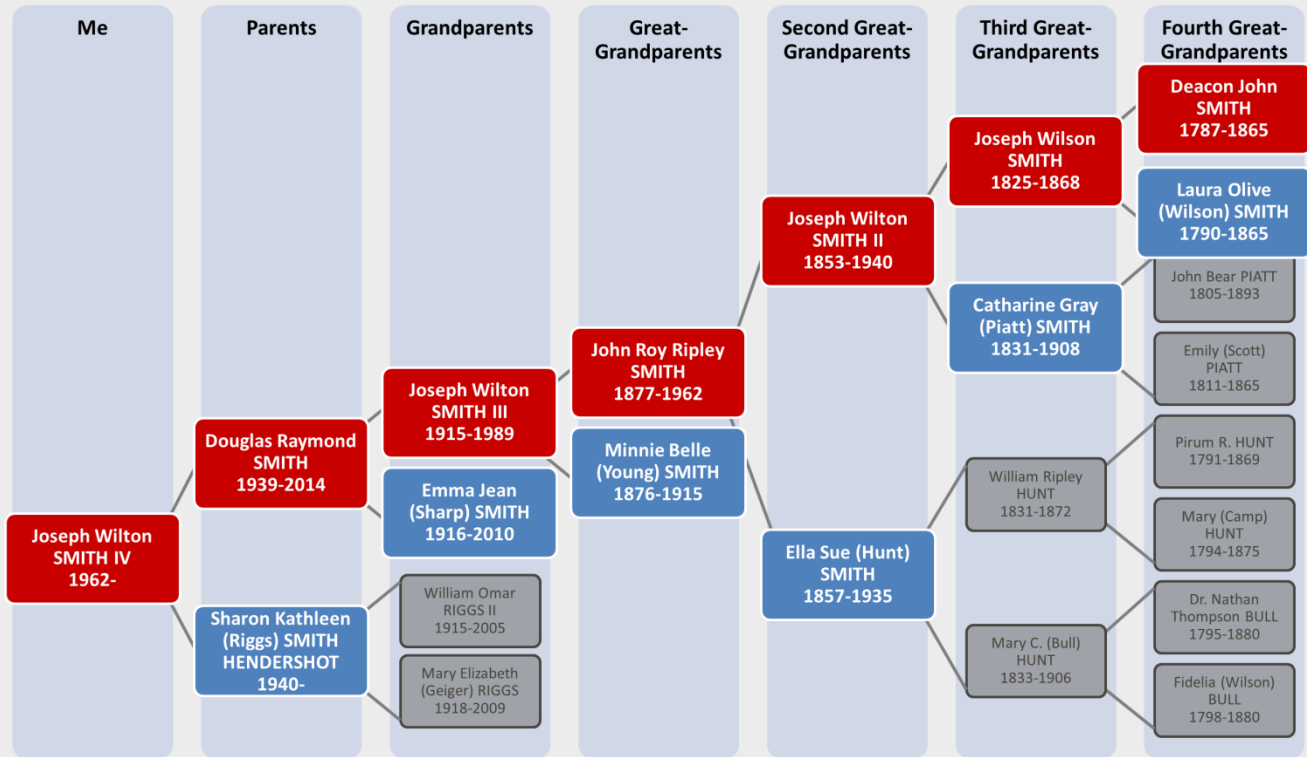


## My Smith Ancestors By Generation



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## My Smith Ancestors - Summary of Key Talking Points

- I. Deacon John Smith, my fourth-great-grandfather, emigrated to Ohio in 1812 with his brother and sister and:
  - A. Married Laura Olive Wilson in Worthington, Ohio in 1813. She emigrated from Cooperstown, NY in 1799.
  - B. Actively farmed 136 acres in Clinton Township until giving the land to his children in 1854.
  - C. Was a devout Christian and later became an Abolitionist. He was a Presbyterian Church elder for 22 years but had a higher calling later in life to serve important causes. He travelled to:
    - i. Cass Lake in the Minnesota Territory in the early 1850s to assist missions helping the Ojibway Indians.
    - ii. Berea, Kentucky in the late 1850s to assist in forming a college for freed former slaves.
- II. His son and my third great-grandfather, Joseph Wilson Smith, married Catharine Gray Piatt in 1851 and:
  - A. Was a farmer and businessman.
  - B. Died suddenly in 1868 at age 43 and was buried at Clinton Chapel Cemetery with his parents and a brother.
- III. His grandson and my second great-grandfather, Joseph Wilton Smith II, married Ella Sue Hunt in 1875 and:
  - A. Maintained homes and farms in both Ohio and Montana until 1928.
  - B. In 1875, his mother and six children each inherited a partition of Joseph W. Smith's farmland in Clintonville.
  - C. Lived at 821 Oakland Park Ave. and farmed the surrounding lands until his death in 1940.
- IV. His great-grandson and my great-grandfather, John Roy Ripley Smith, married Minnie Belle Young in 1899 and:
  - A. Was an engineer and successful entrepreneur.
  - B. Managed the Ohio properties of City Ice and Fuel.
- V. His second great-grandson and my grandfather, Joseph Wilton Smith III, married Emma Jean Sharp in 1937 and:
  - A. Was the youngest child of John Roy Ripley and Minnie Belle Smith. His mother died during his birth.
  - B. Was raised by his grandparents in Big Fork, Montana.
  - C. Was a businessman and motorcycle enthusiast.
- VI. His third great-grandson and my father, Douglas Raymond Smith, married Sharon Kathleen Riggs in 1960.

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