

Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham
(1842–1922)

of

Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana

Daughter of Noah Lewis Scarborough & Samantha Fowler

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The Life of Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham

Samantha Elvyann Scarborough was born on 15 September 1842, the third daughter of [Noah Lewis Scarborough](#) and [Samantha Fowler](#) [1]. Throughout her life, she casually went by her middle name, which was spelled by officials in a variety of ways. The spelling used here, “*Elvyann*,” is that used on tax records in the 1880s, and it appears the most accurate. She was undoubtedly named after her aunt, Elvira Fowler Robinson Polk. Family members referred to her as “*Elvan*,” “*Elva Ann*,” and “*Elviann*.” In 1883 and 1884, after her divorce and in her own handwriting, on legal records she signed her name as “*Semantha E. Scarborough*,” using a more phonetic spelling of her first name. However, in later legal records, she signed her name as “*Samantha E. Ham*.”

Elvyann Scarborough’s birth occurred while her parents lived on the farms of her grandparents, [Addison Scarborough](#) and [Richard and Sarah Fowler](#), located about one mile north of the village of Snow Hill, Wilcox County, Alabama. The Scarborough/Fowler farms adjoined, with Addison Scarborough’s farm straddling the Wilcox/Dallas County line. Following a severe drought that began about 1845, many Snow Hill residents decided to make a new life to the west, and at the age of five, Elvyann moved with her parents to the pine hills of north Louisiana. In late 1847, they settled on a farm near Bayou d’Loutre, located about seven miles northeast of Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

On 15 November 1860, Elvyann Scarborough married Hillory Herbert Ham, the son of William Ham and Clarendia Seale. Elvyann had a family connection to her husband, for in 1854, his first cousin, John Thomas Ward, had married Elvyann’s oldest sister, Betsy Scarborough Ward. Hillory Ham’s first wife had died in May 1860, leaving Ham a widower with three young children. Thus, with her marriage at the age eighteen, Elvyann became a wife and stepmother to three children under ten years of age [2].

After their marriage, Elvyann settled with her new husband and stepchildren on Hillory’s farm of about 1000 acres about one mile east of Farmerville. Between 1861 and 1874, she and Hillory had a total of nine children, eight of whom survived early childhood. Her older stepdaughter, Clarendia Jane (Janie) Ham, was six when Elvyann and Hillory married. A dozen years later, on 16 June 1873, Janie Ham married Matthew Addison Scarborough, Elvyann’s only brother. Thus, her stepdaughter became her sister-in-law [3].

All available evidence indicates that before the War, Hillory H. Ham conducted himself as a well-respected and outstanding member of society. When hostilities began in 1861, Hillory H. Ham used his family’s money to raise and outfit a company of men for the Confederate service. The men styled themselves the “*Stars of Equality*,” elected Ham as their captain on October 13th, and they soon left

Union Parish headed to Camp Moore, Louisiana's Confederate training camp, located in modern Tangipahoa Parish on the New Orleans/Jackson, Mississippi railway line. The unit entered the service of the State of Louisiana on November 13th and formally became Co. E, 19th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army on December 11th.

On 9 January 1862, after a month of training at Camp Moore, Hillory H. Ham resigned his commission as captain and returned home to Farmerville. He took this action shortly before his regiment received orders to travel by rail to north Louisiana to face Federal Gen. U. S. Grant's army in what would result in the Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) on April 6–7, 1862. The 19th Louisiana Regiment actively participated in the bloody action at Shiloh, where it lost one-fifth of its total strength [4].

Hillory H. Ham supposedly resigned and returned home due to the advanced age of his father, William Ham, and physical disability of his younger brother, Reuben J. Ham. During the remainder of the War, Ham oversaw the cultivation of large crops of corn to feed the Confederate Army and provided them with meat from his livestock as well as other supplies. He also served under Henry Regenburg, Commander of the Confederate Post of Farmerville, to collect conscripts. Additionally, he used his large pack of hounds to track down jayhawkers who congregated in the piney hills of southeastern Union, Jackson, and Claiborne Parishes. A collection of Confederate deserters, criminals, and runaway slaves from the large plantations in east Louisiana, these jayhawkers created chaos in the region during the War [5].

In the aftermath of the Civil War, Hillory H. Ham never made the adjustment from his antebellum use of slave labor to work his lands to the postwar system of using farming contracts for former slaves, now classified as "*freedmen*." His younger brother died in 1867, followed by the death of their father in 1868.

These significant life events proved a watershed for Hillory H. Ham. He became an alcoholic, slowly lost his huge plantation, and became physically abusive towards his wife. In 1874, Hillory abandoned Elvyann and their children, and in a petition filed with the Union Parish District Court, she stated that

...without the unrewarded assistance of her friends that her said children would suffer for the absolute necessities of life and would be paupers upon the charity of the world.

Elvyann divided up her eight children, and all went to live among her parents, sisters, and brother.

On 29 February 1876, Elvyann took an exceedingly rare step for a woman in her era: she hired Farmerville attorney William K. Rutland, famous for his actions during the Colfax, Louisiana riots of 1873, and filed for divorce from her husband. Rutland filed Elvyann's divorce petition before

Union Parish Court Judge Thomas C. Lewis. In it, she outlines a heartbreakingly sad story of physical abuse and cruelty that she suffered at Hillory's hands:

To the Honorable the Judge of the Parish Court in and for the parish of Union State of Louisiana.

The petition of Samantha E. Scarborough a resident of your said parish with respect shows that she intermarried with Hilory [sic] H. Ham who is also a resident of your said parish about 15th of November AD 1860 in this parish of Union. She avers that the said marriage has been both disagreeable and unfortunate and that the conduct of the defendant her said husband towards her has been unkind and cruel and totally repugnant to the marriage covenant and has permanently destroyed the happiness of your petitioner. It is avered [sic] that he has repeatedly been guilty of outrages towards her person by beating, and whipping her, that he has violently choked her until the blood would freely flow from her nose, that that he has assaulted her with a pistol and beat her with a stick and with his fist, and has often used abusive and insulting language to her, such as was calculated and intended to bring shame and reproach on her good name in the community in which they lived and among her best friends, and that all of this has been done without any good cause.

She avers that she has even been a dutiful and a prudent wife and careful and mindful of his interests and wishes but that notwithstanding all this he has abandoned her and for more than two years has failed to contribute to the support of your petitioner, his wife, and her large family of helpless children the issue of her marriage with the defendant and that she by her own exertion and with the assistance of her own relatives have to bear the burden of feeding and clothing and educating the same.

She avers that without the unrewarded assistance of her friends that her said children would suffer for the absolute necessities of life and would be paupers upon the charity of the world.

She avers that her said husband has indulged in many excesses, and in habitual intemperance and has involved the community and made it insolvent.

Wherefore she prays that she be authorized to prosecute this suit and stand in judgment herein and that her said husband Hilory [sic] H. Ham be duly cited to answer hereto and that after a trial had hereon that she have Judgment in her favor dissolving the bonds of Matrimony heretofore existing between her and her said husband and for general relief and costs.

W. R. Rutland, Atty for petitioner

Upon receipt of Samantha's petition, Union Parish Clerk of Court W. W. Heard issued a summons to Hillory Ham, ordering him to appear in court to answer within ten days of receipt of the summons. Union Parish Sheriff M. L. McFarland returned the writ with this report:

Recd. in office on the 29th day of Feby. A.D. 1876 and on the same day and date I made service by delivering a certified copy of the within citation together with a certified copy of petition to Hillory H. Ham in person at his domicile in this Parish about four miles from office.

service & mileage 2.80

Hillory ignored his wife's petition and the summons, so Union Parish Judge Thomas C. Lewis issued his judgment two weeks later:

In this case by reason of the law and the evidence adduced on the trial hereon being in favor of the Plaintiff and against the defendant, the judgment by default not having been set aside after two judicial days, it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the said Plaintiff Samantha E. Scarborough wife be authorized to prosecute this suit and stand in judgment and that she have judgment against the Defendant Hilory [sic] H. Ham dissolving the bonds of Matrimony heretofore existing between them and that defendant pay the costs of this Suit.

Thus done read and signed in open court on this 18th day of March 1876.

With her divorce official, Elvyann Scarborough Ham continued to raise her children to the best of her ability, and for the next six years, they remained scattered among her parents and siblings [6].

Exactly one month after their divorce, Hillory H. Ham hired Farmerville attorney G. H. Ellis to petition the court for custody of his eldest son by Samantha, Matthew Addison Ham, then aged fourteen years of age. Ellis filed Ham's petition on April 18th:

To the Honl. the Parish Judge of Union Parish Louisiana.

The petition of Hillory H. Ham a resident of Union Parish La. with respect represents unto your Honl. Court that a judgment "a vinculo matromoni" has been rendered by your Honor in a suit where petitioners wife was plaintiff and petitioner was defendant petitioner represents that there are several minor children the lawful issue of petitioner and his said wife, that all of said children except Mathew A. Ham are living with their mother, that she wishes to keep the said minors and petition wishes to keep the said Mathew A. that said arrangement is perfectly agreeable to all parties – petitioner represents that said minor Mathew A. has no property, but a tutor should be appointed to supt. his education and take charge of and controle [sic] him, and that petitioner is the natural tutor and entitled to said tutorship.

Where fore petitioner prays that he be allowed to qualify as Natural Tutor and that letters of tutorship issue, and that Crawford Ham be appointed Under tutor...

On the day his attorney filed his petition, Hillory H. Ham appeared in court and signed his oath as natural tutor to his son Matthew [7].

The timing of Hillory's petition seems suspicious, coming just one month after the court granted Samantha's request for a divorce. One wonders if he used this custody claim of his son to further punish Samantha, or if he truly wanted and intended to care for his son. At this late date, so long after these events occurred, we can only speculate. Their broken home thrust their children into near poverty for the next generation, garbling family tradition.

