

MARY SMART MCMURRY

RESEARCH REPORT

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BACKGROUND

Very few records exist for Mary Smart McMurry, wife of John McMurry and mother of Robert Franklin McMurry, James McMurry, and George Washington McMurry. Any local records of Mary's life – including a marriage license or court documents -- were likely lost in an 1886 fire that destroyed the courthouse of Winn Parish, Louisiana,¹ her only known place of residence. Census records are unhelpful, as Mary never appeared on a census enumeration with her husband or sons. She married John McMurry after the 1880 census in which John's marital status is reported as single.² By the 1900 census, John is listed as widowed,³ signaling Mary's death sometime before that date. Because of these lack of local records during her lifetime, the only record of Mary's maiden name comes from her son Robert's Social Security application; he listed his mother's name as Mary Smart.⁴ Family oral tradition supports this last name. Research conducted in 1992 by genealogist Agnes McWeeny Johnston reported that Wallace McMurry, Robert's son, said "his grandmother [Mary Smart] was a sister to Jim Smart and Alma and Georgia."⁵ These hypothesized Smart siblings are familiar names in Johnston research; all married into this extended family:

- James S. "Jim" Smart was born about 1869⁶ in Texas or Louisiana.⁷ He married Elizabeth Jones on 7 Mar 1901 in Franklin Parish, Louisiana.⁸ Elizabeth was the great-granddaughter of Nathaniel Johnston, who is believed to be

¹ "An Incendiary Destroys the Winn Parish Courthouse," *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune*, 27 Nov 1886, p. 2, col. 2; image copy, *Newspapers.com* (<https://newscomse.newspapers.com/image/28306375> : accessed 28 Jan 2020).

² 1880 U.S. census, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 7, enumeration district (ED) 37, p. 235 (stamped), p. 35 (penned), dwelling 311, family 311, John McMurry in the G.B. Higgs household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6742/4241370-00793> : accessed 1 Apr 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 454.

³ 1900 U.S. census, Winn Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 7, enumeration district (ED) 119, sheet 3-B, dwelling 50, family 50, John McMurry; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4119813_01131/20025011 : accessed 1 Apr 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 586.

⁴ Robert Franklin McMurray, SS no. 435-28-0010, 6 Dec 1940, Application for Account Number (Form SS-5), Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

⁵ Johnston, Agnes McWeeny (Green Valley, Arizona) to John D. Horne. Letter. 25 Nov 1992. Privately held by Jessica Horne Collins, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2015.

⁶ "Louisiana, Statewide Death Index, 1900-1949," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=6697&h=488110> : accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for Jim Smart, 21 Jan 1942; citing "State of Louisiana, Secretary of State, Division of Archives, Records Management, and History. *Vital Records Indices*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

⁷ The following census records show James's birthplace as Texas:

1910 U.S. census, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Police Jury Ward 5, p. 97 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 92, sheet 16-A, dwelling 274, family 277, James Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7884/31111_4329980-00725/9234730 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 518.

1930 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 3, p. 98 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 21-8, sheet 1-A, dwelling 1, family 1, Jim S Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6224/4584877_00741/34783232 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 793.

1940 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 9, p. 389 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 21-27, sheet 2-A, household 23, James S. Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2442/M-T0627-01401-00789/121465976> : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 1401.

The following census record shows James's birthplace as Louisiana:

1920 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Police Jury Ward 8, p. 215 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 41, sheet 3-B,, dwelling 56, family 56, James Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6061/4300967_00924/74402112 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 612.

⁸ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, "Marriage records, vol. F-G, 1900-1909," digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007726247?cat=357925> : accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book F, p. 71, James S Smart and Elizabeth Jones, 7 Mar 1901.

a son of Wiley Johnston of Leake County, Mississippi.⁹ Although the James Smart family appears in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, in the 1910 census,¹⁰ James and Elizabeth spent most of their life after marriage in Franklin Parish. Daughter Mattie was born in Franklin Parish on 5 Jul 1911,¹¹ and daughter Mary died there on 15 Apr 1917.¹² James and his family appear in various wards of Franklin Parish on the 1920, 1930, and 1940 censuses.¹³ James died in Franklin Parish on 21 Jan 1942.¹⁴

- Alma Smart appears throughout known records with many name variations: Amarintha, Emma, Ammer, Anna, and Alma.¹⁵ Alma, the name she is called by her direct descendants, is used to identify her throughout this report. Alma was born about 1869 in Louisiana.¹⁶ She married William Silas Johnston (his second marriage) on 27 Jun 1888 in Winn Parish, Louisiana.¹⁷ He was the son of Harrison Johnston, another believed son of Wiley Johnston of Leake County, Mississippi.¹⁸ Alma and William Silas moved to Franklin Parish by 1900.¹⁹ After her husband's death, Alma married James Monroe McKaskle on 17 Jun 1909.²⁰ She died in 1913 in Franklin Parish.²¹
- Georgia Smart was born about 1875 in Louisiana.²² She married John Thomas Horne on 29 Jun 1890 in Winn Parish, Louisiana.²³ John Thomas was the stepson of Alma's husband William Silas Johnston, the son from his

⁹ William Jones-Louisiana Brooks, Missouri Johnston, Nathaniel Johnston-Mary Whittington, Wiley Johnston-Harriett Family Group Sheets; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Morehouse Par., LA, Ward 5, p. 97 (stamped), ED 92, sheet 16-A, dwell. 274, fam. 277, James Smart.

¹¹ "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=60901&h=43996184>): accessed 28 Jan 2020, entry for Mattie Lee Hodges, 22 Oct 1997; citing "Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936-2007."

¹² "Louisiana, Statewide Death Index, 1900-1949," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=6697&h=206193>): accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for Mary Sugar Smart, 15 Apr 1917; citing "State of Louisiana, Secretary of State, Division of Archives, Records Management, and History. *Vital Records Indices*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

¹³ 1920 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 215 (stamped), ED 41, sheet 3-B, dwell. 56, fam. 56, James Smart.

1930 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 3, p. 98 (stamped), ED 21-8, sheet 1-A, dwell. 1, fam. 1, Jim S Smart

1940 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 9, p. 389 (stamped), ED 21-27, sheet 2-A, hh 23, James S. Smart.

¹⁴ "Louisiana, Statewide Death Index, 1900-1949," database, *Ancestry.com*, entry for Jim Smart, 21 Jan 1942.

¹⁵ Amarintha "Alma" Smart Record, Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹⁶ Two censuses agree on this estimated birth year and location for Alma:

1900 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 8, p. 87 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 48, sheet 6-A, dwelling 103, family 103, Emma Johnston in Wm S. Johnston household; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

(https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120180_00081/17805943): accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 565.

