

Patience Smith
(1886-1973)
&
James Smith Adams
(1883-1945)

Parents of:

Hazel Adams

Alice Adams Berg

Patience Bernice Adams Kolster

A Biography by Granddaughter

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Foreword

The purpose of this updated and more complete biography is to display a more personal side of the lives of our grandparents, Patience Smith and James Smith Adams. As a result of the research, writing, and assembly of this document, I feel I know them better and profoundly appreciate the way they lived their lives and engaged in their activities. To have given such service and dedication leaves us a rich legacy. There is great value in family histories as we reflect on the trials of life's journey and remember our ancestors and the events of their lives. It is my hope that we remember them with fondness or gain a better understanding of Patience and Jim while reading through the following pages. Hopefully you will understand your place in the family tree and begin or continue to keep your own family records and pass them down to following generations.

I would like to thank cousins, brothers and sister, parents and, of course, grandparents for their input with stories and notes left behind for the compilation of this information. Most of all I would like to thank my husband, Steve Medrano, and my daughter and son, Karla and Steven V. Medrano, for their continual support and editorial comments.

The History of a Valley, copyright 1956, about the evolution of life in Cache Valley, Utah, has served as a source for much of the historical information contained in these pages. Patience was diligent to write short histories of her mother, Annie Howe Smith, her mother-in-law, Alice Smith Adams, and of herself, husband, and daughters that were found in record books left in the Adams family home by granddaughter Kristine Kolster. Both Hugh Adams and Thomas X Smith kept notes with beautiful penmanship from which information has been gleaned. My aunt Hazel Adams, the daughter of Patience and James once told me that neither of her grandmothers could write, which may account for no personal notes of theirs in our findings.

This biography of our grandparents is the result of continued encouragement from individuals in the Thomas X Smith family organization, specifically Gary Hansen. I appreciate their combined donation of hundreds of hours of research and writing with an end result of reunions, new friendships, and a collection of documents in book and digital image form. We are reconnecting in a larger diverse family. Through continued sharing of information and communication we can learn from one another and strengthen the roots of our important family.

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Children of Annie Howe & Thomas X Smith



Top row: David Howe, Eugene

Middle row: Mabel, Francis (Fannie), Patience

Bottom row: Marie, Jennie



Alice Smith, Hugh, Mary Horlacher Adams



Sons of Alice & Hugh Adams. L to R: Walter, James at top, Joseph, Thomas

Patience & James Adams Family



**Patience Smith
1886-1973**



**James Smith Adams
1883-1945**



**Hazel
1907-1988**



**Alice
1917- 2005**



**Patience Bernice
1922-2002**

The Lives of James Smith Adams 1883-1945 & Patience Smith 1886-1973



Before we find out a little about the early lives of Patience Smith and James Smith Adams, let us put their lives in context with familiar historical events. In the 1880's Utah remained a territory of the United States and Cache Valley was still somewhat isolated from the surrounding communities with transportation by foot, horse, and rail. The valley remained insulated from the financial problems that would beset the nation with resulting recessions and depressions. We might say that the inhabitants remained in poor economic circumstances most of the time, but the people were very industrious and resourceful despite not having access to the financial backing available to other populated areas of the nation.

Electrical power had not been invented. Thomas Edison had only successfully demonstrated the incandescent bulb in 1879 and constructed a simple three wire electrical system in a basic wooden structure in Pennsylvania in 1883. Kansas became the first state to "go dry" in the nation's alcoholic Prohibition era. In 1883, "Buffalo Bill" Cody staged his first Wild West Show in Omaha, Nebraska. Also in 1883, Krakatoa, the now famous volcanic island in Indonesia, blew itself to nonexistence. For the first time in history, news of the eruption and catastrophic loss of life from the earthquakes and tsunamis spread across the globe rapidly via the newly completed worldwide land and undersea telegraph system, informing nations within days of the tragedy. In 1885, the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City was completed and the Statue of Liberty was unveiled in the New York Harbor in 1886. Geronimo, Apache leader, and his followers and families surrendered in 1886 to General Miles in Skeleton Canyon, Arizona, after being relentlessly pursued by the US Army. Cache Valley inhabitants got news of these important events when it trickled in from the outside world.

The 1880's were a simpler era for the people of the valley in northern Utah, but filled with long days of hard work to survive in the harsh environment of the area. Cache Valley had been difficult to farm and raise enough food for the pioneers. The settlers had been plagued with devouring insects and short summers with inadequate water supplies to keep the crops and new trees growing. Severe winters sometimes killed the livestock that provided needed meat and milk.

Elevations for the entire valley floor vary about 300 feet, ranging between 4,435 and 4,770 above sea level. Cache Valley's largest city, Logan, the place where Patience and James' parents pioneered, now has over 52,000 people according to the 2010 census. The population for Logan City was 3,396 in 1880 and increased to 4,620 by 1890. The years of 1880-1910, during which James and Patience were born, raised, and married were called the "Golden Age" by old timers, referring to the years of transition from the hard pioneer times (1850-1880) to the "modern era" of years following 1910. We have little written about Patience Smith and James Smith Adams during their lives, but in her later years Patience had the foresight to write short biographies of herself, her husband and children that have helped us know a little of their journey.

James Smith Adams

James (Jim) Smith Adams was born on May 4, 1883, at home in a small log house located at 367 East 200 North in Logan, Utah. He had a more comfortable life than his pioneer parents experienced. He was the son of Hugh Adams and Alice Smith, both from Scotland. That house, built by his father, stayed in the family

Jim behind his house before 1906



for many years, passing from Jim's nephew Wendell Adams (at the time of his death in 1990) to first cousin Bernice Adams Kolster who had moved to Logan for retirement after the death of her sister Hazel Adams. Eventually the home was sold outside of the family and was torn down and in 1996 a modern two-story home was built in its place.

Jim, 5 foot 10 inches tall as an adult, with medium brown hair and brown eyes, was the ninth of ten children born of Hugh Adams' marriage to Alice Smith, his third wife. Hugh's first wife, Margret Webster of Scotland, died four hours after the birth of her fourth child in 1862 and left four young children. Alice's father was a good friend of Hugh, and Alice was hired to do laundry and help with the children. Hugh married his second wife, Mary Horlacher, in 1863. Mary's health required additional help with the children from both families and Alice cheerfully assisted with the chores and children. Mary suggested that Hugh take Alice as his wife and they married in the Salt Lake City Endowment House on May 19, 1866. There were four children from the first marriage (aged ten to four years old) and two young children of the new union when Hugh and Alice married. Alice and Mary lived amiably under the same roof for many years sharing work and pleasure. Hugh later built Alice the log home through the block from Mary's located at 367 E. 200 N. Alice was a good mother to all the children. She gave birth to ten children, three who died as infants. One married daughter also died, leaving a son Alice raised until he was five years old. Jim was the second to last child born into a very large and loving family.



