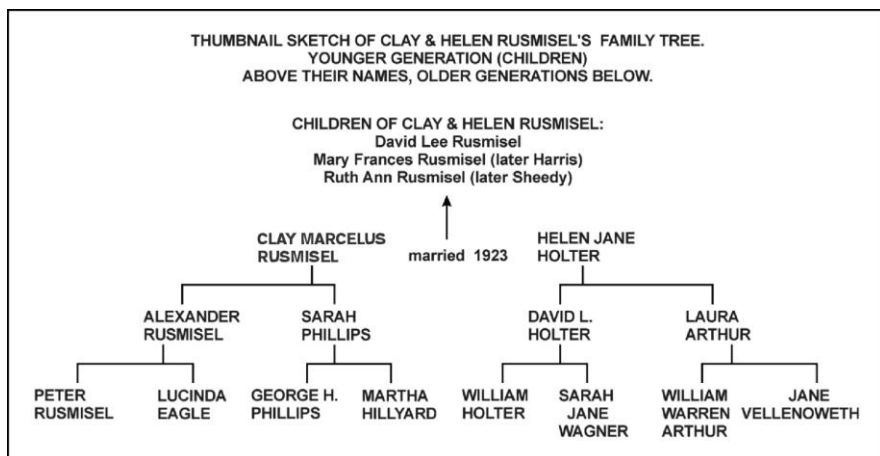


## Index to pictures of my mother's family (Rusmisel/Holter)



The information in this index was taken from notes in photo albums, on the backs of pictures and so on. Douglas L. Sheedy, Michael D. Sheedy & Mary Frances Harris were also able to identify many of the people and places. To see the photos go to [MikeSheedy.com](http://MikeSheedy.com). Many of these pictures were taken at the Burbank High School farm in San Antonio, Texas. Clay Rusmisel managed the farm for thirty years.

065 – Ruth Ann, David and Mary Frances Rusmisel. Children of Clay and Helen Rusmisel.

066 – Ruth Ann Rusmisel in high school ROTC uniforms. She went to Burbank H.S., in San Antonio, TX, in the early 1940s.

067 – Ruth Ann Rusmisel. On the back of the photo she wrote, "June-47 Me-San Marcos." She went to college there and probably made the gingham dress she's wearing. She made her own dresses for decades.

068 – L-R Douglas L. Sheedy, Ruth Ann Sheedy, Mary Frances Harris, David Rusmisel, Ethel Holter, Kenneth Harris, Helen Rusmisel, Clay Rusmisel.

069 – Ruth Ann Sheedy with her two sons, Mike on the left, Pat on the right. 1953.

- 070 – Ruth Ann Sheedy in her house on Harcourt Avenue, San Antonio, TX. Early 1960's.
- 071 – Two pictures of Clay Marcelus Rusmiser, both stamped Enid, Oklahoma. Clay married Helen Holter and they had three children.
- 072 – "Oct 38" written on the back of this photo. L-R Helen Rusmiser, Mary Frances Rusmiser, Alexander Rusmiser (standing behind Sarah Rusmiser, seated), David Rusmiser, Clay Rusmiser standing behind Ruth Ann Rusmiser.
- 073 – Clay Rusmiser, studio portrait collage. No dates on pictures.
- 074 – Clay Rusmiser with grandchildren. L-R Mike Sheedy, Judy Harris, Pat Sheedy.
- 075 – Slide stamped Jan '61. Clay Rusmiser lighting a cigar. This picture was probably taken in 1960, at the annual Harris family Christmas party.
- 076 – Clay and Helen Rusmiser, 1970.
- 077 – Written on back, "Ralph Emerson Holter, Ethel Elaine Holter, Helen Jane Holter." First three children to be born to David & Laura Holter. Ethel is on the left, Helen on the right.
- 078 – The Holter family. David and Laura with their children. Written on the back, "David Loren Holter, Laura Ann Holter, Ethel Elaine Holter, Helen Jane Holter, Ralph Emerson Holter, Carl Loren Holter, William Gerald Holter, Glen Holter."
- 079 – Helen Jane Holter (later Rusmiser).
- 080 – Helen Rusmiser with her children, L-R Mary Frances, Ruth Ann & David. 1928 or 1929.
- 081 – Helen & Clay Rusmiser at the Burbank farm.
- 082 – Slide stamped Aug '60. Taken at the Burbank farm. Sisters Ethel Holter left, Helen Rusmiser right.
- 083 – Alexander Fillmore Rusmiser (Clay Rusmiser's father).
- 084 – Sarah Rosalee Rusmiser (maiden name Phillips). Clay Rusmiser's mother. Studio stamp, "Enid, Okla."
- 085 – Handwritten on back, "Grandpa (A.F. Rusmiser) on Ash Rose." Clay Rusmiser's father.
- 086 – Helen Rusmiser on left. Her mother-in-law Sarah Rusmiser on right. The child is probably Helen's firstborn,