1910 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 8, p. 133 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 52, sheet 21-B, dwelling 387, family 387, Ammer McKaskle in Jim McKaskle household; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

(https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7884/31111_4329976-00737/174056197): accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 514.

¹⁷ Winn Parish, Louisiana, "Marriages v. A 1886-1893," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F4Z8-WM6>): accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book A, p. 118, Wm S. Johnston and Amarintha Rebecca Smart, 28 Jun 1888.

¹⁸ Harrison Johnston-Elizabeth Lee and Wiley Johnston-Harriett Family Group Sheets; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 87 (stamped), ED 48, sheet 6-A, dwelling 103, family 103, Wm S. Johnston household.

²⁰ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, "Marriage records, vol. H, 1909-1912 Marriage records, vol. I (white), 1912-1917," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG1Y-6F4G>): accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book H, p. 26, J. M. McKaskle and Mrs. Anna Johnston, 17 Jun 1909.

²¹ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, W S Johnston and Alma Johnston Succession, Probate Files, folio 142, box 89; Clerk of Court, Franklin Parish Courthouse, Winnsboro.

²² 1900 U.S. census, Sunflower County, Mississippi, population schedule, Beat 1, p. 144 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 48, sheet 11-A, dwelling 239, family 243, Georgia F Horn in John T Horn household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120349_00098/36072955): accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 828.

²³ Winn Parish, Louisiana, "Marriages v. A 1886-1893," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F4Z8-WM6>): accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book A, p. 264, John T. Horn and Georgia F. Smart, 29 Jun 1890.

first wife Harriett’s first marriage.²⁴ He was also the grandson of John Johnston, yet another believed son of Wiley Johnston of Leake County, Mississippi.²⁵ Georgia and John Thomas moved to Sunflower County, Mississippi, by 1900.²⁶ She appears as a widow on the 1910 census in Veasey Township, Drew County, Arkansas.²⁷ She died sometime after the 1910 census, and her sons spent the remainder of their lives in Franklin Parish, Louisiana.²⁸

The objective of this research project is to identify the parents of Mary Smart McMurry. Research focused on

- identifying Mary in earlier census records
- making connections between the hypothesized Smart siblings (who were summarized in the background above)
- tracking the interactions of Mary’s sons with their hypothesized aunts and uncle after their parents’ deaths.

IDENTIFYING MARY IN EARLIER CENSUS RECORDS

Census records for Mary’s sons report their mother’s birthplace as many locations throughout their lifetimes:

Mother’s Birthplace as Reported on Census, 1900-1940

	Robert	James	George
1900	Texas ^A	Texas ^A	Texas ^A
1910	Louisiana ^B	Louisiana ^C	Louisiana ^D
1920	Mississippi ^E	Louisiana ^F	Alabama ^G
1930	Ireland ^H	Louisiana ^I	

^A1900 U.S. census, Winn Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, ED 119, sheet 3-B, dwelling 50, family 50, Robert, James, George McMurry
^B1910 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, p. 105 (stamped), ED 51, sheet 28-B, dwell. 391, fam. 433, Robert F McMurry.
^C1910 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 130 (stamped), ED 52, sheet 18-A, dwell. 340, fam. 340, Jim Murry.
^D1910 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, p. 94 (stamped), ED 51, sheet 16-A, dwell. 208, fam. 233, George McMurry
^E1920 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 217 (stamped), ED 41, sheet 5-A, dwell. 94, fam. 94, Robert McMurry
^F1920 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 221 (stamped), ED 41, sheet 9-B, dwell. 146, fam. 146, James McMurry
^G1920 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 214 (stamped), ED 41, sheet 2-A, dwell. 27, fam. 27, George Murrie
^H1930 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 276 (stamped), ED 21-20, sheet 3-A, dwell. 52, fam. 52, Robert F McMurry
^I1930 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 276 (stamped), ED 21-20, sheet 5-A, dwell. 90, fam. 90, James McMurry

The informants for this census information are unknown. The McMurry sons may have provided this information to the census enumerator, or a spouse or neighbor – someone who never knew Mary – may have provided it. Even if the McMurry sons were the informants, their inconsistencies through the years are not unreasonable or unexpected. They were young when Mary died and may not have known this information about her life, or their memories of this detail faded as they grew older.

²⁴ Joshua Lawrence Horne-Harriett Johnston Family Group Sheets; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

²⁵ John Johnston-Malinda McCauley Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

²⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Sunflower Co., MS, pop. sch., Beat 1, p. 144 (stamped), ED 48, sheet 11-A, dwell. 239, fam. 243, John T Horn household.

²⁷ 1910 U.S. census, Drew County, Arkansas, population schedule, Veasey Township, p. 26 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 55, sheet 2-A, dwelling 34, family 34, Georgia Horn; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7884/31111_4327239-00796/498268 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 49.

²⁸ John Thomas Horne-Georgia Smart Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

The most likely, accurate birthplaces are Texas (the earliest captured data) and Louisiana (the most frequently reported data). Texas appears on the 1900 census in which all McMurry sons' birth months were correctly reported, suggesting information for this census year was provided by a family member or someone who knew them well. These correct answers increase the likelihood that Texas is Mary's correct birthplace.

Census records for 1860, 1870, and 1880, were searched for all Mary Smarts born between 1855 and 1866, born or living in Texas or Louisiana, with race indicated as "white." Names of all household members were recorded to identify any matches with hypothesized Smart siblings Jim (born about 1869), Alma (born about 1860), and Georgia (born about 1875). The following candidates were identified:

Candidate 1: Mary E. Smart of Ashley County, Arkansas, and Orleans Parish, Louisiana – RULED OUT

1860 Census²⁹
Hamburg, Carter Township, Ashley County, Arkansas

B F Smart, 41, m, Teacher, birthplace = Maine
M F Smart, 30, f, Teacher, birthplace = England
O A Smart, 5, f, birthplace = Louisiana
M E Smart, 4, f, birthplace = Arkansas
W G Smart, 1, m, birthplace = Arkansas
R J Smart, 6/12, m, birthplace = Arkansas

1870 Census³⁰
Ward 10, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Benj Smart, 50, m, w, Census Taker, birthplace = Maine
Mary Smart, 14, f, w, at home, birthplace = Ark
Wm Smart, 11, m, w, at school, birthplace = Ark
Robt Smart, 10, m, w, at school, birthplace = Ark
Victoria Smart, 6, f, w, birthplace = Ark
Geo Smart, 5, m, w, birthplace = Ark
Maria Potter, 32, f, w, Dom Servant, birthplace = SC

The 1870 census record for this Mary Smart was returned in searches, but the inferred father's unique birthplace made finding the household in 1860 easy. This Mary can be ruled out as Mary Smart McMurry based on finding records for her later marriage and residence. Mary E. Smart, born about 1856, married William E. "Boner" in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, on 16 Jun 1887.³¹ She then appears as Mary "Bower" in the 1900 census in Ward 2, New Orleans, Louisiana.³² Again, her parents' unique birthplaces help identify her; this census reports her father's birthplace as Maine and mothers' as Ireland.