*Endowment House
Salt Lake City*

Jim learned to work hard as a young boy, doing many chores. He helped his mother with the vegetable garden and, with his brothers, pulled a wagon from house to house selling those vegetables in the summers. Jim was the quietest of the three brothers (Thomas and Walter) that married and lived side-by-side on the lot of their parents on 200 North across from the Logan Carriage House of the Logan LDS Temple. Later, Jim worked with his father in the fields and went to get wood from the canyon for cooking and heating the family's home.

Lumbering was a chief Cache Valley enterprise in the late 1870's and 1880's, with dozens of sawmills in each major canyon. Jim, his father Hugh, and his brothers may have had jobs in the industry before heavy logging and uncontrolled grazing depleted the once plentiful timber. These disappearing watersheds concerned some Cache Valley citizens enough to petition President Theodore Roosevelt, who then designated acres of mountain lands as Logan Forest Reserve in 1903 that in 1908 became the Cache National Forest.

Sons of Alice & Hugh Adams

*L to R: Walter, James at top,
Joseph below, Thomas at right*



Jim's family was a large one and the two dollar tuition for six weeks of school only allowed the children to take turns going to school. When tuition was dropped Jim was able to finish the eighth grade, which was Logan City's graduation until the end of World War I. The Rock School, later known as the Whittier School, was Jim's first school, and is used at the present time for the Cache Valley Civic Ballet. It is located at 300 North and 400 East. Jim's final years in school were spent at the eight-room brick building of the Benson School, which was located on the corner of 400 North and 200 East in Logan but has since been torn down.

Patience Smith

Patience Smith was born December 22, 1886, in a small frame house located at 191 East 500 North in Logan, Utah, just a few blocks away from the Adams household. Patience was ninth of eleven children born to Thomas X and Annie Howe Smith, both of English descent. Thomas X's first wife was Margaret Gurney whom he wed in England in 1851 before immigrating to America with their first daughter in 1853. Margaret gave birth to eleven children and died at the early age of 50, leaving young children who were most likely looked after by their older siblings and Annie, who had three living children of her own by that time. In 1884, Thomas X also married a third wife, Elizabeth Fullerton Sweet, who had grown children, two of whom were adopted by Thomas X according to LDS church records.

Young Patience had, of living full-blood siblings, two older brothers, two older sisters, and two younger sisters. One adult married sister, Jennie, died in the flu epidemic of 1918 and left two children who were raised to maturity by her sister, Marie, and her mother, Annie. Her mother lost her first three children as babies and her seventh child as a result of burns she received from falling in the hearth. Patience writes in later years that her mother nearly went wild after the burn and death of baby Priscilla and soon moved to a one-room house. Thomas X later built Annie the six-room house in which Patience and her siblings were raised. The house was replaced many years ago with a nice brick house, which is now considered an older home in the heart of Logan city.

Annie & TX Smith children:

*David, Eugene,
Mabel, Francis (Fannie), Patience,
Marie, Jennie*



Patience was raised in a home made cozy and inviting by a Virginia creeper which shaded the hot west end of the porch in summer. It was on one-fourth of a Logan City block (108,900 square feet or about 2 ½ acres) with fruit trees, gardens, cows, pigs, chickens, and horses. Hay and wheat fields provided feed for the livestock. Her mother taught her to keep a very tidy house and to work hard, helping with food preparation and storage for the winter as well as outdoor demands of gardens and livestock. Girls of the era learned all they needed to know to become mothers and to provide for their husbands and children. She, along with her sisters, learned to embroider, tat, crochet, and do other forms of needlework. (Patience later in life supplied altar cloths for the Logan LDS Temple). They sewed most of their clothes; produce was “put up” for the winter requiring long hours of water bath canning, which was the preservation method before the pressure cooker was invented. Clothes were cleaned on the washboard (and later in married life by the modern wringer washer followed by use of the electric wringer washer.) They dried clothes on the outdoor clothesline in warm dry weather, in a dry basement (if available), by the fireside, or by the “freeze dried” method (hanging the newly laundered clothes outside to remove some moisture) in the winter. Patience cooked and baked with a wood-fired cooktop and oven and heated water for cooking, cleaning, and bathing.

Their family was religiously devout with her father serving as a Bishop (for forty years and six months, Patience used to say) in the LDS Church Fourth Ward of the time. Their home was full of faith, prayer, and service. Patience’s parents were continually of service to their neighbors and family, with many a meal and support given from their own supplies and abilities. Patience and the other children must have assisted with all of these services. They gave milk from their cows to those who had none and vegetables from their large garden were shared and given to her father’s other family.

Patience attended the Benson School (now gone) on the corner of 400 North and 200 East in Logan through eighth grade graduation. “Higher education” meant going on to high school at the Brigham Young College (which later became Logan

Senior High School), which also offered classes equivalent to a junior college of today.

After graduation, Patience started earning regular income and states in an autobiography that her first paid job was tending a little boy for one year at the rate of a dollar a week and she wrote, "I was treated good and learned things that were a benefit to me . . . I was happy because I could pay my tithing." She next worked at the knitting factory in downtown Logan for Melvin J. Ballard and Joseph E. Cardon until the time that she married James Adams. Knitting factories did well in Cache Valley due to the abundance of cheap female labor producing "union suits" (underwear), hosiery, sweaters, jackets and skirts.

Quiet Patience grew to be a petite (about 5' 3" or 4") and thin woman (never weighing over 100 pounds), with long medium brown hair and brown eyes, who caught the eye of Jim Adams. They might have met through friends or at a church function or perhaps at a sporting event that Jim was participating in. He liked sports and played baseball with boys from the fifth ward (a geographical church area which is now east of the Temple) on a team they called the Gofers probably because they played at Gofer Field that was located where the current 5th/18th Ward LDS chapel is at 502 East 300 North. Patience kept her hair long throughout her life and wore it in a bun or braids tucked at the back of her head. She was always tidy in appearance.