However, one potentially telling piece of evidence is that in 1880, Hillory lived with his eldest son, Crawford Ham. Matthew, of whom Hillory pledged to the Union Parish District Court to "take charge of and controle," lived with his first cousin, James Addison Ward, the son of Elvyann's sister,

Betsy Scarborough Ward. It appears that Hillory's alcoholism prevented him from effectively caring for his son after all [8].

There is evidence during this period of other violent behavior by Elvyann's husband and her stepchildren. In 1875, before she filed for divorce, the Union Parish District Court convicted Hillory H. Ham of assault and battery. The details of the situation are not known, but in July 1875, the Louisiana Governor issued him a pardon for this conviction [9].

Elvyann Scarborough Ham's stepson, Hillory Crawford Ham, began exhibiting violent behavior as a young man that resulted in legal problems throughout much of his life. In the early 1900s, *"bad blood is said to have existed between"* Hillory Crawford Ham and his son-in-law, Will Crawford, resulting from an incident in which Ham intervened when Crawford beat his wife, Ham's daughter. Something reignited their quarrel on 25 January 1910, and Crawford shot and killed Crawford Ham [10]. In 1913, Hillory H. Ham's grandson, Oscar C. Roye, shot and killed Farmerville butcher Frederick E. Mayo in a trivial dispute [11].

Given the negative societal views on divorce in that era, Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham's divorce undoubtedly brought great shame upon her and her family. Elvyann's parents and many of her siblings were members of the Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church, and she herself probably belonged to the church. Primitive Baptists viewed divorce as unacceptable, and, following their beliefs, she did not remarry.

After six years of having her children divided among her parents and siblings, in 1880 Elvyann Scarborough Ham began the process of obtaining title to a 40-acre tract of vacant government land that adjoined her parents' farm near Bayou d'Loutre. In the latter portion of that year, she had a *"dwelling house...a common log house"* built upon the tract, and in January 1881, she and her children moved onto the property. In 1883, she valued the house at \$50 and her sons had *"some two or three acres cleared and cultivated."* On 23 November 1883, as a *"femme sole"* and under her legal name of *"Samantha E. Scarborough,"* she filed a homestead application for the land, paying the fee of \$6.00 in cash before Union Parish Clerk of Court James M. Smith.

Elvyann and her children lived on her new farm for thirteen years. In 1884 and 1885, she paid taxes on animals valued at \$20 and on \$30 worth of other property, while in 1886, she paid taxes for her *"improvement on public land"* (her farm) valued at \$50 and animals valued at \$73. In 1889, she still had three acres cleared and in cultivation valued at \$40, and she owned livestock valued at \$65, including one mare, seven cattle, and ten hogs. In 1890, her livestock was valued at only \$45, including one horse and four cattle, while in 1891, her livestock was worth only \$40. By 1892, she had cleared and put into cultivation eight acres, with the land valued at \$20, but that year she

did not pay taxes on any livestock. In 1893 and 1894, she paid taxes on her eight acres valued at \$20 and livestock valued at \$10.

On 24 September 1894, Elvyann Scarborough Ham unexpectedly cancelled her homestead application without any explanation. Even though she had cancelled it, she still paid 1895 taxes on eight acres valued at \$20. In 1897, she paid taxes on 48 acres valued at \$50 and animals valued at \$10. There is no record of her owning any property after 1894, and it seems more likely that in 1895 and 1897, she merely paid the taxes on land owned by one of her sons [12].

After cancelling her homestead application, Elvyann Scarborough Ham ceased to maintain her own household and spent the rest of her life living with her children [13]. She outlived many of them, with her daughter, Bettie, dying between 1880 and 1900, Anna in 1900, Alice in 1910, and John Hubbard Ham in 1913. She appears to have spent her final years living with two of her surviving children. Matthew Addison (Dick) Ham and Rosa Ham McLemore.

Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham died of influenza on Thursday, 6 April 1922 [14]. Farmerville's "*The Gazette*" printed this notice of her death:

Mrs. Samantha E. Ham, widow of the late Hillory H. Ham, died on last Thursday, the 6th. inst., at the home of her son, Mr. Dick Ham about six miles east of Farmerville.

The deceased was 79 years of age at the time of her death. Interment took place in the Taylor cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Smith.

Elder Woody King Smith then served as the pastor of the Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church, and this gives strong indication that Elvyann herself belonged to the Liberty Hill Church. Her family undoubtedly buried her near the graves of her parents, but none of them had a tombstone until descendants erected one in 2006 [15]

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Children of Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham

Samantha Elvyann Scarborough (15 Sep 1842–6 Apr 1922) married on 15 November 1860 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Hillory Herbert Ham (Sr.) (c1828–12 Apr 1889). They lived as a married couple for fourteen years before Hillory left Elvyann and their children about 1874. Samantha and Hillory divorced on 18 March 1876.

Federal census records indicate that Elvyann had a total of nine children during the fourteen years that she and Hillory lived as wife and husband [1]. Their known children include:

1. **Matthew Addison Ham** [Dick] (Dec 1861–23 Mar 1930) married on 9 April 1885 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Henrietta Jane Russell [Helen, Etta, Jennie, Janie] (19 Mar 1868–9 Mar 1942).
2. **Nancy Alice Ham** (Mar 1863–1910) married 8 January 1880 in Union Parish, Louisiana to William Jackson Roan (1 Dec 1859–26 May 1904).
3. **William J. Ham** (Oct 1865–aft. 1900).
4. [Mary T. Anna Ham](#) [Anna, Mittie] (Nov 1867–13 Dec 1900) married on 7 April 1884 in Union Parish, Louisiana to William Pinckney Boatright [Will] (10 Nov 1857–8 Feb 1901).
5. [Henry Regenburg Ham](#) (6 Aug 1868–17 May 1947) married on 28 May 1896 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Daisy A. Elkins (21 Apr 1878–28 Jul 1946). Henry married on 27 April 1902 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Betty Gertrude Towns (19 Feb 1882–23 Apr 1957).
6. [John Hubbard Ham](#) (14 Mar 1870–2 Jan 1913) married on 19 December 1895 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Lillie Saphronia Elkins (4 Mar 1876–2 Nov 1911).
7. **Bettie Ham** (c1872–aft. 1880) lived with her mother in 1880. It is not known if she died young or married.
8. **Rosa Etta Ham** [Rosie] (Jun 1874–7 Dec 1934) married in Union Parish, Louisiana on 29 December 1901 to Amos G. McLemore (24 Nov 1856–28 Sep 1927),
9. unknown **Ham** – given that Elvyann gave birth to a child about every two years during their marriage, her unknown, ninth child may have been a twin to one of her other children. The child died young.

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Biographical Sketches of Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham's Children

This section gives brief biographies of the children of Elvyann Scarborough and Hillery Herbert Ham Sr., including information on their known grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



1. Matthew Addison Ham

Matthew Addison Ham [Dick] (Dec 1861–23 Mar 1930) married on 9 April 1885 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Henrietta Jane Russell [Helen, Etta, Jennie, Janie] (19 Mar 1868–9 Mar 1942), daughter of John W. Russell (15 Oct 1834–26 Jan 1893).

Despite his chaotic home life during his teenage years, Matthew A. Ham became a successful farmer. During the economically difficult last fifteen years of the nineteenth century, he managed to purchase his own farm, and by 1900 owned it free from any mortgage. As such, he appears to have fared better financially than most of his siblings. On 17 September 1896, during the midst of the devastating drought of 1896, Dick Ham's smokehouse caught fire and burned [1]:

Thursday night Mr. M. A. Ham, who lives about five miles east of town, was roused from his sleep by the roaring of fire which he found was fast consuming his smoke house. It was only after a hard fight that the flames were prevented from destroying his dwelling which was but a short distance from the burning house. The fire broke out from a barrel in which ashes had been put. Mr. Ham's loss is not very heavy but he had a very narrow escape from having everything he had destroyed by the fire.

Dick Ham farmed for the rest of his life, living a quiet life on his farm just outside Farmerville. He maintained his subscription to Farmerville's newspaper, "*The Gazette*," and, like most farmers, he made periodic trips to town for supplies and to hear the local news [2].

On 23 March 1930, at the age of about sixty-nine years, Matthew A. Ham died suddenly of heart problems. The Farmerville newspaper published his obituary [3]:

M. A. Ham, an old and prominent citizen of this parish, died suddenly early last Sunday morning, March 23, at the home of his son-in-law, Ben. F. Hayes, in whose home he had spent the previous night. He was sitting at breakfast when, suddenly, he collapsed and died of heart failure. He had been troubled with heart disease for some time.

Janie Russell Ham lived for another dozen years. At her March 1942 death, her obituary stated that, "*She was better known to her friends and neighbors as 'Cousin Janie'*" [4]. Matthew and Janie Ham are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

The known children of Dick and Henrietta Jane Ham include [5]:

1. **Etta Samantha Ham** (1 Jun 1886–30 Sep 1968) married on 29 January 1905 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Benjamin F. Hayes, Sr. (7 Aug 1882–22 Aug 1973), son of William Arnett Hayes (18 Nov 1838–26 Apr 1916) and Flora R. Parker (14 Sep 1839–14 Nov 1903). Etta and Benjamin Haynes are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
2. **Metta E. Ham** (11 Dec 1888–19 Jul 1947) married in Union Parish, Louisiana on 24 November 1907 to Robert Plez McGowen (16 Mar 1878–20 Jan 1958), son of Elijah E. McGowen (1 May 1829–15 Feb 1914). Metta and Robert are buried in the Harper Springs Cemetery near Huttig, Union County, Arkansas. Children of Metta Ham and Robert P. McGowen, both buried in the Harper Springs Cemetery, Huttig, Union County, Arkansas.
 - a. **Willie Lelia McGowen** (9 Jan 1909–1 Mar 1993) married on 19 July 1924 to Floyd Elmore Johnson (16 Jul 1905–30 Dec 1992).
 - b. **Matthew Coleman McGowen** (4 Nov 1912–28 May 1982).
3. **Lourena Lott Ham** [Lou] (1 Jan 1890–18 Nov 1960) married on 22 December 1907 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Ceismond Dillard Nyegaard (12 Oct 1887–3 Jan 1967), son of William Ceismond Nyegaard (27 Jul 1855–1 Feb 1944) and Lorena Alethia Walker (2 Mar 1864–11 Sep 1895). In 1930, Ceismond Nyegaard worked as a public road grader in 1930. Lou and Ceismond Nyegard are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery near Farmerville. Children of Lourena Ham and Ceismond D. Nyegaard, all buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery:
 - a. [infant daughter] **Nyegaard** (16 Jan 1909–16 Jan 1909).
 - b. **Ree Nyegaard** [female] (16 Jan 1909–13 May 1909).
 - c. **Edna Jane Nyegaard** (4 Nov 1910–21 Jan 1917) died of pneumonia at the age of six years. Her obituary is a long lamentation of the loss of the little girl, including [6]:

Edna Nyegaard the little six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nyegaard died of pneumonia, Jan. 21st.