Candidate 2: Mary Smart of Jackson Parish, Louisiana – RULED OUT

1880 Census³³
Ward 5, Jackson Parish, Louisiana

T J Smart, w, m, 42, Farmer, birthplace = Ga
Mary Smart, w, f, 29, wife, Keeping House, birthplace = Ala
P A Smart, w, m, 14, son, Laborer, birthplace = Ga
Jas L Smart, w, m, 7, son, birthplace = La
John L, w, m, 5, son, birthplace = La

²⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Ashley County, Arkansas, population schedule, Carter Township, p. 105 (penned), dwelling 748, family 764, B F Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7667/4211296_00209 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 37.

³⁰ 1870 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, 10th Ward, New Orleans, p. 193 (stamped), p. 81 (penned), dwelling 542, family 544, Benj Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7163/4269440_00085 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 524.

³¹ "New Orleans, Louisiana, Marriage Records Index, 1831-1964," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=6500&h=60898&indiv=try>: accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for Mary E. Smart and William E. Boner, 16 Jun 1887; citing "State of Louisiana, Secretary of State, Division of Archives, Records Management, and History. *Vital Records Indices*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

³² 1900 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, 2nd Precinct, New Orleans, p. 178 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 10, sheet 9-A, dwelling 103, family 164, Mary Boner; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120185_00360?pid=17969172: accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 570.

³³ 1880 U.S. census, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 5, enumeration district (ED) 37, p. 241 (stamped), p. 47 (penned), dwelling 416, family 416, Mary Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6742/4241370-00805?pid=40144463> : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 454.

Although this Mary Smart lived in Jackson Parish, which adjoins Winn Parish, she can be ruled out as Mary Smart McMurry. Mary S. Barr – this Mary – married Titus J. Smart in 1880³⁴ and lived until 3 Jan 1929.³⁵

Candidate 3: Mary E. Smart of Johnson and Hood Counties, Texas - UNLIKELY

1860 Census³⁶
Comanche Peak, Johnson County, Texas

Geo Smart, 36, m, Stock Raiser, birthplace = Ala
Clarinda Smart, 30, f, Housewife, birthplace = Indiana
Mary E Smart, 4, f, birthplace = Texas
Geo W Smart, 2, m, birthplace = Texas

1870 Census³⁷
Granbury, Hood County, Texas

George Smart, 47, m, w, Farmer, birthplace = Ala
Clarinda Smart, 37, f, w, Keeps Home, birthplace = Kent
Mary E Smart, 13, f, w, birthplace = Tx
George W Smart, 11, m, w, birthplace = Tx
John Smart, 9, m, w, birthplace = Tx
Ann E Smart, 7, f, w, birthplace = Tx
James Smart, 5, m, w, birthplace = Tx
Charles Smart, 5, m, w, birthplace = Tx

This Mary Smart's birth year and location fits the profile of Mary Smart McMurry, and no further records can be found for her after 1870. This Mary also has two siblings, Ann E. and James, whose names and match Mary Smart McMurry's hypothesized siblings; their birth years are close as well. This Mary Smart also has a sibling named George W., a name Mary Smart McMurry gave her youngest son.

However, the identities of Ann E. and James Smart of Hood County, Texas, can be traced through other records. A. E. Smart married W. J. Franklin on 17 Apr 1882 in Hood County, Texas,³⁸ she died 4 Jul 1876 in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas; father identified on the death certificate as George Smart.³⁹ James can be traced through census records to Parker County, Texas, in 1900,⁴⁰ and Tillman County, Oklahoma, in 1910.⁴¹ This Ann E. and James Smart are not the same persons as Alma Smart Johnston McKaskle and James Smart of Franklin Parish, Louisiana. Ruling out these siblings as the Smarts who resided in Franklin Parish makes it doubtful the Mary Smart of Hood County, Texas, is Mary Smart McMurry.

³⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Precinct 3, Ward 5, enumeration district (ED) 53, p. 77 (stamped), sheet 2-A, dwelling 20, family 20, Mary S Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120181_00726 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 566.

³⁵ *Ancestry, Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/9274525> : accessed 28 Jan 2020), memorial 9274525, Mary S Smart (1850-1929), Concord Cemetery, Chatham, Jackson Parish, Louisiana; gravestone photo by Steve.

³⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Johnson County, Texas, population schedule, Comanche Peak, p. 56 (penned), dwelling 382, family 383, Geo Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7667/4297440_00388 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1298.

³⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Hood County, Texas, population schedule, Granbury, p. 27 (stamped), p. 52 (penned), dwelling 404, family 415, George Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7163/4267883_00056 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1592.

³⁸ "Texas, Marriage Index, 1824-2014," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=8795&h=431431&indiv=try> : accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for A. E. Smart and W. J. Franklin, 16 Apr 1881; citing "Texas Department of State Health Services; Austin, Texas."

³⁹ "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2272/40394_b062243-00128 : accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for Mrs. Annie E. Franklin, 17 Sep 1943; citing "Texas Department of State Health Services; Austin, Texas."

⁴⁰ 1900 U.S. census, Parker County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, enumeration district (ED) 65, p. 40 (stamped), sheet 6-B, dwelling 99, family 100, James W Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4118552_00084 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1664.

⁴¹ 1910 U.S. census, Tillman County, Oklahoma, population schedule, Richland Township, enumeration district (ED) 255, sheet 8-A, dwelling 131, family 135, James W Smart; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7884/4449955_01087 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 1275.