The parents of both Jim and Patience practiced polygamy, or the plurality of wives, announced by the LDS Church in 1852 and brought to Cache Valley with the pioneers. Only a small percentage of LDS families practiced polygamy (just over 7% by 1870) and by the time of the births of Jim and Patience, the practice was very politically unpopular. Federal legislation brought the Antbigamy Act in 1862, but the law was not detailed and hard to enforce. The Edmunds Act, passed in 1882, defined polygamy more clearly and set fines and punishments for its practice with Utah polygamists finding themselves disenfranchised and barred from holding public office. With the report that plural marriage continued in the Territory, a Utah Commission of five individuals was appointed to enforce the laws of the act. Enforcement increased in 1885 resulting in imprisonment and fines. Polygamist men took strong measures of evasion by hiding, going underground, or on LDS missions and other Church assignments rather than go to prison as many did. Thomas X Smith went underground and Hugh Adams probably did as well, although, I think he served some prison time.

Prosecutions were especially heavy in the valley in 1886, 1887, and 1888 when Jim and Patience were starting life's journeys. Their families, along with others in the community, experienced the results of the passage of the Edmunds-Tucker Act of 1887 that abolished many of the laws of the Territory of Utah and confiscated LDS property. Woman suffrage in Utah was abolished and the Act prevented many Mormons from voting, while dissolving the LDS Church as a corporation. Polygamy was made illegal under the label of "unlawful cohabitation." Many families, including the Adams and Smith families, experienced severe trials.

By 1890, the LDS Church was being destroyed by the polygamy issue and was nearly bankrupt. LDS President Wilford Woodruff stated the official Church position through the Manifesto, published September 25, 1890 in the *Deseret News* and two days later in the *Logan Journal*: the LDS Church was no longer teaching or performing plural marriage and had not been for the year past. At this time, Jim was 7 years old and Patience was 4. Although they were young, Jim and Patience no doubt were aware of the disturbance in their families. LDS members (Mormons) practicing polygamy petitioned for amnesty from prosecution in 1891 and were granted amnesty by pardon from President Benjamin Harrison in September of 1892. Hugh Adams, Jim's father, kept his pardon in his possession, which was later donated to LDS Church Museum of History. Copies of this pardon are in the possession of several of Jim and Patience's grandchildren.

Statehood had been denied to Utah over the polygamy issue, various economic pressures, and Utah's lack of political diversity. The LDS (Mormons) tended to vote as a group and were held in disdain by "non-Mormons." After refusal for statehood, the LDS Church asked some LDS families to vote along Republican lines to balance the vote. It took seven applications before the territory was granted statehood. The Utah Commission finally recommended statehood for the territory after the bipartisan elections of the early 1890's and President Grover Cleveland proclaimed Utah a state on January 4, 1896. The Smith and Adams families, as pioneers in Logan City, surely welcomed the restored privileges and statehood.

Married Life

Before he was married, Jim, with his father, Hugh, built a rock foundation and had a carpenter, Mr. Edelfsom, build a two-room house "with a pantry and closet" on it (Patience's own words in her short autobiography). He prepared the house for his bride by having it painted inside and out and had both of the rooms papered. Patience later writes that he furnished one room with a good wool carpet and bedroom set and put linoleum, a good range and kitchen set in the other room. Her mother-in-law put some lovely houseplants on a stand by the front windows. Patience prepared curtains, bedding, towels, dishes and enough bottled fruit for winter before their marriage on the 10th of October 1906 in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple. Together they moved into the little two-room house Jim had built on the lot close to his parents and brothers at 363 East 200 North in Logan, less than half a city block from the LDS Temple. Patience writes that her father, Thomas X Smith, was so happy that she would have that fine house for married life and watched the building progress as he attended meetings at the nearby Temple.

The newlyweds welcomed the birth of their first child, Hazel, the next year on July 18, 1907. Jim and Patience may have thought they would not have any other children, but Alice arrived February 6, 1917, and Patience Bernice was born five

years later on June 17, 1922. Patience had been teaching in the Primary children's organization of the LDS Church when she expected her third child and, in March of 1922, was given a parting gift of a personalized poem (Resolution of Respect, see appendix C) and framed picture of a mother and baby showing the appreciation for the skilled and devoted service she had provided to the teachers and children under her stewardship. The ladies in the Primary signed the back of the picture.



Jim with cement crew. Jim is in the middle in the white shirt & rounded hat.

Jim worked as a foreman to cement contractors Joseph E. Wilson and Olaf Nelson and later was an independent cement contractor earning a good living for his family with his skilled workmanship. His business was busy and always had a job to work on due to his reputation of high integrity. Jim was known as a good carpenter, a good machinist, but most of all as a master mechanic. He built foundations, steps, sidewalks and roads and was an artist in his work. Some of his concrete work is still solid without cracks and on display around the house where he and Patience raised their children. Jim also kept the yard looking very trim and did it with the hand tools of the day.

History books report that the first financial panic to affect Cache Valley's insulated location was the "Banker's Panic" of 1907. Wages and agricultural prices rose rapidly during WWI and dropped sharply with the crisis. The depression of 1921 was more serious and prolonged which affected agricultural areas like Cache Valley strongly. The valley remains very agricultural today. In 1920, sugar beets (an important cash crop for Cache Valley) brought \$12.00 per ton, but one year later brought only \$5.50 per ton. Wheat sold for \$1.95 a bushel early in the fall of 1920 and fell to \$.65 a bushel just a few months later. The local economy struggled and citizens could not make ends meet. In 1919, 252 properties had delinquent taxes. By 1922, 1,440 pieces of property were delinquent on taxes with many farmers losing their farms. As in the recent recessional years of 2009 to 2011, Jim's business would have seen a marked decline in requests for work with subsequent deprivations. Jim and Patience were thrifty, however, and provided a secure and comfortable home.



*Alice, Patience, Jim, and Bernice
about 1926*

By 1930, Jim and Patience had three girls. Hazel was 24 years old and teaching school, Alice was 13 years old, and Bernice was 8 years old. The family, as well as most of their neighbors, had to be conservative with their resources during these years bridging the poor economic times of recessions and the Great Depression, as well as the rationing of food times during WWII. Adult clothes were cut and made into clothes for the girls to wear. Food from storage and gardens was plentiful, though limited in variety.

The parents loved their daughters and raised them with kindness and high ideals. Patience taught them to make a comfortable and clean home, to sew, crochet, and cook, and provided opportunities for schooling and piano lessons, purchasing a piano in about 1910. The piano was a Bush & Gerts, built about 1893. Patience had a fun loving side too, demonstrated to Bernice one day when she and friends were in their living room trying to do the jitterbug (a contemporary popular dance step). Patience showed them how to do it! In more recent years Bernice commented to her oldest son, Jim that she wondered how her mother had learned to do the dance.