The remains were laid to rest, Jan. 22nd, in the Taylor cemetery, in the presence of her friends and relatives to await the final summons on the resurrection morning.

She leaves a heart-broken father and mother, brother and sister, and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Weep not, dear parents for Edna is not dead, she is only asleep in the arms of Jesus. When we think of the days that she spent with us all, we feel that she has left a world made better by the short life that she spent with us all. And that she has gone to that home where sickness, and sorrow and death never comes.

Oh! We are grieved because we know that our eyes have rested on our dear Edna's face for the last time.

Edna Nyegaard is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

- d. **Cleo Rena Nyegaard** (8 Nov 1912–11 Oct 2001) married on 15 June 1930 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Rubin Gray Edwards (23 Aug 1912–26 Sep 2001), son of Andrew Miller Edwards (28 Mar 1874–8 Apr 1948) and Ollie Taylor (9 Oct 1878–15 Dec 1956).
- e. **William Dillard Nyegaard** (10 Apr 1915–30 May 1976) married Lovie Ramsey (22 Oct 1920–25 May 1998), daughter of Ernest Beasley Ramsey (15 Nov 1877–27 Feb 1922) and Delta McGough (10 Jan 1883–4 Oct 1970).

4. **John Amos Ham** (13 Jun 1892–21 Dec 1935) married on 1 September 1920 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Cornelia H. Odom (18 Feb 1894–9 Dec 1944), daughter of James Duncan Odom (12 Oct 1860–9 Mar 1925) and Zilpha Elizabeth Ann Agerton (17 Mar 1860–22 Feb 1925). John Amos and Cornelia Ham are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

John A. Ham enlisted as a private in the United States Army on 28 May 1918, serving in Company B, 142nd M.G. Battalion. He was discharged on 4 January 1919 and not sent overseas. In 1920, John lived with his parents near Farmerville, where he worked as a farmer.

John Amos Ham died instantly in an accident on Saturday evening before Christmas Day 1935, about 6:00 p.m. Farmerville's newspaper stated that he left town on December 21st in his wagon headed to his home [7],

...when he fell from his wagon to the pavement on the north side of Farmerville where the streets cross in front of the W. J. Turnage residence...Residents near the scene of the accident say they heard an impact as though a car had hit something. Rushing to the scene, they found Ham lying on the pavement with life practically extinct, as he died instantly. One lady said she saw him fall from the wagon to the pavement. It was thought by some that a car hit the wagon in which the unfortunate man was riding.

John Amos Ham and Cornelia Odom Ham had only one son to survive infancy [8]. After John's death, Cornelia remarried on 20 December 1939 to Ernest H. Ward (24 Jun 1893–12 May 1970).

Child of John Amos and Cornelia Odom Ham:

- a. **John Dillard Ham** (2 Mar 1927–28 Mar 1948) worked for his stepfather, Ernest H. Ward, in 1940. John Dillard Ham is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery.

5. **Perry Hillory Ham** (5 Mar 1896–2 Jul 1957) married in 1917 to Velma Alice Hubbard (14 Jan 1902–23 Mar 1935), daughter of John Bunyan Hubbard (28 Dec 1872–15 Aug 1932) and Nancy Elizabeth Lewis (19 Oct 1878–22 Aug 1958). In 1920, Perry and Velma lived on his parents'

farm, but by 1930, Perry had purchased his own farm further out on the Marion Road in Ward 2. Perry and Velma Ham are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

6. **Era Elena Ham** (26 Dec 1899–14 Sep 1949) married on 30 March 1917 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Percy Powell Hubbard (28 Mar 1897–22 Nov 1970), son of John Bunyan Hubbard (28 Dec 1872–15 Aug 1932) and Nancy Elizabeth Lewis (19 Oct 1878–22 Aug 1958). When they married, Percy lived in Marion and Era in Farmerville. Era Ham Hubbard died in Lincoln County, Arkansas, but she and Percy P. Hubbard are buried in the Arlington Memorial Park, El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas.

Era's tombstone has her year of birth inscribed as 1900, but the 1900 Federal Census identifies her as "*Era Alena Ham*," born in December 1899, and puts her age as five months on 7 June 1900 [9]. The 1910 Federal Census has her age as 10 years, which would fit a December 1899 birth.

7. [infant] **Ham**, born/died prior to 1900 according to the 1900 census.
8. **Linnie Alice Ham** (4 Jun 1903–22 Dec 1928) married in 1918 to William J. Hubbard [Jess] (28 Mar 1899–2 Aug 1983), son of John Bunyan Hubbard (28 Dec 1872–15 Aug 1932) and Nancy Elizabeth Lewis (19 Oct 1878–22 Aug 1958). Linnie is buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana. Jess Hubbard is buried with his second wife in the Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery, El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas. Linnie and Jess Hubbard had five known children:
 - a. **Jessie Marvin Hubbard** (27 Jul 1920–24 May 1995) married Ruby V. Pesnell (31 Jan 1921–14 May 2010), daughter of William Noah Pesnell (30 Sep 1888–20 Jun 1967) and Susan Ella Dendy (17 Apr 1893–10 Mar 1975). Jessie and Ruby Hubbard are buried in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery, Tyler, Smith County, Texas, Section J Garden of Honor, Row 8, Blk 20, CLC 1.
 - b. **John William Hubbard** (22 Aug 1922–27 Feb 1989) married Mary Frances Chenoweth (13 Feb 1929–8 July 2013), daughter of John B. Chenoweth (4 Nov 1906–13 Apr 1990) and Vera Levone Miller [Jewel] (11 Jun 1907–13 May 1983). John and Mary Frances Hubbard are buried in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Harris County, Texas, Section K, Site 2580.
 - c. **Harvey Albert Hubbard** (11 Sep 1925–23 Mar 1980) married Meverlene Hanson (3 Aug 1924–20 Mar 1986), daughter of Allen Darsey Hanson (11 Sep 1892–Jul 1971) and

Myrtle DeLoach (23 Jul 1900–18 Feb 1981). Harvey and Meverlene Hubbard are buried in the Jolley Chapel Cemetery, El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas.

- d. **Mary Hubbard** born December 1928.
- e. **Martha Hubbard** born December 1928.

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2. Nancy Alice Ham Roan

Nancy Alice Ham (Mar 1863–1910) married on 8 January 1880 in Union Parish, Louisiana to William Jackson Roan (1 Dec 1859–26 May 1904), son of Elijah Roan (1826–14 Nov 1895) and Sarah Elizabeth Rabun (1840–Feb 1912). For two decades after their marriage, Nancy Alice and William J. Roan farmed on the outskirts of Farmerville. They moved to town about 1902 or 1903, and in November 1903, local citizens elected Roan as Farmerville's Town Marshal.

In late spring of 1904, William J. Roan became ill with a condition that ultimately proved fatal. Farmerville's newspaper, "*The Gazette*," published these notices beginning three weeks prior to his death [10]:

May 18th:

We regret to learn that Mr. W. J. Roane, town marshal, has been confined to his room with sickness for the past week.

May 25th:

We regret to learn that the condition of town marshall [sic] W. J. Roane is not improved.

June 1st:

Town Marshal W. J. Roan, after an illness of about three weeks, died Thursday night May 26. He is buried Friday in the Taylor graveyard about five miles north of town. Mr. Roan left rather a large family and to them THE GAZETTE extends sympathy in their bereavement.

Nancy and William Roan are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana. The 1900 federal census reported that Nancy had given birth to eight children, only six of whom were then living [11]. The known children of Nancy Alice Ham and William Jackson Roan:

1. **William Elijah Roan** [Will] (27 Jun 1881–21 Feb 1931) married Parilee Thomas (4 Jul 1884–22 Mar 1968), daughter of Harvey E. Thomas (21 Aug 1838–8 Mar 1919) and Sarah Adaline Mashaw (16 Dec 1854–30 Mar 1939). In 1930, Will and Parilee lived next to his brother, Jesse, in Farmerville, and Will worked as the Farmerville Jailer. Will and Parilee Roan are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
2. **John David Roan** (22 Sep 1886–14 Mar 1950) married Minnie Mae Cole (3 Jan 1891–5 Feb 1926), daughter of William Meek Cole (10 Mar 1845–28 Jan 1929). John and Minnie Roan are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
3. **Oliver Robert Roan** (28 Dec 1888–3 Mar 1944) married on 1 February 1914 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Effie Mae Auld (8 Nov 1893–30 Jan 1972), daughter of James Henry Auld [Jim] (3 Feb 1871–17 Dec 1941) and Savannah McGough [Vanna] (1 Feb 1873–9 Jan 1951). When he married, Oliver Roan lived in DeLoutre. After their marriage, Oliver and Effie settled in

Farmerville, where they operated a dry cleaning business on North Main Street. Oliver and Effie Mae Roan are buried in the Farmerville Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