Candidate #4: Mary E. Smart of Cass, Ellis, and Comanche Counties, Texas – RULED OUT

1860 Census⁴²
Hickory Hill, Beat 2, Cass County, Texas

Thomas Smart, 45, m, Farmer, birthplace = NC
M Smart, 32, f, Housewife, birthplace = Ala
J Smart, 11, m, birthplace = Tex
T A Smart, 9, m, birthplace = Tex
E Smart, 7, f, birthplace = Tex
P Smart, 5, m, birthplace = Tex
M E Smart, 3, f, birthplace = Tex
J P Smart, 6/12, m, birthplace = Tex

1870 Census⁴³
Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas

Thomas Smart, 55, m, w, Farmer, birthplace = NC
Mary Smart, 42, f, w, Keeping house, birthplace = Ala
John W, 21, m, w, birthplace = Tex
Thomas A, 19, m, w, birthplace = Tex
Elizabeth, 16, f, w, birthplace = Tex
Pinckney, 14, m, w, birthplace = Tex
Mary E, 12, f, w, birthplace = Tex
John, 10, m, w, birthplace = Tex
James, 8, m, w, birthplace = Tex
Gideon, 6, m, w, birthplace = Tex
Mattie, 4, f, w, birthplace = Tex
Louisa, 3, f, w, birthplace = Tex
Buster, 1, m, w, birthplace = Tex

1880 Census⁴⁴
Sixth District, Comanche County, Texas

Mary Smart, w, f, 51, Housekeeping, birthplace = Ala
Thomas Smart, w, m, 27, son, Farmer, birthplace = Tex
Pinkney Smart, w, m, 24, son, Farmer, birthplace = Texas
Mollie Smart, w, f, 22, daughter, birthplace = Texas
John Smart, w, m, 21, son, Farmer, birthplace = Texas
James Smart, w, m, 19, son, Farmer, birthplace = Texas

This Mary E. Smart can be ruled out as Mary Smart McMurry. M. E. Smart married D. L. Hardin on 30 Dec 1880 in Comanche County, Texas,⁴⁵ and remained in that county through the 1900 census.⁴⁶

Candidate 5: Mary Smart of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana – MOST LIKELY

1860 Census⁴⁷
Homer, Ward 7, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

S W Smart, 34, m, farmer, birthplace = La
A P Smart, 22, f, birthplace = La
A E Smart, 8, f, birthplace = La
E M Smart, 5, m, birthplace = La
C Smart, 4, f, birthplace = La
M E Smart, 1, f, birthplace = Tex

1870 Census⁴⁸
Lisbon, Ward 1, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

S Smart, 48, m, w, Farmer, birthplace = Miss
Adline Smart, 40, f, w, Keeping house, birthplace = Louisiana
Anne Smart, 17, f, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana
Elijah Smart, 15, m, w, Farm laborer, birthplace = Louisiana
Leah Smart, 13, f, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana
Mary Smart, 11, f, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana
Betty Smart, 10, f, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana
Harriette Smart, 8, f, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana
Amanda Smart, 6, f, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana
James Smart, 2/12, m, w, At home, birthplace = Louisiana

This Mary Smart's birth year and location fits the profile of Mary Smart McMurry, and no further records can be found for her in or around Claiborne Parish after 1870. This Mary also has two inferred siblings, James and Amanda (possibly an incorrect transcription of Amarintha), whose names and ages are fair matches to Mary Smart McMurry's hypothesized siblings. No further records for any of the inferred siblings from the 1870 census could be found in or around Claiborne Parish.

⁴² 1860 U.S. census, Cass County, Texas, population schedule, Beat 2, Hickory Hill, p. 48 (penned), dwelling 325, family 331, Thomas Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7667/4297432_00052; accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1290.

⁴³ 1870 U.S. census, Ellis County, Texas, population schedule, Waxahachie, p. 51 (penned), dwelling 390, family 382, Thomas Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7163/4275553_00191; accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1583.

⁴⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Comanche County, Texas, population schedule, 6th District, enumeration district (ED) 38, p. 138 (stamped), p. 1 (penned), dwelling 5, family 5, Mary Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6742/4244717-00650>; accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1297.

⁴⁵ "Texas, Marriage Index, 1824-2014," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=8795&h=431456&indiv=try> : accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for M. E. Smart and D. L. Hardin, 30 Dec 1880; citing "Texas Department of State Health Services; Austin, Texas."

⁴⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Comanche County, Texas, population schedule, Justice Precinct 3, enumeration district (ED) 30, p. 154 (stamped), sheet 8-B, dwelling 134, family 145, Mary J Harding; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4112017_00827; accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1622.

⁴⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 7, Homer, p. 181 (penned), dwelling 1205, family 1205, S W Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7667/4231221_00321 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 410.

⁴⁸ 1870 U.S. census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana population schedule, Ward 1, Lisbon, p. 4 (penned), dwelling 29, family 29, S Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7163/4269411_00008; accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 510.

It is also interesting this Mary's birthplace is reported as Texas in 1860, but Louisiana in 1870. Her birth happened shortly before the 1860 census, and it is reasonable to believe it is reported correctly – especially since it differs from others in the household. However, by 1870, this Mary's birth is reported as Louisiana like the rest of her inferred siblings. This discrepancy could point to a short time spent in Texas by the Smart family, a fact that could have easily been forgotten as time passed.

Examining all Mary Smarts matching the search criteria, the only two candidates who could be Mary Smart McMurry are #3 and #5. Of these two, the most likely is Candidate #5: Mary Smart of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

- Claiborne Parish, Louisiana is closer to Winn Parish (approximately 80 miles northeast) than Johnson County and Hood County, Texas (approximately 320 miles and 360 miles west).
- Other members of the Smart household of Johnson County and Hood County, Texas, generated later records in Texas and Oklahoma. The Smart household of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, generated no further records in its area. It is reasonable to conclude the Smart household of Claiborne Parish moved to a new place where Mary eventually met and married John McMurry. John McMurry appears in Jackson Parish, Louisiana – which adjoins Winn Parish – in the 1880 census;⁴⁹ he has no known ties to Texas.
- The birthplace discrepancies for Mary Smart of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, in the 1860 and 1870 censuses can explain the later differences in the McMurry sons' (or their informants') reporting of her birthplace.

MAKING CONNECTIONS AMONG HYPOTHESIZED SMART SIBLINGS

Finding records that connect the individuals Wallace McMurry named as his grandmother Mary's siblings can help prove their family relationship. Tying these individuals back to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, also strengthens the argument for their kinship. Timelines were constructed for Mary Smart McMurry, James "Jim" Smart, Alma Smart Johnston McKaskle, and Georgia Smart Horne. Callie Leah Smart, identified during this research effort, was also included. Key evidence from the timelines are summarized below and organized by individual:

James "Jim" S. Smart

- "James Smart of Crowville" (a community in Ward 3, Franklin Parish, Louisiana) is named as the one surviving brother of "Mrs. Calla Johnson" in her 1930 obituary.⁵⁰ This obituary states "Mrs. Calla Johnson" was born in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.⁵¹ As siblings, they may have been born in the same parish. (This direct evidence also adds Callie Smart Johnson as one of the hypothetical Smart siblings.)
- James's estimated birth year from his death record (1869)⁵² and the 1940 census (1870)⁵³ closely match the birth year of the infant James Smart of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, in the 1870 census.⁵⁴ Other estimates for James's birth year only deviate by one or two years.⁵⁵

⁴⁹ 1880 U.S. census, Jackson Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, ED 37, p. 235 (stamped), p. 35 (penned), dwell. 311, fam. 311, John McMurry in the G. B. Higgs household.