*The Berg Family in front of the Adams Family home
at 363 E. 200 N. in Logan. L to R Jake, Linda, Alice,
Don, Uncle Tom, and Ron.*

Patience, Jim, and Hazel, (with Alice and Bernice later) lived in the two-room house for sixteen years when four rooms were added—a bath, small bedroom, back porch area, front porch and basement with a fruit room. Bernice was two years old

at the time and had to be watched closely so she would not fall into the hole for the basement. The family kept a large garden with raspberry bushes and fruit trees, the produce of which Patience stored in the root cellar northeast of the house and thriftily bottled for winter months.

Hazel began school at the Brigham Young College (BYC) owned by the LDS church until May 22, 1926. Hazel may have completed the “advanced normal” teaching certificate requiring four to six years at the BYC (probably high school and junior college years combined) when she graduated in 1926 and began teaching elementary school. The BYC had high scholastic standards and its graduate teachers were highly sought after locally and in nearby states. Hazel later received her BS degree from the United States Agricultural College (later Utah State University) in June of 1940. At some point in her teaching career, Hazel worked with Edith Bowen, a pioneer within the teaching field in Cache Valley. Hazel, who never married, was a teacher for 23 years and then a principal for 25 years, always living with her parents and always helpful to her mother before and after Jim died.



*Patience, Hazel, Jim
Graduation from USAC in 1940.*

Alice also attended the USAC for one year after graduating from Logan High School in 1935. Patience writes in a short biography of Alice that she “not wanting to go on to school” worked as a telephone operator for one year. She met Jacob Berg who was studying forestry at the “AC” (Agricultural College) and married him January 15, 1938, at the home of her parents. They moved to Montana, for a short time to Idaho, and back to Missoula, Montana, where Jake built a house and they raised their three children, Linda, Ronald, and Donald.

Bernice or Peggy, named Patience Bernice at birth, attended the USAC for two years before going to work in Long Beach, California, with two other girls and cousin Margaret Adams (daughter of Walter Adams) who lived just two doors away in Logan and was a good friend. Bernice worked as a bookkeeper and shared an apartment with Margaret and another girl. There was only one bed, but it worked out because they all worked differing shifts. Bernice met Jim H. Kolster while in California and the two braved the narrow and snow packed roads driving to Logan to

be married in Patience's living room on February 9, 1946. Their lives, raising five children (Jim H. II, Kristine, Francine, Robert J., and Matthew W.), took them back to Logan for Jim's schooling, to Germany, and all over the west during Jim's military career.



1907. The circus traveling down Main Street in Logan. Notice the electric lines on poles down the middle of the street.

The Adams and Smith families grew up in an era with limited access to services we take for granted in 2011. Electricity, telephone service, and transportation by train, streetcar, or auto are among a list of items that our forebears might have labeled "luxuries." Logan's incandescent electric plant was the first of its kind in Utah. Originally built to run a lumber-planing mill, the owners sold electricity (produced from a DC motor during the mill's off hours) to Logan City beginning in 1885. But efficient service did not electrify even as far as the USAC or the business section of Logan until 1896. Jim and Patience may have begun married life (1906) with the modern convenience of electric lighting in their new home.

Logan Rapid Transit Company began operation in early 1910 to provide electric streetcar service from the Oregon Short Line railroad depot in west Logan up Center, Main, and 400 North streets to the USAC campus, and in the summer of 1912 extended service north and south to the communities of Providence, Hyde Park, and Smithfield. These were the newlywed years for Jim and Patience. The horse-drawn buggy and wagon were equally seen along the roads with the streetcars and gasoline automobiles in those early days when the auto was put away for the winter and used more as a luxury or toy. Jim and Patience never owned an automobile and probably used a wagon and possibly a buggy. Hazel purchased the first car the family used, a 1936 Plymouth, sometime in the late 30's.

Unfortunately, on September 10, 1945, next-door neighbor and Jim's brother, Tom, called to Patience that something was wrong with Jim who was working in the garden. All were shocked that a probable heart attack had caused the sudden death of Jim at the age of 62. On the day of the funeral, the Fifth Ward LDS meetinghouse was full of friends and family of James Smith Adams. They attended to honor his life of integrity, of being a good father and husband, and his willingness to lend a helping hand and donate of his means to others. Jim honored his wife and loved his girls and three grandchildren (Linda, Ronald, and Donald) who lived in Missoula,

Montana, and talked to his friends about his trips to visit them. He was remembered as a man of sound and thoughtful opinion about current events, though uncomfortable talking before the public at meetings. He was honest and forthright in his dealings with his fellow man and family and was sorely missed at his sudden passing.



*Jim, Patience, & Hazel
with Donald, Ronald and
Linda Berg. 1945*

Widowhood

Patience and Hazel continued to live in their home after Jim's death and supplemented their income for a time by taking in boarders who used the big bedroom (usually two women teachers) while Patience and Hazel used the little bedroom (about 8x10 feet) and back porch for sleeping. Some of those women became lifelong friends to mother and daughter. Meals were provided for all and the extra income allowed a modest lifestyle.

Patience was especially active throughout her life in the LDS Church and taught religion class when the children were small and was called by Bishop John Q. Adams (Jim's half brother) to teach in the Primary Children's Organization and later became president of the Primary. She served in the Relief Society Women's Organization as a teacher and leader. She served on the then Cache Stake Relief Society board for nine years, was a member of her neighborhood's 5th Ward Relief Society for 66 years, and served as a visiting teacher to other women for 55 years. Patience was also an active member in the Seagull Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, serving two years as captain, and served as a registrar for Voting District No. 10 for eight years.

Patience became an ardent LDS Temple attendant and worker in later years, no doubt influenced by her mother, Annie Howe Smith, who walked regularly to the Temple through the summers and winters and would stop by Patience's home (just steps away from the Temple) and have her hair combed and put into a bun. After attending the Temple, Annie would return to Patience's home and have perhaps some tea, stewed peaches or a fried egg before walking home. In 1944, Patience began the assignment of giving out baptismal clothing for two years followed by the

assignment to also distribute temple clothing until 1968. She continued attending temple sessions for the remainder of her life until she became bedridden following a fall.

Patience helped her eleven grandchildren, who all lived outside of Utah, to feel loved and important and sent them remembrances at birthdays and holidays. She looked around at current clothing styles and would send fabric to her daughters on occasion for dresses to be made for the girls. She fed her visiting grandchildren homemade bread and home-bottled peaches and sometimes had the luscious treat of raisin-filled cookies. Grandma watched her grandchildren playing in the yard with her soft brown eyes in such a kind face. Grandma Patience surprised her daughter, Bernice, when she sledded down 200 North (Temple Hill) with young grandson Jimmy when that icy road used to be closed to automobiles in winter weather.