4. **Eva Clarendia Roan** (18 Sep 1891–18 Apr 1928) married Clarence Walker Nyegaard (16 Jan 1891–3 Sep 1957), son of William Ceismond Nyegaard (27 Jul 1855–1 Feb 1944) and Lorena Alethia Walker (2 Mar 1864–11 Sep 1895). Eva and Clarence Nyegaard are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Union Parish, Louisiana.
5. **Jesse Aylmer Roan** (19 Oct 1894–26 Jul 1969) married Camille Stancil (17 Oct 1902–4 Apr 1984), daughter of Ollie T. Stancil (8 Mar 1870–1 Jul 1931) and Zula Westbrook (31 Dec 1869–4 May 1958). In 1930, Jesse Roan owned and operated a carpenter shop in Farmerville. Jesse and Camille Roan are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
6. **Alice Roan** [Allie] (18 Jul 1897–25 Jan 1980) married on 31 March 1920 to Elzae Cleaton McCalip (26 Jan 1894–27 Nov 1962), son of John McCalip (7 Mar 1869–8 Sep 1950) and Willie Mae Hill (13 Mar 1874–22 May 1936). Allie Roan and Elzae McCalip are buried in the Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
7. [unknown] **Roan**, died prior to 1900.
8. [unknown] **Roan**, died prior to 1900.
9. **Annie Merle Roan** (28 Jun 1902–18 Sep 1994) married Robert Ira Westbrook (26 Nov 1898–27 Oct 1965), son of Elgin Lorenzo Westbrook (7 Jan 1867–22 Dec 1946) and Irene Estelle Haile (16 May 1874–20 Nov 1965). Annie is buried in the Forest Park East Cemetery, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Robert is buried in the Westlawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Gretna, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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3. William J. Ham

William J. Ham (Oct 1865–aft. 1910) William J. Ham lived with his parents on their farm just east of Farmerville in 1870. In 1880, William lived with his older half-sister and uncle, Clarendia Jane Ham and Matthew A. Scarborough. William J. Ham was still single in 1900, when he lived with his mother and older brother, Dick Ham, near Farmerville.

Based upon the number of living children attributed to Elvyann in 1910, William J. Ham survived until then, but little else is known of him with any certainty. On 12 September 1918, a man by the name of “*Will Ham*” registered for the World War I draft in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. He was described as a white man and reported his age as thirty-seven and birthplace at Farmerville, Louisiana. He was identified as “*Insane*” and an “*Inmate*” at the “*Insane Hosp. Pineville*,” the Louisiana State Hospital in Pineville. He was listed as having blue eyes and gray hair, and he signed his name as “*Will Ham*” to the registration [12]. Although the age given does not match that of William J. Ham, this is probably the same man.

We have no further record of William J. Ham.

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3. [Mary T. Anna Ham Boatright](#)

Mary T. Anna Ham [Anna, Mittie] (Nov 1867–13 Dec 1900) married on 7 April 1884 in Union Parish, Louisiana to William Pinckney Boatright [Will] (10 Nov 1857–8 Feb 1901), son of James Boatright (c1821–29 Nov 1862) and Jane E. Stiles (c1824–1/5 Aug 1896). Anna and Will Boatright are buried in the Hamburg Cemetery, Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas.

See the [Anna Ham and Will Boatright Biography](#) for more details of their lives and those of their children, who include:

1. **Jewel Emmett Boatright** (22 Jan 1885–15 Jul 1971) married on 19 April 1925 in Ashley County, Arkansas to Ida Belle Sims (20 Feb 1890–25 Nov 1938), daughter of Mage Beavers Sims (1851–1937) and Elida Bell (1860–1942). Jewel and Ida are buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas.
2. [George William Boatright](#) (6 Sep 1886–24 Dec 1934) married on 22 January 1912 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Elizabeth Dean [Lizzie] (24 Nov 1885–20 Jan 1959), daughter of Thomas Allen Dean (29 Apr 1851–2 Aug 1924) and Rebecca Frances Albritton (1 Nov 1850–6 Mar 1935). George and Lizzie Boatright are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
3. **Frances Alice Boatright** (10 May 1890–27 Aug 1950) is buried in the Central Louisiana State Hospital Cemetery, Pineville, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.
4. **John Elliott Boatright** [Johnnie] (6 Aug 1893–4 Mar 1936) never married and is buried beside George, in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [13].
5. **Bethel Boatright** (28 May 1897–7 Nov 1987) married on 11 November 1917 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Mattie Grace Brazzeal (16 Oct 1898–14 Apr 1992), daughter of Noel Gordon Brazzeal (27 Aug 1873–16 Jul 1949) and Mattie Harriet Patterson (20 Feb 1875–26 May 1961). Bethel and Grace Boatright are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery.
6. **Ethel Boatright** (28 May 1897–May 1897) died in infancy and is reportedly buried in the Rocky Branch Cemetery, located about fifteen miles southeast of Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

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5. [Henry Regenburg Ham](#)

Henry Regenburg Ham (6 Aug 1868–17 May 1947) was the namesake of Henry Regenburg (12 May 1817–8 Oct 1868). A native of Denmark, Regenburg became a prominent Farmerville attorney and Louisiana Legislator. Prior to the Civil War, Henry R. Ham's grandfather, William Ham, had retained Regenburg as his legal counsel. During the Civil War, Regenburg commanded the Confederate Post at Farmerville, and Hillory H. Ham worked closely with him in this role, collecting Confederate conscripts and maintaining order in the piney hills of Union Parish [14].

Henry R. Ham married on 28 May 1896 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Daisy A. Elkins (21 Apr 1878–28 Jul 1946), daughter of John William Elkins (19 Aug 1846–24 Jul 1925) and Josephine Freeman (1848–16 Dec 1933). Henry and Daisy divorced, and Henry married on 27 April 1902 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Betty Gertrude Towns (19 Feb 1882–23 Apr 1957), daughter of Richard Gideon Towns (22 Dec 1849–20 Apr 1922) and Frances Jane Walker (7 Oct 1855–3 Jan 1936). Henry and Betty Gertrude Ham are buried in the Union-Sadie Cemetery, Sadie, Union Parish, Louisiana. Daisy Elkins Skates is buried in the Hasley Cemetery, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

For details of the writings of Henry R. Ham and a description of his early life, see this article: [From Blind Tiger to Prohibitionist](#).

Henry Regenburg Ham had children with both of his wives. The best evidence indicates that he and Daisy A. Elkins had two children:

1. **Birdie Effie Ham** (26 Feb 1897–7 Jan 1986) lived with her aunt, Nancy Alice Ham Roan, in Farmerville in 1900 [15]. In 1910, she lived in Ouachita Parish with her mother, stepfather, brother, Noah, and her siblings by her mother's second marriage [16]. The source for "Effie" as Birdie's middle name is unknown.

Birdie E. Ham married on 17 October 1914 in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana to Robert Lee Gabriel (17 Apr 1884–6 Feb 1960), son of Silas and Melissa Gabriel. Their marriage record shows that her grandfather, J. W. Elkins and aunt, Arsena Elkins, witnessed her marriage [17]. Strangely, the marriage record listed her father as **John H. Ham**, not Henry. Other records show that Birdie's father was indeed Henry, who married her mother almost exactly nine months prior to Birdie's birth. In Henry's 1947 obituary, Birdie is listed along with Noah J. Ham as his children by a former marriage [18]. It appears that the clerk who recorded the information when Birdie obtained her marriage license listed the name of Birdie's uncle as her father.

Birdie Ham Gabriel's obituary only mentioned her half-siblings by her mother as survivors, not her half-sister and brother by her father's second wife, Gertie Ham Walker and Raymond

Ham, both of whom survived her. Presumably, she did not have a close relationship with them [19]. Birdie and Robert Gabriel are buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

2. **Noah Jasper Ham** [Jack] (3 Dec 1899–1 Jun 1976) lived with his mother, Daisy, in the household of her parents, John and Josephine Elkins, in Ward 5, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, incorrectly listed as a female. In 1910, he lived with his mother and stepfather in Ouachita Parish. When he registered for the World War I draft on 12 September 1918 at the age of eighteen, Noah gave his occupation as “*Carpenter*” and address as 316 Ouachita Avenue in Monroe. In 1920, he worked on an oil rig in Ouachita Parish.

Between 1920 and 1926, Noah J. Ham married his double first cousin, Mattie Lou Ham (1 Feb 1899–17 Apr 1993), daughter of John Hubbard Ham (14 Mar 1870–2 Jan 1913) and Lillie Saphronia Elkins (4 Mar 1876–2 Nov 1911). They had no children of their own to survive infancy, but they did raise Mattie Lou’s daughter by her first marriage. The location of their marriage is unknown, but in May 1926, “*Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Roan and children, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Ham and children...visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Aulds in Monroe Sunday*” [20]. This shows that Mattie Lou had married Noah J. Ham between 1920 and 1926. O. R. Roan was Oliver Robert Roan, their first cousin, the son of Nancy Alice Ham Roan, and “*Mrs. W. B. Aulds*” was Minnie Josephine Ham Aulds, Mattie’s older sister.

In the latter 1920s, Noah and Mattie Ham moved to Texas, and in 1930 and 1940, they lived in Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas, where he worked at a carbon plant. At his mother’s death in 1946, he lived in Hobbs, New Mexico [21]. Noah and Mattie later settled in Masterson, Moore County, located in the Texas Panhandle. Noah Ham worked there for the U.S. Bureau of Mines. In 1968, Noah and Mattie moved to Lindale, Smith County, Texas. He died of respiratory failure due to chronic bronchopulmonary disease, perhaps from years of working at a carbon plant. Jack and Mattie Ham are buried in the Damascus Cemetery, Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

Children of Henry R. Ham and Betty Gertrude Towns:

3. **Mittie Ham** (21 May 1898–26 Dec 1977) was conceived and born while her father was married to Daisey Elkins. Mittie has not been found on the 1900 federal census, but in 1910, she lived with Henry and Gertrude in the Sadie community of northeastern Union Parish. Mittie Ham married on 12 May 1917 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Moses C. Walker (25 Jul 1896–29 May 1956), son of Hiram W. Walker and Hattie Farlena Knox. In 1920, Mittie and Moses Walker lived next to her parents, and he worked as a farmer. In 1930, Mittie and Moses Walker lived

in Felsenthal, in Lapile Township near Huttig with their two children and her younger brother, Jewel H. Ham. Moses Walker's occupation was "*Laborer; Odd Jobs.*" In 1940, Mittie and Moses farmed in Chicot County, working the same land as her siblings, Gertie Mae Ham Walker and Raymond Ham, with their parents living nearby. Mittie and Moses Walker are buried in the Harper Springs Cemetery, Huttig, Union County, Arkansas.

