, 1974, Boomer, , North Carolina.
- v. MILDRED CATHERINE HAM, b. July 01, 1928^{34,35}; d. August 09, 1929, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{36,37}.

Notes for MILDRED CATHERINE HAM:

She was killed accidentally by a car that run over her in her own driveway, a little over a year old. She was playing in the sand behind the car, and the driver didn't see her. The driver was an uncle. Her father said something about Mildred just before he died, many years later. No one in the family EVER forgot that day.

More About MILDRED CATHERINE HAM:

Burial: Willow Valley Cemetery beside First Baptist Church, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{38,39}

Religion: September 06, 1928, First Baptist Church Cradle Roll, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina;

Religion: "This certifies that Mildred Katherine Ham born on First day of July 1928⁴⁰

Generation No. 2

2. DAISY DELENE⁶ HAM (*JAMES ROBERT⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, SILAS STANLEY³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)⁴¹ was born July 17, 1914 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{41,42}, and died August 12, 1996 in c. age 82, , , California^{43,44}. She married GEORGE AZARS June 01, 1952^{45,46}. He was born Abt. 1914, and died in Arlington, , Virginia.

More About DAISY DELENE HAM:

Burial: cremated ashes scattered - Arlington National Cemetery & California, Arlington, , Virginia

Milit-Beg: US Army Air Force-World War II⁴⁷

Residence: Virginia#GT#California just before she died, Arlington, , Virginia⁴⁷

Child of DAISY HAM and GEORGE AZARS is:

- i. DONALD⁷ AZARS

3. ROBERT FRANKLIN⁶ HAM (*JAMES ROBERT⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, SILAS STANLEY³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)^{48,49,50} was born September 09, 1917 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁵¹, and died February 17, 1991 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁵¹. He married WILLIE REE SMITH⁵² January 30, 1943 in Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina, daughter of ARTHUR SMITH and IVA THOMAS. She was born

June 27, 1924 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina⁵³, and died October 25, 1991 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina^{53,54}.

More About ROBERT FRANKLIN HAM:

Burial: Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁵⁵

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 Carolina⁵⁵

Illness: Abt. 1929⁵⁶

Occupation: Housewife

Religion: Baptist

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

Children of ROBERT HAM and WILLIE SMITH are:

6. i. NANCY CAROLYN⁷ HAM
7. ii. ROBERT WAYNE HAM
8. iii. GARY LYNN HAM

4. LEONARD MILTON⁶ HAM (*JAMES ROBERT⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, SILAS STANLEY³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)⁵⁷ was born September 12, 1920 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁵⁷. He married OLENA SMITH⁵⁷ September 27, 1941 in Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina⁵⁸, daughter of ARTHUR SMITH and IVA THOMAS. She was born October 17, 1921 in Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina⁵⁹, and died July 14, 2005 in Thursday morning, 9:50 at home, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁶⁰.

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: ⁶¹

Occupation: Pipe fitter, brick layer, Duke Power; Occupation: also farmer, artist, and musician⁶²

Religion: Baptist

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

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 niece)
David DeCaron (son of Nancy, her niece)

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 Carolina⁶³

Burial: July 16, 2005, Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁶⁴

Education: High School#GT#Income Tax training

Illness: Bet. 1996 - 2005⁶⁴

Interests: sewing, crochet afghans, hook-latch rugs, puzzles⁶⁵

Memorial S: July 16, 2005, Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 11 AM, Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁶⁶

Moving: Abt. 1947, Concord N. C.#GT# Mooresville, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina⁶⁶

Obituary: July 15, 2005, Obituary in Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina⁶⁷

Occupation: Bef. 1941, hosiery mill, Concord, Cabarrus County, North Carolina; Occupation: Before she got married, she worked in a hosiery mill in Concord, North⁶⁸

Religion: Methodist>Baptist; Religion: As a young person, she was confirmed as a member of Ann Street Methodist⁶⁸

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

Marriage Notes for LEONARD HAM and OLENA SMITH:

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 LEONARD HAM and OLENA SMITH are:

9. i. CYNTHIA KAY⁷ HAM
- ii. SUZANNE HAM
10. iii. LEONARD MILTON HAM JR.
11. iv. JULIA FRANCES HAM

5. CHARLES AUSTIN⁶ HAM (*JAMES ROBERT⁵, JOHN WILLIAM⁴, SILAS STANLEY³, JOHN², JOHN¹*)⁶⁹ was born September 24, 1924 in Mooresville, Iredell County, North Carolina⁷⁰, and died September 12, 1974 in Boomer, , North Carolina⁷⁰. He married MARY GOZELLE ANDREWS⁷¹ October 27, 1951⁷², daughter of NELSON ANDREWS and MARGARET EARP. She was born Abt. 1924 in Boomer, , North Carolina.

Notes for CHARLES AUSTIN HAM:

found in his car in the garage with the car running.

Pictures of airplanes on the menu program.

Note taped on it reads:

"This is for the best, truest, and most wonderful Mother in all the world. A four leaf clover: one leaf for each child in the service. Love Charles"

Includes Program for Cadets and Wives at the Officers' Club - Menu, Dancing and Entertainment, Music by Luke Field Orchestra, listing of Cadet Wives Committee and Aviation Cadet Committee.

letter to parents: "Dear Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Ham: It was a pleasure to have your son with us for the worship service, Sunday, Sept. 5.

"We enjoy faving men in the service attend our church and endeavor to make them feel at home in any way possible...

"Sincerely, Rev. F. H. Busher"

More About CHARLES AUSTIN HAM:

Milit-Beg: November 18, 1944, Graduation Dinner & Dance⁷³

Children of CHARLES HAM and MARY ANDREWS are:

12. i. MARTHA LOUISE⁷ HAM
13. ii. MARGARET OLLIE HAM
14. iii. KARL ANDREW HAM
- iv. ROSE MARIE HAM⁷⁴