In her sunset years, osteoporosis had caused stooping and great discomfort for Patience before she spent her last months of life bedridden following a fall and subsequent stroke. Hazel, who had always lived in the home of her birth, lovingly cared for her mother whenever she was not at the schools for which she was principal. Hazel arranged for a full-time nurse for Patience during the school day and welcomed family members into the home for the visits they made from near and far in the holidays before their relative, mother and grandmother, (and great grandmother) returned to her maker on cold January 4, 1973, having reached the age of 87.

Clyde Smith, one of her nephews, sent a note of condolence to Hazel after Patience died. He wrote that her mother had always been “kindly, friendly, and undisturbed.” Quite a tribute! The much beloved Patience Smith Adams lived her life with dignity, integrity and service, providing a very rich legacy for her descendants and others in her extended family and circle of friends. Burial was next to her husband in the family plot in the Logan City cemetery.

*Grandma Patience as we
remember her.*



Biographies of the Daughters of Patience Smith & James Adams

The following histories of the three Adams girls are compiled from notes written by Patience, their mother, and from other family history. Information herein is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Hazel

1907-1988



It has been the practice in the Logan Fifth Ward Relief Society to honor one sister whose example has been an inspiration to the others in the Ward. Hazel was selected to be honored on March 21, 1978. Afton Moser was asked to write a brief history about Hazel and read it at the meeting. Hazel did not know that she was being so honored until Afton read the following:

Knowing Hazel I warn myself this must be simple and unpretentious. Not only is she my very good and true friend, she is my cousin. Hazel's father and my mother were brother and sister. She has helped me with this line of my Genealogy. We have delved into treasures of old pictures and much reminiscing has gone on.

"You will note that her life has been one of continuous service to others. As a girl, she taught in Sunday School and Primary while preparing herself for a teaching profession, and yet while in college she was called to serve on the Sunday School Stake Board, and also on the MIA Stake Board.

A good many of us will recall her many years of serving as the coordinator of our Junior Sunday School.

She began her teaching profession at the Wilson School in 1926, was later transferred to the old Benson School, which was in the vicinity of where the Winchell Donut House stands today (southeast corner of the intersection of 100 East and 400 North in Logan). A few years there, and then the new Adams School was ready for service. As she served at the Adams School for several years she was recognized as one of the city's most qualified teachers, in fact so qualified that she was offered the principalship at the Wilson School, later to the combined Wilson-Riverside Schools, where she remained until retirement, in 1972. Her teaching spans the sum of 45 years.

Hazel has a deep and sincere concern for each child or adult under her guidance. She has soothed and aided many, looked into the eyes of literally

hundreds of bewildered, frightened and emotionally upset children and for this alone she will have a place of great glory in eternity.

Her father died in 1945 and Hazel became even more devoted and loving to her mother, who was a rather frail little person helping her to maintain the wonderful, influential grandmother image.

When Aunt Patience passed away Hazel became the grandmother image to all the nieces and nephews who admired her courage and respected her advice. She is so generous in giving in many ways. Each one has been the recipient of either a quilt or an afghan.

She stresses the importance of knowing the law and living it to the letter whether it be state, community or church.

Hazel is one of great dependability, always following through on her commitments, whether it be sitting at a home during a funeral service, helping with luncheons or just plain getting things in order for a day of Relief Society. Well, there is hardly a day goes by that Hazel does not help someone or another. She spends many an hour at the hospital with relatives and friends, especially on the day of surgery.

Hazel is a very humble person, never mentioning any of her own accomplishments.

And now we come to this tremendous contribution as she performs her duties as Relief Society Secretary, spending hours and hours. She is a perfectionist, you know, and nothing else will do as she pours over her notes, meticulous, so precise and efficient. I dare say if these records were turned to someone else tomorrow they would be in full completeness.

Well, I could go on expounding on Hazel's virtues but will simply turn to her and say, we appreciate you and to know you is to love you."

Hazel received a teaching certificate from the Brigham Young College in 1926. At that time high school and junior college classes were taught as higher education and Hazel probably completed the "advanced normal" teaching certificate requiring four to six years of school work. The college had high scholastic standards and graduate teachers were in high demand in Cache Valley and neighboring states. Hazel received her bachelor's degree from the United States Agricultural College (later Utah State University) in 1940. At some point in her teaching career she worked with Edith Bowen, a pioneer within the teaching field for Cache Valley.

We, as nieces and nephews, can write no more praise than Afton did in her tribute. She was generous when we would visit and read to all of the children through the generations, which helped to instill a great love of reading and learning. We feel a deep love for her within us.

Born	July 18, 1907--Thursday 7:30 P.M. at 363 E. 2 N., Logan, Utah
Blessed	September 1, 1907 by her Grandfather Hugh Adams.
Baptized	January 18, 1916 in Logan Temple by William W. Williams.

Confirmed by Thomas Morgan. January 18, 1916.
School Started at six years beginning in September 1913, at the Whittier School.
Graduated from High School May 1924.
Attended school at B.Y.C. Junior College two years.
Graduated with B.S. degree from U.S.A.C. in Elementary Education in June 1940.

Alice
1917-2005



Alice attended the United States Agricultural College (USAC) for one year. “Not wanting to go on to school” she worked as a telephone operator for one year. This same year she met Jacob Berg who was attending school at the USAC from which he graduated in Forestry. As do most all boys and girls, they fell in love with each other and on January 15, 1938, Bishop George Raymond married them at her parent’s home. The sun shown beautifully through the window. They both looked lovely -- she in a powder blue dress, he in a dark blue suit. Roses were used to decorate the room.

A beautiful wedding cake was the centerpiece for the dinner table from which dinner was served. After dinner she, with her husband, left for Missoula, Montana, Jacob’s Mother’s home. Soon they found an apartment to live in. Later her husband was transferred to St. Mary’s, Idaho, in the forestry. Some years earlier he worked at the nursery in Haugen, Montana. Later they moved again to Missoula, Montana where they had built a nice home.

They have a beautiful girl Linda, and lovely twin boys, Ronald and Donald. Linda graduated from Missoula High School (Hellgate) June 4th, 1958, and also from Montana State University (later the name was changed to University of Montana), Missoula, 1962. (The previous is from the personal notes of her mother, Patience Smith Adams, edited.) Linda got her first degree in Microbiology and Public Health followed by a certificate in Medical Technology and, later, a certificate as a Specialist in Microbiology. Donald graduated with a degree in biology from the University of Montana in 1968 and obtained a master’s degree in Science Education from the University of Montana in 1978. Ronald also graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in zoology and received a master’s degree in zoology from the University of Wisconsin.