4. **Rosa E. Ham** (9 May 1903–30 Sep 1985) lived with her parents in Lapile Township, Union County, Arkansas in 1920. Sometime in the 1920s, she married William Gaines Bradley (27 Mar 1907–15 Aug 2000). By the 1950s, they lived in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Rosa and William are buried in the Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, in the Hillcrest West plot.
5. **Hughey Ham** (24 Apr 1904–22 May 1955) married in 1926 to Loduskee Black (1906–1983), daughter of Arrie Thomas Black (8 Dec 1880–17 Jan 1957) and Kate Tubbs (5 Aug 1880–15 Oct 1974). In 1930, Hughey and Loduskee lived in northern Union Parish, and he worked as a contractor hauling logs. A few years later, they moved to Farmerville, and by 1940, Hughey had opened his own log business, contracting with the Union Sawmill headquartered in Huttig, Arkansas. When he registered for the draft on 14 February 1942, the Registrar listed his height as 5'9½", weight as 195 lbs., and described him as having blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion.

In 1955, both Hughey and Loduskee Ham contracted pneumonia and sought treatment at Green's Clinic in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. While under treatment at the clinic, Hughey suffered a heart attack. His obituary described him as a "*local lumberman, sports enthusiast, and civic leader*" who was a member and deacon of Farmerville's First Baptist Church [22].

Loduskee continued living in Farmerville after Hughey's death. She served as one of the original applicants of the First Federal Charter and served as the Office Manager and Director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Union Parish, retiring on 29 February 1972. Hughey and Loduskee Ham are buried in the Farmerville Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Hughey and Loduskee Ham had two children to live to adulthood [23]:

- a. **Huell Lee Ham** [Huey] (6 Aug 1932–11 May 2020) married Mary Jean Scarborough (9 Mar 1942–25 Dec 2022). Huey and Mary Ham are buried in the Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Harris County, Texas (Section C-17, Row E, Site 39).
- b. **Floyd Ham** (21 Dec 1934–8 Jan 2006) is buried in the Farmerville Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana beside his parents.

6. **Grady Henry Ham** (9 Jan 1906–14 Sep 1969) was born in Texas, according to the 1910, 1920, and 1940 Federal Censuses. However, when he registered for the World War II draft on 16 October 1940 in Union Parish, he gave his place of birth as “*unknown*.” In 1930, Henry lived with his grandmother Frances Towns in Union Parish, where he worked “*odd jobs*.”

Grady Ham married on 10 October 1936 to Sarah Thelma Calloway [Sallie] (29 Jan 1918–25 Dec 2011), daughter of Joseph Lee Calloway (7 Feb 1892–21 Apr 1969) and Naughvell Futch (6 Mar 1897–22 Mar 1974). In 1940, Grady operated a rented farm near Conway, in northern Union Parish near the Arkansas state line. However, by the time he registered for the draft later that year, he was employed by the Union Parish School Board.

When Grady registered for the World War II draft on 16 October 1940, he gave his birthdate as 9 January 1906. However, his tombstone has 1908 inscribed as his birth year. Census records list him as aged four in 1910 and thirteen in 1920, both of which suggest a 1906 birth year. When he registered for the draft in October 1940, the registrar gave this information on him: height: 5’7”; weight: 150 lbs; blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion. Grady and Sallie Ham died in Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas. Grady and Sallie are buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas.

7. **Jewel Harold Ham** (14 Oct 1908–1957/1969) lived with his older sister, Mittie Ham Walker, in Felsenthal, and worked as a laborer at the sawmill. Jewel H. Ham married on 9 October 1932 in Chicot County, Arkansas to Mary Kate Smith (c1917–aft. 1940), and they farmed in Chicot County in 1940. When he registered for the World War II draft on 16 October 1940 at Lake Village, Arkansas, the registrar gave his height at 5’6” and weight as 132 lbs. Between 1940 and 1948, Jewel H. Ham married Mickey McGee (c1927–1960), and in 1950, they farmed in Chicot County, Arkansas.
8. **Gertie Mae Ham** [Doll] (27 Feb 1910–15 Oct 2002) married on 16 October 1924 in Union County, Arkansas to Elias Walker (4 Jan 1901–19 Jan 1965), son of Hiram W. Walker and Hattie Farlena Knox. In 1930, Gertie and Elias Walker lived in Huttig, where he worked as a laborer in the sawmill. In 1940, Mittie and Moses farmed in Chicot County, cultivating the same land as her siblings, Mittie Ham Walker and Raymond Ham, with their parents living nearby. Gertie owned and operated Walkers Grocery Store in Felsenthal for over twenty years. She was also a member of the Felsenthal First Baptist Church [24]. Gertie and Elias are buried in the Harper Springs Cemetery near Huttig, Union County, Arkansas.
9. **Emmett Earl Ham** (15 Jan 1912–28 Apr 1950) suffered from a disability that prevented him from working, and he lived with his parents his entire life. He registered for the draft on 16

October 1940 at Lake Village, Arkansas, and the registrar gave this information about him: height: 5'9"; weight: 100 lbs; blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion, and obvious physical characteristic: *"Spinal affliction – can't walk."* Emmett E. Ham is buried in the Union-Sadie Cemetery, Sadie, Union Parish, Louisiana.

10. **Raymond Elbert Ham** (24 Feb 1919–4 Jun 2001) was born at Huttig, Union County, Arkansas. When he registered for the World War II draft with his brothers on 16 October 1940 at Lake Village, Arkansas, he listed his employer as a construction company. The Registrar gave this information about him: height: 5'11"; weight: 148 lbs; blue eyes, blonde hair, light complexion.

Raymond E. Ham married on 29 October 1939 in Chicot County, Arkansas to Frances Norriene Corser (31 Mar 1918–17 May 2001), daughter of Charles Edward Corser (26 Aug 1877–2 Jan 1945) and Lillar Mitchell (7 Jul 1880–17 Jan 1962). Raymond and Frances Ham are buried in the Mitchell Cemetery, Walker County, Texas.

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6. [John Hubbard Ham](#)

John Hubbard Ham (14 Mar 1870–2 Jan 1913) married on 19 December 1895 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Lillie Saphronia Elkins (4 Mar 1876–2 Nov 1911), daughter of John William Elkins (19 Aug 1846–24 Jul 1925) and Josephine Freeman (1848–16 Dec 1933) [25]. John and Lillie Ham began their married life on a farm east of Farmerville. For details of their lives and the tragedies that befell their family, see the article: [The John Hubbard Ham Family](#).

Lillie Elkins Ham died in 1911 and is buried in the Mount Nebo Cemetery, eight miles south of Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana. John H. Ham died in Ouachita Parish and is buried in the Drew Cemetery near West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

John H. Ham and Lillie S. Elkins had nine children to survive infancy [26]:

1. **Minnie Josephine Ham** (9 Nov 1896–26 Feb 1987) married on 19 December 1914 in Union Parish, Louisiana to William Bennett Aulds [Willie] (10 Aug 1894–15 Sep 1971), son of James Henry Auld [Jim] (3 Feb 1871–17 Dec 1941) and Savannah McGough [Vanna] (1 Feb 1873–9 Jan 1951). Soon after the deaths of Minnie's twin babies in April 1926, her marriage to Willie B. Aulds dissolved. They became legally divorced by 23 October 1927, when Willie remarried.

In early 1926, while still legally married to Aulds, Minnie J. Ham formed a relationship with Gordon Monroe Ray (23 Nov 1902–4 Oct 1974), son of Newton Jasper Ray (13 Aug 1874–4 Feb 1965) and Georgia Irene Martin (27 Sep 1878–16 Aug 1954) of Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Minnie gave birth to a son on 27 January 1927 in Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas. Minnie and Gordon married on 19 December 1927 in Ector County, Texas, eleven months after their son's birth. Soon after their marriage, Minnie and Gordon settled in Iraan, Pecos County, Texas, the site of a gigantic oil field. They lived there in 1930 and 1940, with Ray working in the oil fields as a "*roustabout*" for the Ohio Oil Company.

Minnie and Gordon Ray divorced in the 1940s, and by 1950, Minnie had moved to Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico, where she operated a retail grocery store. The 1950 federal census lists her as widowed, but she was actually divorced. Living with Minnie in Hobbs were her son, Talmage, and Frances Ham, a widowed woman born about 1910 in New York and identified as Minnie's sister. Frances Ham is not Minnie's biological sister, and her precise identity is uncertain.