⁵⁰ "Mrs. Calla Johnson," undated clipping, ca. 1930, from unidentified newspaper; *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/49495569/person/20441222458/media/14f3c34e-6ba9-47bd-84e2-7ebdfc2038d6> : accessed 28 Jan 2020); originally uploaded by user J Gallagher. User was unable to provide a source for this clipping when contacted.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*

⁵² "Louisiana, Statewide Death Index, 1900-1949," database, *Ancestry.com*, entry for Jim Smart, 21 Jan 1942.

⁵³ 1940 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 9, p. 389 (stamped), ED 21-27, sheet 2-A, hh 23, James S. Smart.

⁵⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 1, Lisbon, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 29, fam. 29, James Smart.

⁵⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Morehouse Par., LA, Ward 5, p. 97 (stamped), ED 92, sheet 16-A, dwell. 274, fam. 277, James Smart.

1920 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 215 (stamped), ED 41, sheet 3-B, dwell. 56, fam. 56, James Smart.

1930 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 3, p. 98 (stamped), ED 21-8, sheet 1-A, dwell. 1, fam. 1, Jim S Smart

1940 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 9, p. 389 (stamped), ED 21-27, sheet 2-A, hh 23, James S. Smart.

- James cannot be located on the 1880 census; neither can Alma or Georgia. This negative evidence suggests they were living in the same household that was somehow missed by census enumerators.
- James married in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, in 1901,⁵⁶ and is recorded on census records in Ward 8 of that parish in 1920.⁵⁷ Callie Johnson (the sister identified in the obituary) also lived in Ward 8 in 1920.⁵⁸ In addition, children of the deceased Alma and Georgia lived in nearby wards of Franklin Parish during this period.
- The only census in which all hypothesized Smart siblings are not living in the same parish or county is 1910. James appears in Morehouse Parish,⁵⁹ Alma in Franklin Parish,⁶⁰ Georgia in Drew County, Arkansas,⁶¹ and Callie in Ashley County, Arkansas.⁶² The siblings who moved – or their children in Georgia’s case – all return to Franklin Parish by the 1920 census year. This shared migration along Bayou Bartholomew and back to Franklin Parish is more evidence that groups them together as an extended family.
- James’s father on his death certificate is listed as Buck Smart.⁶³ This information does not match the inferred father from the 1860 and 1870 censuses, but it could be a mistake by the informant.

Callie Leah Smart Howard Johnston

Although not named by Wallace McMurry as a sibling of his grandmother Mary, Callie is identified as the sister of James Smart in her obituary. Her connections to the hypothesized Smart siblings and to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, were included in this research project:

- Callie’s obituary states she was born 22 Jan 1857 in Claiborne Parish.⁶⁴ This date identifies her as “C Smart” in the 1860 census⁶⁵ and “Leah Smart” in the 1870 census.⁶⁶
- Callie’s death certificate states her father was “Sam Smoot,”⁶⁷ which closely matches the inferred father on both Claiborne Parish censuses: S W Smart in 1860,⁶⁸ S Smart in 1870.⁶⁹
- Callie’s obituary states she first married “Mr. Howard.”⁷⁰ “Cally” Howard appears in the 1880 census of Winn Parish, Louisiana, in the enumeration of Wards 3 and 7, with husband James Howard.⁷¹ Both Alma and Georgia

⁵⁶ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, “Marriage records, vol. F-G, 1900-1909,” digital image, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book F, p. 71, James S Smart and Elizabeth Jones, 7 Mar 1901.

⁵⁷ 1920 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 215 (stamped), ED 41, sheet 3-B, dwell. 56, fam. 56, James Smart.

⁵⁸ 1920 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Police Jury Ward 8, p. 219 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 41, sheet 7-A, dwelling 133, family 133, Call Johnston; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6061/4300967_00931/74402479 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 612.

⁵⁹ 1910 U.S. census, Morehouse Par., LA, Ward 5, p. 97 (stamped), ED 92, sheet 16-A, dwell. 274, fam. 277, James Smart.

⁶⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 133 (stamped), ED 52, sheet 21-B, dwelling 387, family 387, Ammer McKaskle.

⁶¹ 1910 U.S. census, Drew Co., AR, pop. sch., Veasey Township, p. 26 (stamped), ED 55, sheet 2-A, dwelling 34, family 34, Georgia Horn.

⁶² 1910 U.S. census, Ashley County, Arkansas, population schedule, Portland Township, p. 250 (stamped) enumeration district (ED) 18, sheet 3-A, dwelling 46, family 46, Call Johnson; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7884/31111_4327233-00889/193695597 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 43.

⁶³ “Louisiana Deaths, 1850-1875, 1894-1960,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSYB-ZJP> : accessed 25 Jan 2020); entry for Jim Smart, 21 Jan 1942; citing “State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.”

⁶⁴ “Mrs. Calla Johnson,” undated clipping, ca. 1930, from unidentified newspaper.

⁶⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, Homer, p. 181 (penned), dwell. 1205, fam. 1205, C Smart.

⁶⁶ 1870 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 1, Lisbon, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 29, fam. 29, Leah Smart.

⁶⁷ “Louisiana Deaths, 1850-1875, 1894-1960,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F3MV-XQN> : accessed 25 Jan 2020); entry for Callie Johnston, 7 May 1930; citing “State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.”

⁶⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, Homer, p. 181 (penned), dwell. 1205, fam. 1205, S W Smart.

⁶⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 1, Lisbon, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 29, fam. 29, S Smart.

⁷⁰ “Mrs. Calla Johnson,” undated clipping, ca. 1930, from unidentified newspaper.

⁷¹ 1880 U.S. census, Winn Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, 7th and 3rd Wards, enumeration district (ED) 54, p. 602 (stamped), p. 33 (penned), dwelling 7, family 7, Cally Howard in the James Howard household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6742/4241440-00711/40308894> : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 474.

married in Winn Parish,⁷² and their husbands paid taxes in 1887 and 1890 – shortly before and after their marriages – in Ward 3.⁷³ These combined pieces of data place Callie, Alma, and Georgia in the same area of Winn Parish at approximately the same time.