- David Lee Rusmiser. Photo stamped Okeene, Okla.
- 087 – Photo taken in October of 1938. The Rusmiser family. Grandmother Sarah Phillips Rusmiser sitting, then L-R behind her, Pearl Rusmiser, Mary Frances Rusmiser, Alexander Rusmiser (Sarah's husband), Mabel Rusmiser, Ruth Ann Rusmiser, Clay Rusmiser, Helen Rusmiser, David Rusmiser.
- 088 – David Loren Holter.
- 089 – Sisters Laura & Sadie Arthur (Laura Holter was Helen Holter's mother).
- 090 – David and Laura Holter, holding their first two children, Helen & Ethel Holter. The girl on the left is probably Helen, the girl on the right Ethel.
- 091 – Written on back, "Laura Holter and Gerald."
- 092 – Ethel Holter at left, Laura Holter holding child. The four boys would be Laura's sons.
- 093 – William Warren Arthur & daughters. L-R Laura (Helen's mother), Susie & Sadie.
- 094 – L-R Laura Holter, Helen Holter Rusmiser & Ethel Holter holding child, who is possibly David Lee Rusmiser. Stamped Okeene, Okla.
- 095 – William & Jane Arthur.
- 096 – "Jane Vellenoweth Arthur" written on back.
- 097 – "Granpa Vellenoweth" written on back. Probably Jane Vellenoweth Arthur's father.
- 098 – "Grandma Holter" written on the back. This isn't Laura Holter (David L. Holter's wife), so it's probably his mother, Sarah Wagner Holter.
- 099 – Written on the back, "Franklin Lee Rusmiser, Mabel Grace Rusmiser, Martha Pearl, Guy Dewey." Clay Rusmiser's siblings, shown before he was born. The picture was taken in Enid, before Oklahoma became a state (O.T., the Oklahoma Territory).
- 100 – Rusmisers in Mexico. Written on back, "F Row - Clay, David & Helen Rusmiser - Ethel Holter B Row - ?, Omadell Harris, Francey & Kenneth Harris, Mexico."
- 101 – Brothers of Helen Rusmiser:
- Top, Ralph Emerson Holter with wife Elsie and son Bill.
  - Middle left, Glen Holter.
  - Middle right, Carl Loren Holter.

- Bottom, William Gerald Holter with wife Maxine and daughter Helen.
- 102 – From a small photo album that was in Helen Rusmisl's possession. Ethel Holter was her sister. Photos taken in the nineteen teens. Ethel Holter (on left in top picture) and some acquaintances go out shooting. No indication who the others are. The sign on the building in background places this in "Okla."
- 103 – Stamped November 1952 on back. L-R Thelma & Pat Sheedy, Dorothy & David Rusmisl, Clay Rusmisl.
- 104 – Stamped March 1953. Helen Rusmisl holding Mike Sheedy, Clay Rusmisl holding Pat Sheedy. Taken at the Harris house on Sandra Dr., San Antonio.
- 105 – Miscellaneous items relating to Helen Holter.
- Top, pages from an O'Keene Oklahoma school booklet, from 1909. Helen Holter is listed as a student. I assume Elsie Murrell was her teacher.
  - Bottom left, written on back, "Willa Hunter, Ethel Holter, Mabel Berke, Helen Holter. Taken Aug. 12-1912, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pasvitch Studio."
  - Bottom right, Helen Holter at left, Ethel Holter center, unidentified girl at right (though she's in the other photo so would be either Willa or Mabel).
- 106 – Slide stamped Jan '61. Taken at the Harris family's 1960 Christmas party. L-R Dorothy Rusmisl, Helen Rusmisl, Leanne Rusmisl (infant in pink), Darrell Harris, Kenneth Harris supporting his son Glen Harris.
- 107 – Slide stamped Aug '60, taken at the Burbank High School farm, in San Antonio, at a Rusmisl/Holter family gathering. Clay Rusmisl standing at left, Ruth Ann Sheedy holding Tom the donkey. Adults, standing, L-R Jack Holter, his wife (Susanna?), Helen Rusmisl, Ethel Holter, Helen Reed, Mary Frances Rusmisl, Pearl Reed, Kenneth Harris. Kids around cart, George Reed Jr. (standing, baseball cap). Unknown dark-haired boy standing in cart (maybe one of Jack's children), Mike Sheedy in white shirt standing in cart. Sitting in cart L-R Darrell Harris, Judy Harris, Pamela Reed, Pat Sheedy. Two girls standing to right of cart...dark-haired girl unidentified (maybe one of Jack's children), blonde girl

Stephanie Reed. Glen Harris in stroller.