Minnie J. Ham later married Mr. Hughes and Mr. Duvall. In 1958, she settled in Roseville, California. Minnie is buried in the Roseville Public Cemetery Cemetery (also known as the Roseville Cemetery), in Roseville, Placer County, California. Willie B. Aulds is buried in the Antioch Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana, while Gordon M. Ray is buried in the

Mer Rouge Cemetery, Mer Rouge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Details of Minnie's last two husbands are unknown. Minnie Josephine Ham had children with both Willie B. Aulds and Gordon M. Ray:

- a. **Lorraine Aulds** (19 Oct 1916–6 June 2008) married Broadus Ruffin Odom (25 Oct 1917–21 Dec 2005), son of Ruffin M. Odom (11 Feb 1886–Nov 1979) and Maude C. Turnage (1891–1963). Lorraine and Broadus Odom are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana.
- b. **Mildred Aulds** (4 Dec 1917–10 Oct 2000) married on 18 June 1936 in Union Parish, Louisiana to James Paul Bryan (10 Feb 1916–18 Jan 2001). In 1940, Mildred and Paul Bryan lived on Whites Ferry Road in West Monroe, where he worked as a "*Milker; Retail dairy*." They later moved to Kermit, Texas, and their daughter, Patricia Ann Bryan, was born there. They lived in in Kermit in 1971 at her father's death, but Mildred Aulds Bryan later moved to Anacoco, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, but she died in Leesville. Mildred and Paul Bryan are buried in the Beulah Cemetery, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
- c. **Bennett Aulds** (Dec 1919–4 Sep 1925) died at the St. Francis Sanitarium in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana of pneumonia brought on by fractured ribs.
- d. **Joseph Aulds** (25 Feb 1926–9 Apr 1926) died in West Monroe at the age of one month and twelve days.
- e. **Josephine Aulds** (25 Feb 1926–10 Apr 1926) died in West Monroe at the age of one month and thirteen days.
- f. **Talmage Gordon Ray** (27 Jan 1927–13 Apr 2005) gave his birthplace as Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas, when he registered for the draft on his eighteenth birthday in 1945. His birth occurred nearly a full year before his parents married in December 1927. He lived with his parents in west Texas in 1930 and 1940, and he moved with his mother to New Mexico by 1950 and later to Roseville, California. During the Korean War, he served as a corporal in the U. S. Army. Talmage G. Ray married Georgia Lee Shoults (12 Jan 1935–7 Sep 2019), daughter of Lloyd Wilson Shoults (2 Jun 1901–18 Jan 1971) and Alverda Marie Griem (7 Apr 1912–12 Jul 1983). Talmage and Georgia Ray are buried in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, Solano County, California, Section 20, Site 491.
- g. **Dorothy Irene Ray** [Dottie] (1 Aug 1928–10 Nov 1990) was born in Iraan, Pecos County, Texas and lived there with her parents in 1930 and 1940. She married on 12

September 1946 in Gaines County, Texas to James Edward Peacock (c1930–aft. 1966), and in 1950, they lived in Hockley County, Texas with their three young children. In 1959, Dottie settled in Citrus Heights, California near her mother and brother. She worked for seventeen years as a secretary at Mather Air Force Base. Dottie and James Peacock divorced in Sacramento, California in October 1966. Dottie later married a Mr. Elkins, but details of him are unknown. She married on 25 November 1972 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California to Helmuth John Herrmann (21 Jun 1920–18 Nov 1992). She died of cancer at the Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael. Dottie and Helmuth Herrmann are buried in the Sylvan Cemetery, Citrus Heights, Sacramento County, California, Section West, Map G, Row 4, Grave 2.

2. **John Ollie Ham** (5 Nov 1897–28 Aug 1923) married about 1919 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Ida Mae Wilson (27 Mar 1903–17 Dec 1979), daughter of Pleasant Sterling Wilson (24 Nov 1868–3 Dec 1927) and Emma J. Heath (15 Nov 1876–4 Sep 1952). After Ollie's death, Ida remarried to Thomas Leslie Murphy (3 Aug 1893–19 Feb 1931). John Ollie Ham and Ida Mae Wilson Nolan are buried in the Liberty Cemetery near Linville, Union Parish, Louisiana. They had two children to survive infancy:
 - a. **Helen Louise Ham** (5 Oct 1921–27 Jun 2002) married Calvin B. Popwell (5 Dec 1923–8 Mar 2001). Louise and Calvin Popwell are buried in the Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
 - b. **John Ollie Ham Jr.** (20 Sep 1923–2 Oct 1997) had one son, John Ollie Ham III (7 Jul 1970–28 May 1986), who tragically died in a car accident at the age of fifteen. John Ollie Ham Jr. and his son are both buried in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
3. **Mattie Lou Ham** (1 Feb 1899–17 Apr 1993) married between 1915 and 1918 to an unknown man, and they had one daughter, called "*Jack Wayne*" in 1930 and "*Jacqueline*" in 1940. Mattie Lou Ham married in the 1920s to her double first cousin, Noah Jasper Ham [Jack] (3 Dec 1899–1 Jun 1976), son of Henry Regenburg Ham (6 Aug 1868–17 May 1947) and Daisy A. Elkins (21 Apr 1878–28 Jul 1946). They had no children to survive infancy, but they did raise Mattie Lou's daughter by her first marriage.

Noah and Mattie lived in Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas in 1930 and 1940, where he worked at a carbon plant. They later moved to Masterson, Moore County, in the Texas Panhandle, and he worked for the U.S. Bureau of Mines. Noah and Mattie moved to Lindale, Smith County, Texas in 1968. Mattie belonged to the Baptist church there.

In 1982, "*Mrs. Mattie Ham, Lindale*" was listed as one of the surviving sisters of Jefferson Davis Ham [27]. She died in 1993 in a Lindale nursing home [28]. Mattie Lou and Jack Ham are buried in the Damascus Cemetery, Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

Mattie Lou Ham is only known to have had one child, a daughter by her first husband:

- a. **Georgia Jacqueline ?** [Jackie] (6 Aug 1920–27 Nov 2008) married about 1939 to Edward Hall Hicks (23 Feb 1917–31 Dec 1974). Jackie and Edward Hall are buried in the Damascus Cemetery, Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

4. **Jessie Anna Ham** (26 Jan 1901–15 Jun 1989) married on 24 February 1917 in Union Parish, Louisiana to James G. Nelson [Jim] (29 Sep 1898–17 Oct 1972). In 1920, Anna and Jim Nelson lived in eastern Union Parish on Phillips Ferry Road, next to her brother, John Ollie Ham, and his wife. Jim Nelson worked as a grader on the railroad. Anna and Jim Nelson reportedly lived in Huttig, Arkansas in the 1920s, so they may have moved there with her brother, Ollie, for Jim to work in the Union Sawmill Company there.

In 1930, Anna and Jim Nelson lived in Hutchinson County, Texas, near her siblings. Her brother, George, lived in their household, along with their two children, Hilton J. Nelson, born about 1919, and Virginia I. Nelson, born about 1924 in Arkansas. Jim worked as a "*Black Puller*" at the carbon plant.

In the early 1930s, Anna and Jim moved to Fort Stockton, Pecos County, in southwestern Texas near the Mexican border. In 1940, Jim worked as a mechanic for the county. They lived there until 1972, when they moved to Lindale, Smith County, Texas. Jim Nelson died two months after their arrival in Lindale [29].

In 1982, "*Mrs. Anna Nelson, Tyler*" was listed as one of the surviving sisters of Jefferson Davis Ham [30]. Anna died in 1989, and she was buried beside James Nelson in the Lindale City Cemetery, Lindale, Smith County, Texas.

5. **Effie Ham** (20 Sep 1903–17 Dec 1997) married on 26 February 1919 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas to Jesse James Perdue (23 Dec 1890–31 Jul 1946), son of Joseph Walter Perdue and Lillie Camilia Sorrells. Jesse Perdue was a native of Lawson, Union County, Arkansas [31]. Jesse had married Mauddie Poole (23 Sep 1893–3 Nov 1918) in 1911, and she is buried in the Teel Cemetery, Union County, Arkansas.

In 1920 and 1930, Effie and Jesse Perdue lived in Graysonia, Clark County, Arkansas, with his children by his first marriage and their own daughters. He worked as a railroad station agent in both years. In 1940, they lived in Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas with their youngest

daughter and his son by his first marriage. Jesse still worked as a railroad station agent. Jesse Perdue died in 1946 in Norman, Montgomery County, Arkansas.

Effie Ham Perdue married on 22 April 1966 in Bowie County, Texas to Cecil Loyd Payne (1 Jan 1906–15 Jul 1970). Effie died in a nursing home in Texarkana, Texas, and she was buried on December 19th beside Jesse J. Perdue in the Antoine Cemetery, Antoine, Pike County, Arkansas. Cecil L. Payne is buried with his first wife in the Center Ridge Cemetery, Maud, Bowie County, Texas.

Effie Ham and Jesse J. Perdue had two daughters, both buried with their husbands in the East Memorial Gardens, Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas, Garden of Roses Plot:

- a. **Eula Alice Perdue** (28 Jan 1920–2 Nov 2008) married Hugh Carroll Rogers (13 Jun 1911–1 Dec 1978), son of DeRosey Carroll Rogers (26 Oct 1880–2 Oct 1954) and Ruby Catherine Cooper (1 Jun 1892–3 Aug 1978).
 - b. **Elsie Rae Perdue** (2 Dec 1925–22 Dec 1977) married Henry Bolt (27 Apr 1914–17 Mar 1973), son of Rufus Marcellus Bolt Sr. (18 Jan 1871–11 Mar 1954) and Grace Ethel Bertschy (16 Jun 1885–16 Mar 1981).
6. **Jefferson Davis Ham** (9 May 1905–3 Jun 1982) reportedly married several times and moved to New York, where his Social Security number of 070–10–7052 was issued. In 1935, he lived in Derby, Erie County New York, by 1940, he had moved in with his sister, Mattie Lou Ham, in Hutchinson County, Texas and worked with sheet metal.

Jefferson D. Ham married after 1962 to Lola Dee Darnell (5 May 1902–7 Mar 1984). His last residence was Grand Saline, Van Zandt, Texas. Jefferson and Lola Ham are buried in the Woodside Cemetery, Grand Saline, Van Zandt County, Texas, with Lola buried beside her first husband, Ardine David Hatton (31 Jul 1887–25 Apr 1962).

7. **Gordon Matthews Ham** (6 Jun 1908–1 Sep 1963) lived with his great-aunt and uncle, Frances Rhoyan Scarborough and John J. Flowers, on their farm in the Rocky Branch community in 1920. He followed his siblings to Texas in the 1920s, and in 1930, he lived with his sister, Mattie Lou Ham, and her husband and daughter in Hutchinson County, Texas, where he worked as a “*Bag Checker*” at the carbon plant there.

Gordon M. Ham married on 24 January 1934 in Guymon, Texas County, Oklahoma to Lorene Gage (14 Feb 1914–26 Feb 1995), daughter of John Edward Gage (30 Oct 1881–22 Oct 1945) and Lena Daugherty (26 Jun 1882–13 Sep 1958). In 1940, Gordon and Lorene Ham lived in Hutchinson County with their son, and Gordon worked at the oil refinery called “*Phillips Camp B.*”

Gordon M. Ham died in Sweeny, Brazoria County, Texas of *“myocardial infarction (suspected).”* At the time of his death, he worked as a *“Night Superintendent”* at *“Phillips Petroleum Co.”* Gordon and Lorene Ham are buried in the Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Van Vleck, Matagorda County, Texas, Plot A2-196.

