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Summary of Research Results:

Two hours of research time was applied completing a digital collections survey to learn more about the direct ancestors of Nelson Roy Smith with a focus to identify new ancestors and learn more about their identities beginning with his parents Roy Lee Smith and Mable Clarice Neal. The research survey yielded twelve positive results; specifically, a combination of census and military records as well as record index entries related to the direct ancestors of Nelson Roy Smith.

Every document that was obtained through research was analyzed and a summary of your research results can be found below. Images of all the records can be downloaded from your *Customer Dashboard* at www.capitalgenealogy.com/rick-smith.

Genealogist encountered numerous research obstacles during the research survey and client is encouraged to connect with genealogist to discuss challenges at length. The pedigree chart for client was not updated yet due to the inconclusive findings from this phase of research.



Research Results - Documents

DUNCAN - 1917 WWI Draft Registration for Henry Nelson Duncan

Name:	Henry Nelson Duncan
Event Type:	Draft Registration
Event Date:	1917-1918
Event Place:	Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, United States
Gender:	Male
Nationality:	United States
Birth Date:	10 Feb 1890
Birthplace:	Collinston, Louisiana, United States

DUNCAN - 1968 Find a Grave Burial Index Entry for Henry Nelson Duncan

Name:	Henry Nelson Duncan
Birth Date:	10 Feb 1890
Death Date:	6 Jan 1968
Cemetery:	Salem Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Learned, Hinds County, Mississippi, United States of America



NEAL - 1930 Federal population census, Beat 5, Jefferson, Mississippi, Family No. 465

Enumerated 21 May 1930

- Duncan, Henry, head, male, white, age 40, married, first married at age 23, literate, born in Louisiana, father born in Missouri, mother born in U.S., block setter at saw mill
- Duncan, Jessie, wife, female, white, age 40, married, first married at age 23, literate, born in Louisiana, father born in U.S., mother born in Mississippi
 - Duncan, Freddie, son, male, white, age 11, single, attended school within the year, born in Louisiana, parents born in Louisiana
- **Neal, Mabel**, niece, female, white, age 17, single, attended school within the year, literate, born in Louisiana, parents born in Louisiana

SMITH - 1900 Federal population census, Trenton, Smith, Mississippi, Family No. 91

Enumerated 9 June 1900

- **Smith, William**, head, white, male, born July 1875, age 24, married 6 years, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi, farmer, literate
 - **Smith, Mary**, wife, white, female, born March 1872, age 23, married 6 years, had 2 children by 1900 & 2 children living in 1900, literate,
 - Smith, Katie, daughter, white, female, born October 1894, age 5, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi attended school within the year
 - Smith, Nola, daughter, white, female, born January 1898, age 2, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
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SMITH - 1910 Federal population census, Beat 3, Simpson, Mississippi, Family No. 50

Enumerated 18 April 1910

- **Smith, William D.**, head, male, white, age 34, married 16 years, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi, farmer
- **Smith, Frances**, wife, female, white, age 29, married 16 years, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, Katie, daughter, female, white, age 14, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, N., daughter, female, white, age 12, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, Sampson, son, male, white, age 9, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - **Smith, Roy**, son, male, white, age 6, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, Angeline, daughter, female, white, age 3, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, Jim, son, male, white, age 2 months, single, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi

SMITH - 1918 WWI Draft Registration for William Decale Smith

Name:	William Decale Smith
Race:	White
Birth Date:	25 Jul 1875
Street address:	Harrisonburg
Residence Place:	Catahoula, Louisiana, USA
Relative:	Mary Smith



SMITH - 1920 Federal population census, Police Jury Ward 5, Catahoula, Louisiana, Family No. 6

Enumerated 22 March 1920

- **Smith, William D.**, head, male, white, age 44, married, literate, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi, farmer on own general farm
- **Smith, Mary F.**, wife, female, white, age 44, married, literate, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, Sampson, son, male, white, age 19, single, literate, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi, laborer on farm
 - **Smith, Roy**, male, white, age 16, single, literate, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi, laborer on farm
 - Smith, Angeline, female, white, age 13, single, attended school within the year, literate, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith Tom, male, white, age 10, single, attended school within the year, literate, born in Mississippi, parents born in Mississippi
 - Smith, Raston, male, white, age 5, single, born in Louisiana, parents born in Mississippi

SMITH - 1922 Death Record for Mary F. Murphy Smith

Name:	Mary F. Murphy Smith
Age:	43
Birth Year:	1879
Death Date:	14 Jul 1922
Death Place:	Catahoula, Louisiana, USA
Volume:	15



SMITH - 1922 Find a Grave Burial Index Entry for Mary Francis Smith

Name:	Mary Francis Smith
Birth Date:	20 Mar 1880
Death Date:	13 Jul 1922
Cemetery:	Harrisonburg Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, United States of America

SMITH - 1941 Death Index Entry for William D. Smith

Name:	William D Smith
Gender:	Male
Race:	White or Mexican (White)
Age:	64
Birth Year:	1877
Death Date:	16 May 1941
Death Place:	Catahoula, Louisiana, USA
Volume:	23



SMITH - 1941 Find a Grave Burial Index Entry for William D. Smith

Name:	William D. Smith
Birth Date:	1876
Death Date:	1941
Cemetery:	Harrisonburg Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, United States of America
	No Image Linked to Burial Index Entry

SMITH - 2015 Find a Grave Burial Index Entry for Mable Clarice Smith

Name:	Mable Clarice Smith
Maiden Name:	Neal
Birth Date:	19 Apr 1913
Birth Place:	Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, United States of America
Death Date:	31 Jul 2015
Death Place:	Lucedale, George County, Mississippi, United States of America
Cemetery:	Shady Grove Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Crossroads, George County, Mississippi, United States of America
	No image of grave linked to burial index entry; Transcription of obituary found as part of index entry;
Transcription of Obituary	Mable Clarice Smith, age 102, of Lucedale died Friday, July 31, 2015 at home in Lucedale. Mrs. Smith was born April 14, 1913 in Bastrop, LA. She is the daughter of the late William Elonzo and the late Annie Clarice (Duncan) Neal. She married Roy Lee Smith on December 8, 1932. She



was predeceased by her husband, Roy Lee Smith on February 17, 1989.