108 – Slide stamped Aug '60, taken at the Burbank High School farm, in San Antonio, at a Rusmisl/Holter family gathering. This was taken in a classroom in a barn, where they held ag classes. L-R, mostly adults around the outer perimeter -- Pearl Reed (back to camera), Helen Reed, Mary Frances Harris (standing), probably the top of Ruth Ann Sheedy's head, Helen Rusmisl, George Reed Jr., Kenneth Harris, Clay Rusmisl, Ethel Holter (sitting), Jack Holter, then probably Jack Holter's wife (back of head, Susanna?) and son on far right. Sitting at table, L-R, Darrell Harris (dark-haired boy on left), Stephanie Reed, Judy Harris, Pamela Reed, unidentified girl at the far end of the table (possibly one of Jack Holter's children), then Mike Sheedy, then Pat Sheedy (nearest camera, this end of the table).

109 – Photo taken at Burbank farm, San Antonio. L-R Mary Frances Harris, Dorothy Rusmisl, Ruth Ann Sheedy holding Leanne Rusmisl, Ethel Holter, Helen Rusmisl, (woman on right unidentified).

110 – Slide, no date. Photo taken at the Burbank High School farm. Rusmisl brothers L-R Guy, Clay and Lee. Leanne Rusmisl is the child closest to the camera. Two boys at the right are George Reed Jr., standing, Pat Sheedy kneeling. Poodles in picture would be either Clay's or Lee's. Both raised and trained poodles. Thunderbird is Uncle Guy's (he usually traded for a new one each year).

111 – Clay Rusmisl's Siblings. Left to right:

- Slide stamped Aug '60. Taken at the Burbank H.S. farm. Lee Rusmisl and Pearl Reed (born Rusmisl).
- Mabel Rusmisl.
- Guy Rusmisl and his wife Estelle.

112 – Ruth Ann Rusmisl & siblings (collage). Left to right:

- L-R Ruth Ann, Mary Frances & David Rusmisl, & George Reed.
- L-R Mary Frances, David & Ruth Ann Rusmisl. "About 1942" written on back.
- Snapshot of sisters Ruth Ann Rusmisl, left, and Mary Frances Rusmisl. No doubt the girls made their dresses.

Francey seems to be in a bobby soxer phase.

113 – David Lee Rusmisl, in uniform and flight gear. He was in the Army Air Corps in WW2, flew cargo planes over the CBI "hump" (China-Burma-India).

114 – Stamped Jun '50. David & Dorothy Rusmisl's wedding reception. According to what's written on the back, L-R Marcela & George Kush, Mr. & Mrs. Kush, Dorothy & David Rusmisl, Helen & Clay Rusmisl, Ruth Ann Sheedy, Mary Frances & Kenneth Harris. Kush was Dorothy's maiden name.

115 – The David Rusmisl family (collage):

- Left, wedding picture of David & Dorothy Rusmisl. Stamped June '50, San Antonio, TX.
- Upper middle photo stamped Aug '61. L-R Dorothy Rusmisl, Leanne Rusmisl, Ethel Holter, Darrell Harris, Helen Rusmisl.
- Upper right, David & Dorothy's daughters Lanette left, and Leanne, right. Slide stamped Dec '64.
- Bottom middle, Lanette (left) and Leanne Rusmisl.
- Bottom right David Rusmisl holding daughter Leanne. Photo stamped Apr '61.

116 – Mary Frances Rusmisl:

- Upper left, "Mary Frances Rusmisl - Age 5" written on back.
- Upper right, in her Burbank High School Sponsor's uniform.
- Lower right, with her sister, Ruth Ann Rusmisl. Their father's dog Zep is on top of the car. Taken at the Burbank farm in San Antonio.

117 – The Harris Family (collage):

- Upper left, Mary Frances (Francey) Rusmisl.
- Lower left, Kenneth Harris, U.S. Army. He was badly wounded by machine gun fire on D-Day, while parachuting onto Omaha Beach.
- Large picture in center is from a slide stamped May '60. Mary Frances & Kenneth Harris with children, L-R Darrell, Glen, Judy.
- Upper, color picture is of Darrell & Judy Harris.