8. **George Washington Ham** (1909–1982/1989) lived with his oldest uncle, Matthew A. Ham, on his farm near Farmerville in 1920. It appears that within a few years, he followed his siblings to Texas. On Christmas Eve in 1925, at the age of sixteen years, George W. Ham married in Young County, Texas to Edith Swan. They had divorced by 1930, when George lived with his sister, Anna Ham Nelson, in Hutchinson County, Texas. George worked as a repairman at the Carbon Plant.

George W. Ham married about 1932 to Odell Patrick (7 Sep 1914–Mar 1985), and in 1940, George and Odell Ham lived in Hutchinson County, Texas, with their two sons and near his siblings. He worked as a welder at the oil refinery there. Reportedly, George and Odell later lived in California, and they divorced in November 1973 in Contra Costa, California. Odell’s last residence given as San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.

It is not known precisely where George W. Ham lived after 1973 nor when he died. In 1982, George Ham of Texarkana was listed as the surviving brother to Jefferson Davis Ham [32]. In the 1989 obituary for *“Jessie Anna Nelson”* of Lindale, Mrs. Mattie Ham of Lindale was listed as a surviving sister, but no brothers survived her [33]. This indicates that George W. Ham died between 1982 and 1989.

9. **Hillory Hubbard Ham** (May 1911–aft. 3 Oct 1912) was just five months old when his mother died on 2 November 1911, putting his birth between May 2nd and June 2nd. He was alive on 3 October 1912, but according to family information, he died young.

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7. Bettie Ham

Bettie Ham (c1872–aft. 1880) lived with her mother in 1880. It is not known if she died young or married.

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8. Rosa Etta Ham McLemore

Rosa Etta Ham [Rosie] (Jun 1874–7 Dec 1934) married in Union Parish, Louisiana on 29 December 1901 to Amos G. McLemore (24 Nov 1856–28 Sep 1927), son of John M. McLemore (c1830–aft. 1880) and Susannah Vick (15 Jan 1829–30 Dec 1903). Amos G. McLemore was eighteen years his wife's senior. He had married on 22 July 1885 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Lillie Roper. At her marriage, Rosa became the mother to four stepchildren that she helped raise:

1. Carl O. McLemore (14 Oct 1889–16 Oct 1930) farmed in Winnsboro, Franklin Parish in 1917.
2. Guy DeWitt McLemore (14 Jun 1891–18 Jun 1975) is buried in the Hasley Cemetery, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
3. Elsie L. McLemore (31 Oct 1893–10 Jun 1986) married William Butler Ellerbe (17 May 1880–13 Mar 1956). Elsie and William are buried in the Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
4. Valaree McLemore (14 Feb 1898–20 Mar 1987) married Cleveland Grover Hawkes [Cleave] (12 Oct 1888–17 Jan 1982), and they lived in Ferriday, Concordia Parish, Louisiana in 1930–1935. Valaree and Cleave Hawles are buried in the Natchez City Cemetery, Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi.

For two decades after their 1901 marriage, Rosa and Amos McLemore farmed near Marion, in northeastern Union Parish. In the 1920s, they moved from there to Monroe, where they bought a home at 1101 Mississippi Street. Amos died at home with Dr. Vaughn in attendance in September 1927. Peters Funeral Home handled his funeral arrangements. Monroe's newspaper published his obituary two days later [34]:

A. G. McLemore

The funeral of A. G. McLemore, who died Thursday night at his home in Terminal heights, was held yesterday at the Calvary Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. J. B. Polk, officiating. Burial was made in Riverview Burial park.

Mr. McLemore was born in Clark County, Mississippi, 72 year ago. He leaves a brother, sister, his widow, and six children.

He was a member of the Baptist church and had been in attendance at services even when to do so entailed much physical suffering. He led a most upright Christian life and endeared himself to a large circle of friends.

Two months after Amos' death, Rosa McLemore submitted a suggestion for naming Monroe's new airport. Most names had a connection to World War I, and she recommended that they name it "Airfield Armistice." The airfield was eventually named the "Selman Army Airfield" after a pilot who died in 1921 [35].

In 1930, Rosa lived with her son, John, and daughter, Cecil McLemore Miller, in their home on Mississippi Street in Monroe. Rosa died in December 1934 at the age of fifty-nine years. Monroe's newspapers published her obituary [36]:

Mrs. Rosa McLemore

Mrs. Rosa McLemore, 59, died at her home at 1011 Mississippi street at 6 o'clock Friday morning.

She is survived by five children, Guy McLemore, Johnnie McLemore, Miss Cecil McLemore and Mrs. W. B. Ellerbe, all of Monroe, and Mrs. C. G. Howks of Ferriday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence, with Rev. I. J. Brooks officiating. Interment will be made in Riverview cemetery.

Rosa and Amos McLemore are buried in the Riverview Cemetery in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Amos has a tombstone, but Rosa's grave is unmarked. Rosa Etta Ham and Amos G. McLemore had three known children:

1. **John Hubbard McLemore** [Johnnie] (1903–9 Aug 1944) remained single and died in Ferriday, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.
2. **Clara Irene McLemore** (1904–1906).
3. **Cecil E. McLemore** (1906–29 Jul 1935) married in the latter 1920s to **J. G. Miller** (c1902–aft. 1930). In 1930, she and her husband lived with her mother and brother in their home in Monroe. It appears that Cecil divorced her husband between 1930 and 1934, for at her mother's death in 1934, the obituary identified her as "*Miss Cecil McLemore.*" Monroe's newspaper printed her obituary the afternoon of her death [26]:

Miss Cecil M'Lemore

Miss Cecil McLemore, 28, died shortly after noon Monday at her home, 804 Mississippi street. The funeral will be held at the house Tuesday at 10 a.m. with Rev. I. J. Brooks, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be made in Riverview Burial park.

Surviving are two brothers, G. B. and J. M. McLemore of Monroe, and two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Ellerbe, Monroe, and Mrs. C. G. Hawks, Ferriday.

Cecil is buried in the Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

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Notes

The Life of Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham

1. These Union Parish, Louisiana deeds identify Samantha E. Ham as a daughter of Noah and Samantha Fowler Scarborough:
Conveyance Record U, pp. 246–247: Samantha Scarborough, widow, and heirs of Noah Scarborough to William Arnett Albritton, 25 January 1884.
Conveyance Record 9, pp. 248–250: Samantha Scarborough and the heirs of Noah Scarborough to John F. Albritton, 18 July 1901.
2. Louisiana Confederate Pension Application #8239, Samantha E. Ham (widow of Hillory H. Ham), Union Parish, filed 8 December 1909 and 1 September 1920. In both of her applications, Samantha E. Ham states that they married on 15 November 1860 “near Farmerville, Louisiana” with “Rev. Bruton” performing the ceremony.
3. 1870 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward No. 1, P.O. Farmerville, p. 20b, Household #312, line #2: Hillory H. Ham (age: 41; Farmer); #2: Elva Ann Ham (age: 27; House Keeper); #3: Clarenda Ham (14). Union Parish LA Marriage Book 5 (1871–1874), p. 305 (Mathew A. Scarborough to Clarinda Ham, 16 June 1873).
4. Compiled Military Service Record, Hillory H. Ham (captain), Co. E, 19th Louisiana Infantry Regiment, Civil War (Confederate). Bergeron, Arthur W. Jr. *Guide to Louisiana Confederate Military Units: 1861–1865*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1989, pp. 120–121.
5. Compiled Military Service Record, Hillory H. Ham (captain), Co. E, 19th Louisiana Infantry Regiment, Civil War (Confederate). Louisiana Confederate Pension Application #8239, Samantha E. Ham (widow of Hillory H. Ham), Union Parish, filed 8 December 1909 and 1 September 1920. Winters, John D. *The Civil War in Louisiana*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1963, pp. 306–307.
6. Union Parish LA Civil Suit #790, Samantha E. Scarborough, wife vs. Hilory H. Ham, husband; their divorce was also recorded in Suit Book 1875–1882, pp. 82–83. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, ED #84, p. 400b/23, line #3: Noah Scarborough (72; Farmer); #4: Symantha Scarborough (61; wife; House Keeper); #5: Nancy Ward (35; daughter); #6: John Ham (11; “Gr son;” “works in farm”); #7: Anna Ham (13; “Gr daughter;” “works in farm”); #29: John J. Flowers (33; Farmer); #30: Frances Flowers (27; Wife; House Keeper); #32: Ella Ham (36; sister in law; divorced; “general work”); #33: Henry Ham (11; Nephew; “general work”); #34: Bettie Ham (8; Niece); #35: Rosa Ham (6; Niece); p. 409a/40, line #14: James Ward (24; Farmer); #18: Mathew Ham (18; Boarder; at School); p. 409b/41, line #40: Matthew A. Scarborough (30; Farmer); #41: Clarenda Scarborough (24; Wife; House Keeper); #44: William Ham (13; Cropper).
7. Union Parish LA Succession Book A-2, pp. 60–61 (Tutorship of Mathew A. Ham).
8. 1880 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward One, ED #84, p. 393b/9, line #34: Hilory C. Ham (age 27, carpenter); #39: Hilory H. Ham (age 52; father; divorced; carpenter); p. 409a/40, line #6: John T. Ward (age 46; Farmer); #7: Sarah E. Ward (age 41; House Keeper); #14: James Ward (age 24; Farmer); #18: Mathew Ham (age 18; Boarder; At School).
9. “*The New-Orleans Times*” (New Orleans, LA), 22 December 1875, p. 8, column 4. The only brief newspaper notice states that “*The Governor has pardoned Willery [sic] H. Ham, convicted of assault and battery in Union parish.*” This is clearly a typo and should be “*Hillory H. Ham,*” as there are only a small handful of Ham residents of Union Parish in the 1870s.
10. “*The Gazette*” (Farmerville, LA), 19 September 1900 (p. 3, column 4), 26 January 1910 (p. 5, column 4). “*The Monroe News-Star*” (Monroe, LA), 24 January 1910, p. 8, column 2. “*The Shreveport Times*” (Shreveport, LA), p. 2, column 4. “*The Times-Democrat*” (New Orleans, LA), 25 January 1910, p. 6, column 4. After being charged with assault at various times in his life, Crawford Ham was killed by his son-in-law in 1910 following a family dispute.
11. “*The Daily Picayune*” (New Orleans, LA), 25 June 1913, p. 7, column 2. “*The Gazette*” June 25 (p. 4, column 2) and July 2 (p. 5, column 4), 1913. Oscar C. Roye shot and killed Farmerville butcher F. E. Mayo.
12. New Orleans Land Office, Homestead Application #7768, “*Semantha E. Scarborough,*” filed 10 December 1883, cancelled 24 September 1894 (SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 20, Township 21 North, Range 2 East, 40.11 acres). Union Parish LA Tax Assessment Rolls, 1884–1897, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, LA. In 1884 and 1885, she paid her taxes using her legal name as a divorced woman, “*Mrs. Elvyann Scarborough,*” while in later years, she paid them under the name of “*Mrs. Samantha E. Ham*” or “*Mrs. S. E. Ham.*” In 1895, even though she had cancelled her homestead application the previous year, the Union Parish Tax Assessor charged her for \$20 for her eight-acre “*improvement on public land.*” She paid no taxes in 1896, but in 1897, she was taxed for 48 acres valued at \$50 and animals worth \$10. Tax records for later years do not contain any record of her.
13. 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 1, ED #115, p. 9a, Household #144, line #60: M. A. Ham (Dec 1861; Farmer); #61: Henrietta Ham (Mar 1868; wife); #68: S. Elva S. Ham (Dec 1845; mother; widowed). 1910 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, ED #131, p. 13b, Household #119, line #86: Allice Roan (47; widowed; Farmer); #92: Elvin Roan [sic] (67; Mother; widowed); Police Ward 2, ED #132, Marion and Cecil Road,