Alice worked at the Missoula Mercantile. She started in the lunchroom, moved to the dry goods department, then to the business office. She retired from the Montana Mercantile Warehouse business office.

She was a wonderful cook, liked to garden, read, and could occasionally be found dancing the Charleston in her kitchen.

Jake was a “jack of all trades.” He built their house, remodeled it at least twice, fixed up used cars for the family’s use and dabbled in electronics. He was a driver-salesman for the Western Montana Linen

Supply Company. He was a dutiful son to his widowed mother who farmed west of Missoula.

Jake and Alice enjoyed walking all over Missoula, especially into town to have a snack and then back home again.

They traveled to Alaska, California, the Deep South, the Northeast, and Texas. One of their travel highlights was a trip to Norway where they met some of Jake’s relatives. They “discovered” Hawaii in 1969 when Linda and Bob moved there. They rented an apartment on the Ala Wai Canal during the winter months for several years.

Alice and Jake had a long and happy marriage and celebrated a 64-year anniversary in 2002.

Born	Feb. 6, 1917-Tuesday 12:50 P.M. at 363 E 200 North Logan, Utah
Blessed	May 6, 1917 by uncle John Q. Adams.
Baptized	Feb 10, 1925 in Logan Temple by William R. Sloan.
Confirmed	by Thomas Morgan, Feb. 10, 1925.
School	Started at six years beginning in September 1923 at the Whittier School. Graduated from Logan High School May 23, 1935.

Patience Bernice Adams

1922-2002



As a child she liked to go to the barnyard with her Daddy. One time she stood too close to the cow while her Daddy was milking it. The cow kicked her against the fence but she wasn't hurt. When she was a little tot we missed her a few minutes. We found her in the duck pond at the end of the garden having a good time wading in the mud and water. We got her out, stripped off her clothes and put her in the tub head and all to get the smell and mud off. Another time we lost her and later found her a block from home with our neighbor boy making mud pies. Like her friends she always attended Primary, Sunday School and M.I.A.

Bernice was employed at the college for one year. Four girl friends had gone to California and had good work. They wanted her to come there also, so in December 1943 she went and stayed with her friends. Within a short time she got good work at the Ferry Command Station at Long Beach, California.

When her father died in September 1945 she came home for the funeral. She stayed for two weeks and went back to her work.

While in California she met a young man who had just returned from the Second World War whose name was Jim H. Kolster. They soon were in love with each other. They came to Logan, Utah, where she was raised, and were married by President Henry Cooper. Faye Goodsell was best lady and Bob Hagar was best man. A pretty wedding cake was served to those present.

After a short honeymoon they left for San Angelo, Texas, the home of her husband. They stayed in San Angelo about a year and then came back to Logan so Jim could attend school at the USAC. (The previous is from the written notes of her mother, Patience S. Adams, edited.)

Bernice and Jim lived with her mother, Patience and sister, Hazel, until they found an apartment around the corner on 400 East. Their first child, Jim Henry II, was born while they lived in Logan and Jim continued his schooling in engineering courses until the USAC dropped the engineering school. Jim applied to be active duty Army (he had been in ROTC at the college) and the family moved to El Paso, Texas, while he attended RADAR schooling (at that time even the word RADAR was classified and secret).

Kristine was born while the family was in El Paso and when Jim went to Korea, Bernice and children returned to the support of her family in Logan. When Jim's tour of duty was over the family returned to El Paso. Army life took them on

to Georgia, San Pedro, California, Oklahoma, Germany, Colorado, New Mexico, and finally again to El Paso, Texas. During those years second daughter Francine, second son Robert John, and third son Matthew Wade were born. Bernice made very comfortable homes wherever she lived and enjoyed yard work, sewing and cooking. She also did a lot of packing, cleaning, and rearranging through those many moves.



Jim's military retirement in El Paso gave she and Jim an opportunity to be of great service to their neighbors and church members. Bernice was so very happy when, in 1975, Jim joined the LDS Church. Many hours were volunteered during those years before they made a final move to Logan, Utah, in 1989, to Bernice's childhood home after the death of her sister, Hazel. They made new friends and continued their lives of service. Bernice joined the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, was a good helpmeet to her husband, and enjoyed the Logan climate at the end of her life.

Her family and friends remember her as a stoic woman with a strong work ethic and a little half smile of humor. She fixed many delicious and appetizing meals and treats and always remembered birthdays. We think of her often and with great regard for those principles she exemplified to us all.

Born June 17, 1922, Saturday at 10:00 A.M. at 363 E 200 N., Logan, Utah.
Blessed August 6, 1922 by her uncle John Q. Adams.
Baptized July 1, 1930, in Logan Temple by Adebort E. Craney.
Confirmed July 1, 1930, by Willard Boden.
School Started at six years beginning in September 1928, at the Whittier School.
Graduated from High School May 1940.
Attended U.S.A.C. Logan, Utah, two years.

Appendix A



*Patience Smith Adams
1886-1973*



Appendix B



**James Smith
Adams**
1883-1945



Appendix C.

Resolution of Respect

Our beloved President, who was the leader of us all welcome to you dear Patience, officers and all. Oh, what will the officers do, without our President dear, for everyone say it, "If Patience were only here."

Let us join together with hearts both brave and true, give love to our dear President, God's blessings will come to you; you cannot know the good you've done, to us dear officers alone and I am sure that you'll be blessed, and earth will give you the very best.

"Give to the President and best you have, and the best will come back to you," this is the lesson that we have learned, from our President so good and true.

The president's name is happiness as the story goes, and if I give my President joy the more our happiness grows.

I do not hesitate to say, but this I know and this I say, that as we labor day by day, our faith grows stronger when I place reliance in our president's face and thus we find support and cheer and feel and know our President is near.

We welcome you dear President kind and hope that pleasure you will find in listening to we workers, a word of regret. I would add it makes we officers feel sad, to see you go from this good work, we hope you all our joys will not shirk, that you are welcome you must know, but we delight to tell you so, and while we talk of pleasure so sweet, we hope to greet you on the street, just a kindly smile as she passed you is the message of joy it brought to you, cheered many an officer while a lesson of love it taught, but it lifted a load of care, when the smiling face of the President came in from the open air and many a home was made happy and may a heart made good, but the smile of the President that made the boy and girl glad.

Yes, thanks to our primary teachers better now than every before, we appreciate your labors and we honor them the more, and we now begin to realize what trials officers have, but with all the work and worry, Patience would make them glad and as we now present this to you we make you understand, how you've helped us in our labor. And we pay all honor to you from this brave and faithful land and may we officers be like you "Founder of the Primary Band."