- A widowed Callie Howard appears in the 1900 census of Franklin Parish in the household of mother M. A. Smart.⁷⁴ This M. A. Smart was born in June 1839 in Texas.⁷⁵ Although the birthplaces do not match, the estimated birth year from the 1860 census (1838) is close.⁷⁶ The initial “A” could be for “Adline,” corresponding to the 1870 census;⁷⁷ however, the initial “M” does not appear on any other records for Callie’s mother. Another member of the household is M. A.’s son John S. Smart.⁷⁸ James Smart has not been found on the 1900 census, but he was married in Franklin Parish in 1901.⁷⁹ This John S. could be a transcription error of James S., placing all unmarried hypothetical Smart siblings in a household with their mother at this time.
- “Lehr C Howard” and Edgar G. Johnston married in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, on 25 Sep 1901.⁸⁰ Witnesses were J. S. Smart (Callie’s brother James) and J. L. Howard (Callie’s son James).⁸¹ Callie’s husband was connected to the extended Johnston family that Alma and Georgia married into; Edgar was Alma’s stepson and also the half-brother of Georgia’s husband.⁸²
- Callie’s daughter Mandie Howard married Alva Wyles in Drew County, Arkansas, on 4 Jul 1909.⁸³ Mandie’s residence is listed as Marion Township, Drew County.⁸⁴ This township adjoins Veasey Township where Georgia lived at the time of the 1910 census.⁸⁵ This marriage record places Callie’s daughter – and possibly Callie, too – near Georgia.
- Callie was part of the shared migration of Smart siblings away from and back to Franklin Parish (see James S. “Jim” Smart section).

Alma Smart Johnston McKaskle

- As previously mentioned in the section for Callie, Alma married William Silas Johnston on 27 Jun 1888 in Winn Parish, Louisiana.⁸⁶ William Silas is listed as a resident of Ward 3 on the Winn Parish tax rolls for 1887 and 1890,

⁷² Winn Parish, Louisiana, “Marriages v. A 1886-1893,” database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book A, p. 118, Wm S. Johnston and Amarintha Rebecca Smart, 28 Jun 1888.

Winn Parish, Louisiana, “Marriages v. A 1886-1893,” database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book A, p. 264, John T. Horn and Georgia F. Smart, 29 Jun 1890.

⁷³ Winn Parish, Louisiana, Tax Rolls 1887-1890, unpaginated entries arranged chronologically and alphabetically by surname in each ward; all years read for all entries for Horn and Johnston; images, “Parish tax roll, 1887-1890,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008700073?cat=294022> : accessed 25 Jan 2020).

⁷⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 9, enumeration district (ED) 48, p. 88 (stamped), sheet 7-B, dwelling 112, family 112, M A Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120180_00083/17805980 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 565.

⁷⁵ *Ibid.*

⁷⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, Homer, p. 181 (penned), dwell. 1205, fam. 1205, A P Smart.

⁷⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 1, Lisbon, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 29, fam. 29, Adline Smart.

⁷⁸ 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sche., Ward 9, ED 48, p. 88 (stamped), sheet 7-B, dwell. 112, fam. 112, John S. Smart.

⁷⁹ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, “Marriage records, vol. F-G, 1900-1909,” digital image, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book F, p. 71, James S Smart and Elizabeth Jones, 7 Mar 1901.

⁸⁰ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, “Marriage records, vol. F-G, 1900-1909,” digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007726247?cat=357925> : accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book F, p. 116, Edgar G Johnston and Mrs. Lehr C Howard, 25 Sep 1901.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*

⁸² William Silas Johnston-Harriett Johnston Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

⁸³ “Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957,” database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=2548&h=3563332> : accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for Mandie Howard and Alva Wyles, 4 Jul 1909; citing “Arkansas Courts of Common Pleas and County Clerks.”

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*

⁸⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Drew Co., AR, pop. sch., Veasey Township, p. 26 (stamped), ED 55, sheet 2-A, dwelling 34, family 34, Georgia Horn.

⁸⁶ Winn Parish, Louisiana, “Marriages v. A 1886-1893,” database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book A, p. 118, Wm S. Johnston and Amarintha Rebecca Smart, 28 Jun 1888.

shortly before and after their marriage.⁸⁷ These records place Callie, who appears in Ward 3, Winn Parish, on the 1880 census,⁸⁸ near Alma during this time period.

- J. G. W. Henderson and S. L. Henderson signed Alma and William Silas's marriage license as witnesses.⁸⁹ These men are identified on the 1880 census for Winn Parish as George W. Henderson and his son Stephen L. Henderson of Ward 7.⁹⁰ G. W. Henderson's wife was Margaret Smart; they married 14 Jan 1857 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.⁹¹ The 1850 census for Claiborne Parish shows Margaret E. Smart in the same household as Samuel W. Smart, both inferred children of James and Ann Smart.⁹² It is likely Margaret Smart Henderson was Alma's paternal aunt, and the men who witnessed Alma's marriage were her uncle and first cousin. G. W. Henderson's signature as the first male witness could also indicate Alma's father was deceased by the time of her marriage.
- Alma and William Silas moved to Franklin Parish by 1900, appearing in Ward 8.⁹³ Callie, James, and their mother M. A. also moved to Franklin Parish in neighboring Ward 9 around this time.⁹⁴

Georgia Smart Horne

- As previously mentioned in the section for Callie, Georgia married John Thomas Horne on 29 Jun 1890 in Winn Parish, Louisiana.⁹⁵ John Thomas is listed as a resident of Ward 3 on the Winn Parish tax rolls for 1887 and 1890, shortly before their marriage.⁹⁶ These records place Callie, who appears in Ward 3, Winn Parish, on the 1880 census,⁹⁷ near Georgia's husband – and likely Georgia -- during this time period. Alma's husband William Silas Johnston was also reported in Ward 3 on these tax rolls, indicating Alma was likely a resident, too.⁹⁸
- Georgia's husband John Thomas Horne was the stepson of Alma's husband William Silas Johnston.⁹⁹ Georgia and John Thomas married two years after Alma and William Silas. It is very possible Alma and William Silas were the connection between Georgia and John Thomas.

⁸⁷ Winn Parish, Louisiana, Tax Rolls 1887-1890, unpaginated entries arranged chronologically and alphabetically by surname in each ward; all years read for all entries for Johnston; images, "Parish tax roll, 1887-1890," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008700073?cat=294022> : accessed 25 Jan 2020).

⁸⁸ 1880 U.S. census, Winn Par., LA, pop. sch., 7th and 3rd Wards, ED 54, p. 602 (stamped), p. 33 (penned), dwell. 7, fam. 7, Cally Howard.

⁸⁹ Winn Parish, Louisiana, "Marriages v. A 1886-1893," database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book A, p. 118, Wm S. Johnston and Amarintha Rebecca Smart, 28 Jun 1888.

⁹⁰ 1880 U.S. census, Winn Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, 7th Ward, enumeration district (ED) 57, p. 32 (penned), dwelling 5, family 5, George W Henderson household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6742/4241440-00710> : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 474.