She was a resident in George County since October 31, 1945. Mrs. Smith was a member of Life In Christ Fellowship.

She is survived by one son: Nelson R. Smith of San Antonio, TX; grandson, Allan (Kim) Smith; grandson, Rick (Tina) Smith; great granddaughter, Lindsay (Travis) Nefford; great granddaughter, Nicole Smith; Great Great Granddaughter, Elliot Nefford; nephew, Freddie (Faye) Duncan; Care Giver, Faye Hartley.

Predeceased by her Husband, Roy Lee Smith, daughter, Laura Ann Childress, Father, William Elonzo Neal, Mother, Annie Clarice Duncan, Foster Parents, Henry & Jessie Duncan.

The funeral will be held 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 4 at Sigler Funeral Home Inc., 4248 Main St., Lucedale, MS with Bro. Tim Rogers officiating. Burial will be in Shady Grove Cemetery, Lucedale.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, August 4 from 10:00am-11:00am at Sigler Funeral Home.

Sigler Funeral Home, 601-947-3112, www.siglerfuneral.com, 4248 Main Street, Lucedale, MS, is in charge of arrangements.



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 - **SMITH - 2015 Find a Grave Burial Index Entry for Mable Clarice Smith**
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Summary of Research Recommendations:

(1) Identity & Direct Ancestors of Roy Lee Smith

Genealogist completed searches and it was not possible to find digitized marriage and death records for the parents of Roy Lee Smith known as William Decale Smith and Mary Francis Murphy so it has not been possible to verify and prove their respective dates and places of marriage and death. It will be important to submit requests to obtain copies of original marriage and death records for William Decale Smith and Mary Francis Murphy to analyze those records and learn more about the identities of their parents.

The identities of the parents to Mary Francis Murphy were not known at project start and during the last phase of work it was not possible to find original or secondary sources that reported the names of the parents to Mary F. Murphy. It is important to obtain copies of original marriage and death records for Mary F. Murphy Smith as a possible source to establish and prove the identities of her parents. After their identities have been established it will allow genealogist to continue to search for copies of census or other related records to prove their identities.

Although the identities of the parents to William Decale Smith were known a project start genealogist was unable to find census records on William Decale Smith prior to 1900. At that time he resided at the household of his parents or at the home of a guardian. A copy of his marriage and death record will likely report the identities of his parents, which will help the genealogist continue to search for census and other related records on the identities of his parents.

Genealogist recommends applying up to forty-five minutes of correspondence time requesting copies of original marriage and death records for William Decale Smith and Mary Francis Murphy from the States of Mississippi and Louisiana. The record search and copy fees due to the States of Mississippi and Louisiana will not likely exceed \$60.

Correspondence Time is a term we use to describe research tasks that involve direct contacts with government agencies, historical societies, or other entities to submit requests for documents; often including the completion of formal request forms, emails, or mail correspondence. Correspondence tasks are billed at half our normal research rate.



(2) Identity & Direct Ancestors of Mable Clarice Neal

Genealogist completed searches and was unable to find a digitized birth record or index entry for Mable Clarice Neal to verify and prove her date and place of birth was the 13th of April 1913 in Bastrop, Morehouse County, Louisiana. It was also not possible to find a digitized marriage record or index entry to verify and prove the date and place of marriage to Roy Lee Smith said to have occurred at project start on the 8th of December 1932 in Lucedale, George County, Mississippi. Another research obstacle encountered during the previous phase of work was the inability to locate a 1920 Federal population census on the identity of Mable Clarice Neal when she would have resided with her parents or a guardian at the age of seven.

It was discovered during the previous phase of work that Mable Clarice Neal was raised by foster parents who had the surname 'Duncan' and from a brief description of them in her obituary it seems likely they were a maternal uncle and aunt to Mable. At the end of this phase it was discovered that Henry Nelson Duncan was reported to have been born in Collinston, Morehouse County, Louisiana during 1890 according to his WWI draft registration card from 1917. Genealogist completed searches to locate further information on Annie Clarice Duncan and Henry Nelson Duncan but was unable to find a 1900 census on their identities when they likely would have resided together with parents or guardians. Most of the 1890 census was destroyed by a fire at the Capitol which is why it was not possible to find an 1890 census on their identities.

Genealogist recommends applying up to a half hour of correspondence time requesting a copy of an original birth and marriage record for Mabel Clarice Neal from the State of Louisiana and Mississippi. The search and copy fees due to those states will not likely exceed \$40.

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1. Correspondence, Up to .75-hours correspondence time + \$60 record copy fees

- To request copies of original marriage and death records for William Decale Smith and Mary Francis Murphy from the States of Mississippi and Louisiana.

2. Correspondence, Up to .5-hours correspondence time + \$40 record copy fees

- To request a copy of an original birth and marriage record for Mabel Clarice Neal from the State of Louisiana and Mississippi.
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