Resolution of Respect & "Dreamland" were given to Patience S. Adams in March of 1922 when she left the children's Primary organization prior to giving birth to her third daughter, Bernice.

In Remembrance

IN MEMORY OF
Patience Smith Adams

December 22, 1886 January 4, 1973
Logan, Utah Logan Utah

SERVICES CONDUCTED

Monday, January 8, 1973
Nelson Memorial Funeral Chapel
12 Noon

CONDUCTING

Bp. A. C. Hull, Jr.
Logan Fifth Ward

PALL BEARERS

Donald Berg Stanley Adams
Jim H. Kolster, II ~~Wendell Adams~~
Robert Kolster John Jacobs

CARE OF FLOWERS

Logan Fifth Ward Relief Society

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family may we express their gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed and for your attendance at these Memorial Services.

MR. AND MRS. STERLING NELSON AND STAFF

B.E. Price substitute

Services

Family Prayer Roland Reese

Organ Prelude Reese Murray

Invocation Loy Watts

Vocal Solo Frank Baugh, Jr.
"Softly And Tenderly"
Accompanied by Reese Murray

Speaker Pres. Cecil B. Kenner

Remarks Bp. Alvin C. Hull, Jr.

Vocal Solo Frank Baugh, Jr.
"Not Now But In The Coming Years"
Accompanied by Reese Murray

Benediction William Keith Clark

CONCLUDING SERVICES
Logan City Cemetery

Dedication of Grave Ellwood W. Rasmuson



Patience Adams

Mrs. Adams

Mrs. Patience Smith Adams, 86, died late Thursday evening, at the family home, 363 East 2nd North.

Mrs. Adams was born in Logan on December 22, 1886, a daughter of Bishop Thomas X. and Annie Howe Smith. She was married to James S. Adams in the Logan Temple on October 10, 1906. He died in 1944.

are eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and two sisters; Mrs. Marie Kimball of Logan and Mrs. Mabel Bradford, Salt Lake City.

Active throughout her life in the LDS Church, Mrs. Adams was an ardent temple worker. At one time she was a teacher in the Religion Class organization. As a member of the 5th Ward Relief Society for 66 years, she acted as a visiting teacher for 55 years, served in the organization's presidency for four years, and as a Stake leader for nine years. She was a teacher in the Primary Association for 10 years, served four years as a counselor and then president for two years.

She was the registrar for Voting District No. 10 for eight years, and was a member of the Seagull Camp of the Daughters of the Pioneers.

Surviving are three daughters: Hazel Adams of Logan, Mrs. Jim H. (Bernice) Kolster of El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Jacob M. (Alice) Berg of Missoula, Mont. Also surviving

Funeral services will be held Monday at noon in the Nelson Memorial Funeral Chapel under the direction of Bishop Alvin C. Hull of the Logan 5th Ward. Friends may call Sunday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. and Monday one hour prior.

Burial will be in the family plot of the Logan City Cemetery.

Patience S. Adams

LOGAN — Patience Smith Adams, 86, Logan, died Jan. 4 of natural causes at home, 363 East 2nd, 1973. Logan, to Thomas X. and Annie Howe Smith. Married James S. Adams Oct. 10, 1906. Logan LDS Temple. He died 1944. Active member LDS Church. Member DUP, Seagull Camp. Survivors: daughters, Hazel Adams, Logan; Mrs. Jim H. (Bernice) Kolster, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Jacob M. (Alice) Berg, Missoula, Mont.; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Marie Kimball, Logan; Mrs. Mabel Bradford, Salt Lake City. Funeral Monday noon, Nelson Memorial Funeral Chapel, where friends call Sunday 7-8 p.m., Monday hour prior to services. Burial Logan Cemetery.

Appendix D

Ancestors of Patience Smith & James Smith Adams

George Smith
(c.1793;m.1812;d.1844)

Patience Timpson
(b.1792;d.1872)



Thomas X Smith
(b.1828;m.1869;d.1907)

Thomas Howe
(b.1821;m.1849;b.1903)



Hannah Masters
(c.1830;d.1901)



Annie Masters Howe
(b.1850;d.1925)



Patience Smith
(b.1886;d.1973)

George Thomas Adams
(b.1804;m.1828;d.1880)

Margaret Yaden Adams
(b.1804;d.1891)



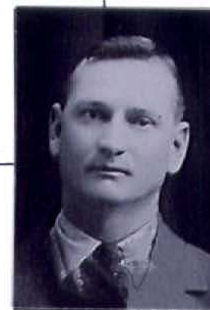
Hugh Adams
(b.1829;m.1866;d.1917)

Ralph Plain Smith
(b.1819;m.1840;d.1899)

Marion Crookston
(b.1816;d.1882)