⁹¹ "Louisiana, Compiled Marriage Index, 1718-1925," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=7837&h=232139&indiv=try> : accessed 28 Jan 2020), entry for George W. Henderson and Margaret A. Sharp, 14 Jan 1857; citing "Claiborne Parish Clerk of Court."

⁹² 1850 U.S. census, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, 7th Ward, Township 22, p. 146 (stamped), dwelling 752, family 752, Jesse K. Smart household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/8054/4193964-00612> : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 230.

⁹³ 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 87 (stamped), ED 48, sheet 6-A, dwelling 103, family 103, Wm S. Johnston household.

⁹⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 9, ED 48, p. 88 (stamped), sheet 7-B, dwell. 112, fam. 112, M A Smart household.

⁹⁵ Winn Parish, Louisiana, "Marriages v. A 1886-1893," database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book A, p. 264, John T. Horn and Georgia F. Smart, 29 Jun 1890.

⁹⁶ Winn Parish, Louisiana, Tax Rolls 1887-1890, unpaginated entries arranged chronologically and alphabetically by surname in each ward; all years read for all entries for Horn; images, "Parish tax roll, 1887-1890," *FamilySearch*

⁹⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Winn Par., LA, pop. sch., 7th and 3rd Wards, ED 54, p. 602 (stamped), p. 33 (penned), dwell. 7, fam. 7, Cally Howard.

⁹⁸ Winn Parish, Louisiana, Tax Rolls 1887-1890, unpaginated entries arranged chronologically and alphabetically by surname in each ward; all years read for all entries for Johnston; images, "Parish tax roll, 1887-1890," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008700073?cat=294022> : accessed 25 Jan 2020).

⁹⁹ Joshua Lawrence Horne-Harriett Johnston and William Silas Johnston-Harriett Johnston Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

- Georgia appears on the 1910 census in Veasey Township, Drew County, Arkansas.¹⁰⁰ Callie's daughter Mandie Howard married Alva Wyles in Drew County on 4 Jul 1909.¹⁰¹ Mandie's residence is stated as Marion Township, Drew County, on the marriage record, indicating she lived in the township adjoining Georgia.¹⁰² This record places Callie's daughter – and likely Callie, too – near Georgia's location on this date.
- Georgia's place of death is unknown, but her sons either returned or remained in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, after her death. Her youngest son James Charles Horne appears in the 1920 census in Gilbert, Ward 2, Franklin Parish, in the household of Jim W. Johnston, listed as Jim's nephew.¹⁰³ Jim W. Johnston is the son of William Silas Johnston and his first wife Harriett Johnston,¹⁰⁴ meaning Jim was Charlie's father's half-brother – more simply, Jim was Charlie's half-uncle. If Charlie's mother Georgia and Alma were siblings, Charlie had another connection to Jim, his maternal aunt Alma's stepson. It is possible Charlie was placed with the Jim W. Johnston family because of his multiple connections to the family.

Additional Connections

- M. A. Smart, the mother of Callie and James identified on the 1900 census, has additional childbirth statistics available on this population schedule. Her entry states she is the mother of 9 children, with 5 of these children still living.¹⁰⁵ These numbers align with the hypothesized Smart siblings. The eight children that appear in the 1870 census with "S" and "Adline" Smart – plus Georgia, born about 1875 – equals nine. Four are known to be living in 1900 (Callie, Alma, James, and Georgia), and Mary is known to be deceased. It is possible at least one other sibling from the 1870 census was still alive in 1900, or the information could be in error.
- Further evidence of the Smart family move from Claiborne Parish to Winn Parish can be inferred from an old shopkeeper's journal found in an abandoned building near Sikes, Winn Parish in 1960. The ledger belonged to G. W. Henderson and had entries dating from January 1870 through November 1874.¹⁰⁶ Among the people named in the journal's transactions are "S. W. Smart" and "Shan McMurry."¹⁰⁷ S. W. Smart matches with the evidence for Callie, Mary, and – by connection – the other Smart siblings' father. "Shan" may be an unknown relative of Mary Smart's husband John McMurry, or it could be a transcription error for "John" or "Jno" – a common abbreviation for John of the time. It is impossible to know without seeing the original journal, which research failed to locate. It is also important to note the shopkeeper was G. W. Henderson who was a witness to Alma Smart and William Silas Johnston's marriage,¹⁰⁸ he also was married to S. W. Smart's inferred sister Margaret.¹⁰⁹ This journal provides evidence of a larger Smart family migration from Claiborne Parish to Winn Parish around 1870.

¹⁰⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Drew Co., AR, pop. sch., Veasey Township, p. 26 (stamped), ED 55, sheet 2-A, dwelling 34, family 34, Georgia Horn.

¹⁰¹ "Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957," database, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Mandie Howard and Alva Wyles, 4 Jul 1909.

¹⁰² *Ibid.*

¹⁰³ 1920 U.S. census, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, Ward 2, p. 32 (stamped), enumeration district (ED) 34, sheet 6-A, dwelling 106, family 110, Charlie Horn in the Jim W Johnston household; digital image, *Ancestry.com*

(https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6061/4300967_00557/74384123 : accessed 28 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 612.

¹⁰⁴ William Silas Johnston-Harriett Johnston Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹⁰⁵ 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sche., Ward 9, ED 48, p. 88 (stamped), sheet 7-B, dwell. 112, fam. 112, M A Smart.

¹⁰⁶ "113-year old journal of Sikes storekeeper found," *Sikes Historian* 1 (18 September 1982): 5.

¹⁰⁷ *Ibid.*

¹⁰⁸ Winn Parish, Louisiana, "Marriages v. A 1886-1893," database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book A, p. 118, Wm S. Johnston and Amarintha Rebecca Smart, 28 Jun 1888.

¹⁰⁹ "Louisiana, Compiled Marriage Index, 1718-1925," database, *Ancestry.com*; entry for George W. Henderson and Margaret A. Sharp, 14 Jan 1857. 1850 U.S. census, Claiborne Par., LA, pop. sch., 7th Ward, Township 22, p. 146 (stamped), dwell. 752, fam. 752, Jesse K. Smart household.

Naming Patterns

Naming children to honor family members is a common practice among many families, regardless of background or ethnic group. The hypothesized Smart siblings have the following overlapping names among them:¹¹⁰

	Callie	Mary	Alma	James	Georgia
Names of Children:	Ophalia James L Mary Addie Samuel Amanda	Robert Franklin James George Washington	Andrew Frank Jordan Martha Hardy Wayne Ida Mamie	Mary Della Mack James Luther Alma Mattie Lee Bettie Lessie	John Thomas William George Dewey James Charles

While some name repetition could be coincidence, the following observations stand out:

- Four of five hypothetical Smart sibling named a child James. This name could be an important shared ancestor or could all honor their brother James.
- Callie’s family had the most repeated names: James for her brother and/or husband, Mary Addie possibly for her mother and/or sister, and Samuel for her father. Amanda could be a form of Amerentha, one of Alma’s many name variations observed in records.
- The lack of shared names for Alma’s children could be explained by her husband having three sons from his previous marriage. Their names were G. (possibly George) Edgar, James, and Albert¹¹¹ – which means they already included two of the popular names among siblings.