- p. 37a/16a, Household #215, line #50: Amos G. McLemore (52; Farm Operator); p. 37b/16b, line #51: Rosa E. McLemore (34; Wife); #58: Elve A. Ham (67; Mother-in-Law; Wd).
14. Louisiana Death Certificate #4357, 1922, Amantha Scarborough Hamm, Union Parish. Dr. J. G. Taylor signed the death certificate, saying he attended her on April 5th. Ambrose Ham provided information for the certificate. He was the son of the first cousin of Samantha Elvyann Ham's husband.
 15. "The Gazette," 12 April 1922, p. 4, column 1.

Children of Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham

1. 1910 Union Parish LA Federal Census:
Ward 1, ED #131, p. 13b, Household #119, line #92: Elvin Roan [sic-Ham], (age: 67; widowed; Mother; 9 children, 6 living).
Police Ward 2, ED #132, p. 37b/16b, Marion and Cecil Road, Household #215, line #58: Elvie A. Ham (age: 67; widowed; Mother-in-Law; 9 children, 6 living).

Biographical Sketches of Samantha Elvyann Scarborough Ham's Children

1. "The Gazette," 23 September 1896, p. 3, column 1.
2. "The Gazette," January 13, 1909 (p. 3, column 4), December 3, 1913 (p. 5, column 3), January 18, 1922 (p. 4, column 2, p. 5, column 1).
3. "The Gazette," 26 September 1930, p. 1, column 5.
4. "The Gazette," 19 March 1942, p. 1, column 3. Her obituary gave Janie's date of birth as 19 March 1886, clearly a transposition of the last two digits of her actual birth year of 1868.
5. 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 1, ED #115, p. 9b, Dwelling #144, lines:
#60: M. A. Ham (born: Dec 1861; age: 38; Farmer).
#61: Henrietta Ham (born: Mar 1868; age: 32; wife; #children: 7; #children living: 6).
 Union Parish LA Succession Book 14, pp. 1-2, 219: Succession of M. A. Ham, Probate Docket #1895.
6. Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of [Edna Jane Nyegaard](#). "The Gazette," 31 January 1917, p. 2, columns 5-6. Edna's tombstone was inscribed with her death year as **1916**, but her obituary states that she died in **1917**.
7. "The Gazette," 25 December 1935, p. 1, column 7.
8. Union Parish Succession Book 13, pp. 635-638: Tutorship of Minor Heir of John Amos Ham, Dec'd., Probate Docket #1890.
9. 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 1, ED #115, p. 9b, Dwelling #144, lines:
#60: M. A. Ham (born: Dec 1861; age: 38; Farmer).
#61: Henrietta Ham (born: Mar 1868; age: 32; wife).
#67: Era Alena Ham (born: Dec 1899; age: 5/12; daughter).
10. "The Gazette," 11 November 1903 (p. 3, column 1: "W. J. Roane has been elected town marshal."); May 18 (p. 3, column 1) and 25 (p. 3, column 1), and June 1 (p. 3, column 3), 1904.
11. 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 1, ED #115, p. 7a, Dwelling #114, lines:
#20: "W^m J. Roan" (born: Dec 1858; age: 41; Farmer).
#21: Nancy Alice Roan (born: Mar 1863; age: 37; wife; #children born: 8; #children living: 6).
12. [World War I Draft Registration 17-3-24 Rapides; LDS Film #5152067, Image #4500](#): Will Ham, 12 September 1918.
13. John's tombstone has his date of birth as August 6th, 1893. However, when he registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917, he gave his birth date as September 1st, 1893. The explanation for this discrepancy is unknown.
14. In 2004 correspondence with the author, Henry's grandson, Russell Ham, stated that he was named for his grandfather, which implies that Henry's middle name was "Russell." However, Henry's death certificate gives his middle name as "Regenburg."
15. 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 1, ED #115, p. 7a, Dwelling #114, line #28: Berdie Ham (born: Feb 1897; age: 3; Niece).
16. 1910 Ouachita Parish LA Federal Census, Grayling Lumber Co., Ward 3, ED #100, p. 57a/3a, Dwelling #54, lines:
#43: William Skites (age: 45; Truck Farm Labor).
#44: Daisy Skites (age: 32; wife).
#45: Birdy Skites (age: 13; Daughter).
#46: Noah Skites (age: 11; Son).
 The enumerator recorded Birdie's surname as that of her stepfather.
17. Ouachita Parish LA Marriage Book R, p. 586. The marriage record stated that Robert Gabriel had previously married to a woman named Carrie, but they were divorced in July 1914.
18. "The Gazette," 22 May 1947, p. 1, column 4.

19. *"Monroe News-Star World"* (Monroe, LA), 9 January 1986, p. 9b, column 1.
20. *"The Gazette,"* 19 May 1926, p. 6, column 4.
21. *"The Monroe News-Star"* (Monroe, LA), 29 July 1946, p. 5, column 7.
22. *"The Gazette,"* 26 May 1955, p. 1, column 6.
23. Union Parish LA Succession Book 22, p. 241, Probate Docket #2773 (Succession of Hughey Ham).
24. *"El Dorado News-Times"* (El Dorado, AR), 17 October 2002.
25. *"The Gazette,"* 27 December 1911, p. 8, columns 1–2. Union Parish LA Succession Docket #492, Book 6, pp. 652–661 (Tutorship of the Minor Heirs of Lillie Elkins Ham, filed 12 September 1912). John Ham petitioned the Union Parish District Court to be appointed natural tutor to his minor children, stating that his wife, Lillie, died in November 1911. After his death, when Lillie's father, John W. Elkins, petitioned the Ouachita Parish District Court for custody of Lillie's children, he gave her death date as November 2nd. Her obituary also gave her date of death as 2 November 1911. Lillie's tombstone in the Mount Nebo Cemetery has broken, making it impossible to read her date of death from the stone. However, a 1976 cemetery survey her tombstone it as 2 January 1911. Her tombstone was either engraved incorrectly or the 1976 survey information is incorrect.
26. Union Parish LA Succession Book 6, pp. 652–661, Probate Docket #492 (Succession of Lillie Elkins Ham). Ouachita Parish LA Conveyance Record 67, p. 608 (Nicholas L. and Mrs. Nancy Sessions Thurston of Ouachita Parish to John H. Ham and his minor children, 3 October 1912). Ouachita Parish LA Probate Docket #1286 (Tutorship of minor children of John H. and Lillie Elkins Ham). *"The Monroe Bulletin"* (Monroe, LA), 31 July 1913, p. 3, columns 2–3.
27. *"Tyler Morning Telegraph"* (Tyler, TX), 4 June 1982, p. 12, column 3.
28. *"Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph"* (Tyler, TX), 18 April 1993, p. 24, column 1.
29. *"Tyler Morning Telegraph,"* 19 October 1972, p. 6, columns 2–3.
30. *"Tyler Morning Telegraph,"* 4 June 1982, p. 12, column 3.
31. Antoine Cemetery (Antoine, Pike County AR), tombstone of [Jesse J. Perdue](#). Jesse's tombstone gives his birth year as 1891. However, records contemporary with his lifetime show him born in 1890.
32. *"Tyler Morning Telegraph,"* 4 June 1982, p. 12, column 3.
33. *"Tyler Morning Telegraph,"* 16 June 1989, p. 6, column 3.
34. *"The Monroe News-Star"* (Monroe, LA), 30 September 1927 (Friday), p. 10, column 8.
35. *"The Monroe News-Star,"* 3 November 1927, p. 1, columns 1–2; p. 2, column 7. The article stated, "Mrs. A. G. McLemore suggests a similar name, "Airfield Armistice."
36. *"The Monroe News-Star,"* 7 December 1934 (Friday), p. 4, column 3. *"Monroe Morning World"* (Monroe, LA), 9 December 1934, p. 6, columns 4–5.
37. *"The Monroe News-Star,"* 29 July 1935 (Monday), p. 2, column 4

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