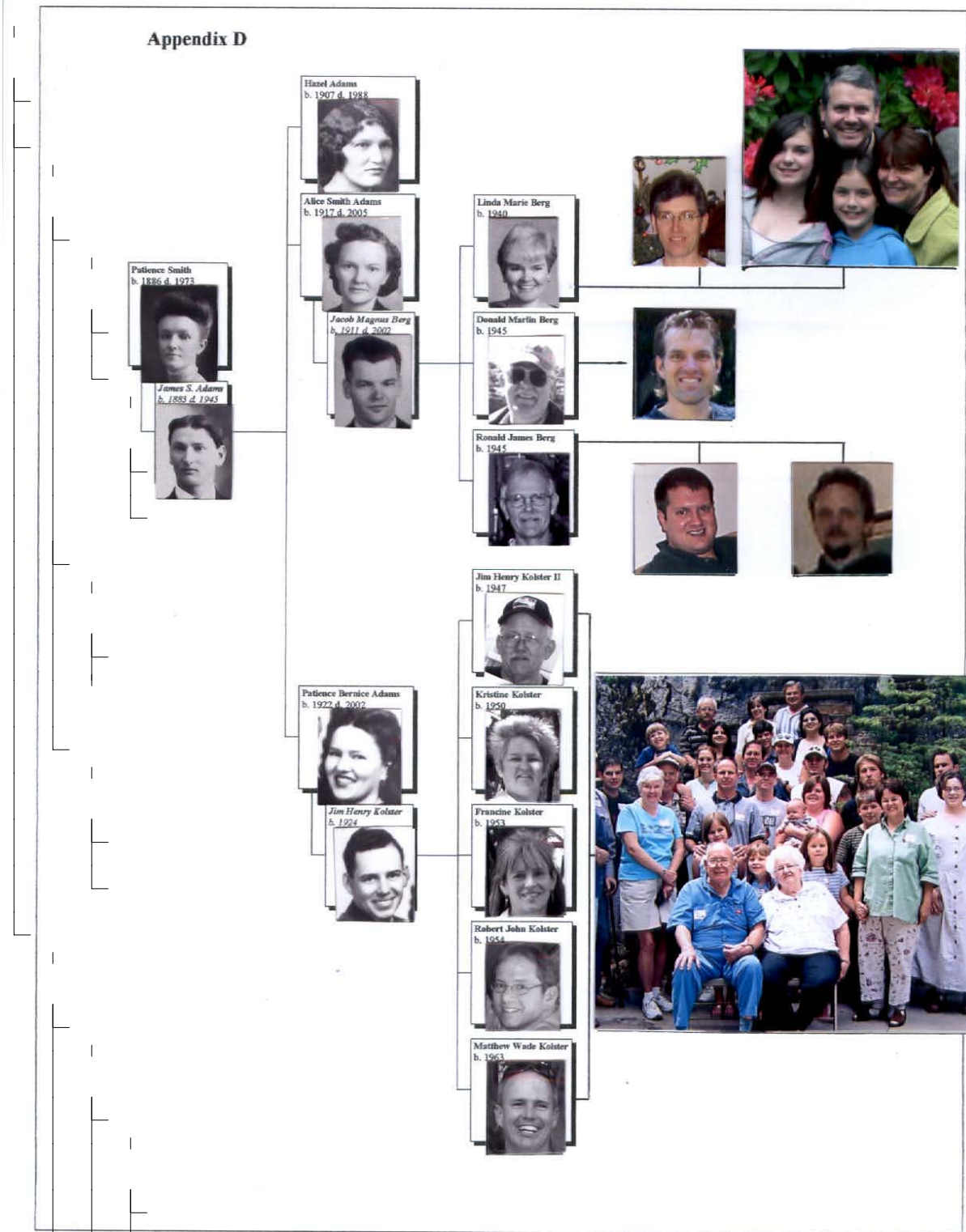
Alice Smith
(b.1848;d.1927)



James Smith Adams
(b.1883;m.1906;d.1945)

Descendants of Patience Smith & James Smith Adams

Appendix D



Appendix F.

1. Patience Smith (b.1886;d.1973)

sp: James Smith Adams (b.1883;m.1906;d.1945)

2. Hazel Adams (b.1907;d.1988)

2. Alice Smith Adams (b.1917;d.2005)

sp: Jacob Magnus Berg (b.1911;m.1938;d.2002)

3. Linda Marie Berg (b.1940)

sp: Robert Edward Burgan (b.1940;m.1962)

4. Christopher Robert Burgan (b.1963)

4. Eric Edward Burgan (b.1966)

sp: Jane Ellen Frost (b.1959;m.1994)

5. Kate Linder Burgan (b.1995)

5. Nicole Marie Burgan (b.1997)

3. Donald Marlin Berg (b.1945)

sp: Leslie Schleppe (b.1941;m.1965(Div))

4. Bradley Ross Berg (b.1966)

sp: Cecilia Ann Barr (b.1949;m.1998)

3. Ronald James Berg (b.1945)

sp: Barbara Glaser (m.1970)

4. Justin Carl Berg (b.1973)

4. Daniel John Berg (b.1977)

2. Patience Bernice Adams (b.1922;d.2002)

sp: Jim Henry Kolster (b.1924;m.1946)

3. Jim Henry Kolster II (b.1947)

sp: Sherry McClellan (b.1950;m.1969(Div))

4. JimThomas Kolster (b.1970)

sp: Emily Suzanne Hill (b.1975;m.1993)

5. Mariah Danielle Kolster (b.1997)

5. Thomas Anthony Kolster (b.2002)

Descendants of Patience Smith & James Smith Adams

— 4. Wayne Adams Kolster (b.1972)

sp: Angela Lucero (m.(Div))

— 5. Adam Kolster (b.1991)

— 5. Lisa Marie Kolster (b.1994)

sp: Heather

sp: Darlene A. Dwyer (b.1958;m.1990)

— 3. Kristine Kolster (b.1950)

sp: Thomas Joseph Crenshaw (b.1951;m.1968(Div))

— 4. Thomas Joseph Crenshaw (b.1968;d.2003)

sp: Andrea Toub (m.1992)

— 5. Jasmin Toub (b.1992)

sp: Shannon Jeanne Smith (b.1981;m.2001;d.2010)

— 5. Zachary Thomas Crenshaw (b.2002)

sp: Billy Edward Rice (b.1949;m.1971(Div))

— 4. Billy Benjamin Rice (b.1972;d.2010)

sp: Oren Randolph Alt (m.1979(Div))

— 3. Francine Kolster (b.1953)

sp: Steven B Medrano (b.1950;m.1974)

— 4. Steven Vincent Medrano (b.1975)

sp: Bonnie Lynn Findlay (b.1978;m.1999(Div))

— 5. Erin Medrano (b.2000)

— 4. Jonathan Charles Medrano (b.1977)

sp: Laura Elease Allen (b.1979;m.2001)

— 5. Mace Alexander Medrano (b.2007)

— 5. Drake Vincent Medrano (b.2007)

— 5. Reya Dawn Medrano (b.2010)

— 4. Karla Medrano (b.1978)

— 4. David Michael Medrano (b.1981)

Descendants of Patience Smith & James Smith Adams

- sp: Marisa Reiko Wicklund (b.1981;m.2004)
 - 5. Laniakea Chiyoko Medrano (b.2007)
 - 5. Baby boy Medrano (b.2011)
- 4. Jennifer Medrano (b.1983)
- 4. Benjamin Paul Medrano (b.1985)
- 3. Robert John Kolster (b.1954;d.2011)
 - sp: Jenette Gutierrez (b.1954;m.1973)
 - 4. Christopher John Kolster (b.1979)
 - sp: Lisa Marie Drake (b.1981;m.2004)
 - 5. Yvonne Lynn (b.2002)
 - 5. Meadow Renae Kolster (b.2009)
 - 4. Renae Annette Kolster (b.1980)
 - sp: Jesse Zink (m.2006)
 - 5. Brooklyn Jesse Zink (b.2007)
 - 5. Colin Robert Zink (b.2009)
- 3. Matthew Wade Kolster (b.1963)
 - sp: Lea Sorensen (m.1992(Div))
 - 4. Anna Marie Kolster (b.1993)
 - sp: Randy Rill (m.2010)
 - 4. Kylie Patience Kolster (b.1995)