TRACKING INTERACTIONS OF MCMURRY SONS WITH SMART RELATIVES

The hypothesized Smart siblings had many interactions between 1880 and 1930. It is reasonable to believe Mary Smart McMurry’s sons should also have interacted with their Smart relatives after her death. The following records indicate interactions between Mary’s sons and their hypothesized maternal aunts, uncles, and cousins:

- Robert, James, and George McMurry all moved to Franklin Parish, Louisiana, by 1910.¹¹² Their father John McMurry cannot be located on the 1910 census, suggesting he died before this date. The McMurry sons’ exit from Winn Parish and appearance in Franklin Parish records indicates they followed their maternal Smart family members.
- Robert married Florence Royal in Franklin Parish on 26 Nov 1908.¹¹³ The first male witness was Andrew Johnston, the son of Alma Smart and William Silas Johnston, Robert’s probable first cousin.¹¹⁴ Other witnesses were his two brothers, James and George McMurry.¹¹⁵ The choice of witnesses as his brothers and Andrew Johnston indicates Andrew was likely a family member and close friend.

¹¹⁰ James Howard-Callie Leah Smart, John McMurry-Mary Smart, William Silas Johnston-Amarintha Smart, James Smart-Elizabeth Jones, and John Thomas Horne-Georgia Smart Family Group Sheets; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹¹¹ William Silas Johnston-Harriett Johnston Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹¹² 1900 U.S. census, Winn Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, ED 119, sheet 3-B, dwelling 50, family 50, Robert, James, George McMurry
 1910 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 7, p. 105 (stamped), ED 51, sheet 28-B, dwell. 391, fam. 433, Robert F McMurry.

1910 U.S. census, Franklin Par., LA, pop. sch., Ward 8, p. 130 (stamped), ED 52, sheet 18-A, dwell. 340, fam. 340, Jim Murry.

¹¹³ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, “Marriage records, vol. F-G, 1900-1909,” digital images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007726247?cat=357925> : accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book G, p. 505, Robert F. McMurry and Florence Royal, 26 Nov 1908.

¹¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*

- James married Mrs. Francis Wright in Franklin Parish on 17 Jun 1909.¹¹⁶ It was an apparent double-wedding with Mrs. Anna (Alma) Johnston and James Monroe McKaskle; both weddings happened on the same day and were officiated by M. E. Miller.¹¹⁷ James and Alma are hypothesized nephew/aunt, but their respective spouses were also related – Mrs. Francis Wright was the widowed daughter of James Monroe McKaskle.¹¹⁸
- George also married into the Johnston/McKaskle family. He married Lula McKaskle, daughter of James Monroe McKaskle¹¹⁹ – and, therefore, stepdaughter of Alma – on 26 Dec 1912 in Franklin Parish.¹²⁰

CONCLUSION

A search of all white females named Mary Smart, born between 1855 and 1866 in Texas or Louisiana, and living in either of these states on the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses, resulted in only one likely candidate for Mary Smart enumerated with her family of origin. Mary Smart was born about 1859 in Texas and appears in the 1860 and 1870 censuses with her inferred parents S. W. and Adeline Smart in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. Sometime after 1870, the S. W. Smart household moved with other extended family members to Winn Parish, Louisiana. Records for the family and for Mary end here due to a courthouse fire that destroyed all Winn Parish records in 1886; however, S. W. Smart's presence in Winn Parish is proven by entries in the G. W. Henderson shopkeeper's journal between 1870 and 1874. Neither Mary nor any other members of the hypothesized S. W. Smart household can be located on the 1880 census, suggesting these individuals did comprise a family unit and were missed by the census enumerator. Mary married John McMurry between 1880 (census in which John McMurry's marital status is single) and 1882 (birth of oldest known son Robert). She died after December 1888 (birth of youngest known son George) and before the 1900 census.

Other known Smart females with records in Winn Parish between 1880 and 1890 – Callie Leah Smart Howard, Amerentha "Alma" Rebecca Smart, and Georgia Smart – were most certainly Mary's siblings. Callie and Alma, along with Callie's mother M. A. and brother James, migrated to Franklin Parish, Louisiana, around 1900. Within a year, Callie and James both married into the same extended Johnston family as Alma and Georgia. By 1910, all three of Mary's sons had also migrated to Franklin Parish, and two eventually married Alma's stepdaughters. By 1920, all surviving Smart siblings or their descendants were living in Franklin Parish, Louisiana.

The interconnected marriages and migrations of Mary and her sons, Alma, James, and Georgia and her sons, along with the direct evidence of James's relationship with Callie (who has direct evidence identifying her father) prove these five individuals were siblings and children of S. W. and Adeline Smart of Claiborne Parish.

SUGGESTED FUTURE RESEARCH ACTIONS

- Conduct a DNA research project to prove or disprove the Smart siblings' relationship. Because these families frequently intermarried with Johnstons and McKaskles, it will be necessary to prove each testers' relationship to siblings of S. W. and Adeline Smart – not to one another – as DNA from other shared common ancestors will effect results.

¹¹⁶ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, "Marriage records, vol. H, 1909-1912 Marriage records, vol. I (white), 1912-1917," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG1Y-6F4G>; accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book H, p. 27, Jim McMurry and Mrs. Francis Wright, 17 Jun 1909.

¹¹⁷ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, "Marriage records, vol. H, 1909-1912 Marriage records, vol. I (white), 1912-1917," database with images, *FamilySearch*; Marriage Book H, p. 26, J. M McKaskle and Mrs. Anna Johnston, 17 Jun 1909.

¹¹⁸ James Monroe McKaskle-Rebecca Lurana Fowler Family Group Sheet; Horn(e), McMurry, McKaskle, Johnston, Smart, and Associated Family Charts and Group Sheets, privately held by Jessica Horne Collins [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], Houston, Texas. 2020.

¹¹⁹ *Ibid.*

¹²⁰ Franklin Parish, Louisiana, "Marriage records, vol. H, 1909-1912 Marriage records, vol. I (white), 1912-1917," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG1Y-6F4G>; accessed 25 Jan 2020); Marriage Book H, p. 453, G W McMurry and Lula McKaskle, 26 Dec 1912.