- Upper right, Glen Harris on the left, Darrell Harris right. Taken in the back yard of the Sheedy's house on Harcourt Avenue, San Antonio.
- Black & white picture, lower middle, Kenneth Harris with daughter Judy. Photo dated May 1960.
- Lower right, at the Smithsonian Institution, summer of 1964. Darrell Harris left, Glen Harris right. The Harris and Sheedy families vacationed in Washington DC that summer, while Doug Sheedy trained with the Coast Guard. The families took a station wagon and a travel trailer from TX to DC, and they camped out. The wooded campground they used in DC was on the site of what would later become the Watergate office and hotel complex.

118 – Laura Holter (born Laura Arthur), had two sisters, Susie and Sadie.

- Upper row of pictures shows Susie, at the left and right, her children in the center. Her married name was Roberts. The children's names were written on the back of the photo--"Guy, Vern, Ona, Paul." Not sure who's who.
- Bottom row has three views of Sadie. Her married name was Bath. The young man is her son, James Bath. The photo at the lower right was stamped by a studio in Abilene, Kansas.

119 – Several items that relate to Bessie Couch, Laura Holter's cousin. Shown in this collage are a studio portrait on cardboard, a couple of tintype images, and two postcards. Bessie corresponded with Laura from England.

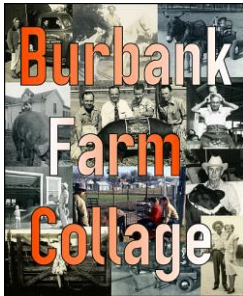
- Upper left - a photo marked "Bessie Couch."
- Upper middle - a crop from a tintype portrait of Bessie.
- Lower left - A crop from another tintype. The woman at upper right is Bessie. This could be a photo of her with her husband, or siblings, or friends.
- Upper right - The front of a postcard signed "Bessie Fenton." This card is dated 1902. Fenton may have been her maiden name, since the card is the earliest of the dated items I ran across while scanning.
- Middle right - Reverse of the postcard pictured above. Addressed to Mrs. D.L. Holter (Laura), care of her father

William Arthur. Dillon, Kansas, Dickinson county, U.S.A.

- Lower right - Another postcard from Bessie, dated 1905. The people pictured on the card are identified as "Vida and Dave." On the reverse the card is stamped "Rec'd. Thomas, Okla, (exact date illegible), 1906." Addressed to "Mrs. D. L. Holter, Thomas, Custer Co., O.K., U.S.A."

I don't know anything about Bessie Couch aside from the fact that she corresponded with her cousin, Laura Holter. The postcard dated 1902 was sent to Laura through her father, in Kansas. Laura may have been transitioning to married life in Oklahoma at the time. Bessie must have married as well, probably changing her name from Fenton to Couch.

120 – Information about Adam Rusmisl, compiled for a D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) application by Dorothy Rusmisl. Adam Rusmisl arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1773 and enlisted to fight the British in 1776.



Clay and Helen Rusmisl moved from Oklahoma to San Antonio, Texas in the 1930's. Clay worked various jobs and then became manager of the Burbank High School farm in 1939. He retired from the job in 1966. Over the years the family met there for Thanksgivings, reunions and so on. The pictures in this collage were taken at the farm in the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

Burbank Farm Collage (L to R, top row down):

- Clay Rusmisl (standing) beside Burbank farm truck.
- Clay Rusmisl on horse at the Burbank farm. The dog on the back of the saddle was a trained terrier named Zep.
- Stephanie Reed (left) & Pamela Reed with Tom the donkey.
- Stamped January 1962. The dog on top of the pig is holding some kind of ribbon. Clay Rusmisl and his



brother, Lee, raised prize-winning poodles.

- Clay Rusmiser on left (next to Burbank High School principal Terrell Gates). Prize-winning Duroc sow, 1947.
- Clay Rusmiser with Pat Sheedy on shoulders. In the vegetable barn.
- Photo dated June 1953. Clay Rusmiser spraying his grandson Patrick Clay Sheedy in front of the vegetable barn. Vegetable washing vat on right, inside the door. Kids used to swim in the vat when it wasn't otherwise in use.
- Clay Rusmiser supervising the use of the donkey cart, which he would hook up for the grandkids when they visited. Pat Sheedy driving, Mike Sheedy behind. Not sure who the other kids are, but probably neighbors. Row of houses on Fair Avenue is visible in the background, Duroc hogs.
- Clay Rusmiser at a livestock show.
- Ruth Ann Rusmiser at the Burbank farm.
- Pearl Rusmiser Reed with Tom the donkey.
- Clay & Helen Rusmiser at the farm.