VERDE VALLEY PIONEERS

A GENEALOGICAL COMPANION

Based on A Selection of Facebook Posts

Tracing the direct ancestral lines and relationships within the stories from the perspective of Helen Dickinson Moxcey









Mapping the family trees and connections that define our shared heritage

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

A Companion to A Selection of Facebook Posts

VERDE VALLEY PIONEERS – A Selection of Facebook Posts
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How the People Mentioned in the Stories Are Related to Helen (Dickinson) Moxcey

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Purpose and Editorial Approach

This companion guide to *Verde Valley Pioneers – A Selection of Facebook Posts* by Bill Rowe uses Helen May (Dickinson) Moxcey as the reference person. Its purpose is to help descendants, relatives, and readers understand how the individuals featured in the posts connect directly to Helen and to the Dickinson, Smith, Bristow, Hawkins, Back, and related family branches. By mapping out these genealogical lines and relationship tiers, this volume provides a personal framework that allows family members to see how their shared ancestors and historical neighbors fit into their own family tree. This is not intended to be a complete genealogy of every descendant.

- Entries are arranged by the printed page number in the Facebook-post book.
- Only relatives are included. Pages with no identified relatives are omitted.
- One companion entry may cover more than one Facebook-book page when the same family connection applies.
- (Maiden names) are retained wherever known.
- Relationships that are not established are identified as unconfirmed.

Note on Genealogical Records

While every effort has been made to thoroughly research and cross-reference primary sources, records, and family accounts for this volume, readers are encouraged to

independently verify all dates, names, and lineage lines. Genealogical records are living histories, and secondary research should always be confirmed through original documentation whenever possible.

A Note About the Two Maurice Smiths

As you read about the Smith family, you will encounter two men named Maurice Smith. To avoid confusion, this companion uses the following naming conventions, as preferred by the family:

- **Morris Smith (1827–1900)** — Husband of Mary Jane Bristow Smith and father of Hulda Susan Smith Dickinson.
- **Maurice Smith (1879–1960)** — Son of Morris and Mary Jane, and brother of Hulda Susan Smith Dickinson.

These names are used consistently. Helen's grandfather is called Morris Smith, and his son (Helen's maternal uncle) is called Maurice Smith. Neither is given the additional names Calvin or Adkins in ordinary companion entries.

The central family connections

Helen May Dickinson Moxcey

Helen May Dickinson Moxcey (1917–2017) is the reference person for this companion. She was the daughter of Frank Lee Dickinson (1867–1925) and Hulda Susan Smith Dickinson, growing up alongside her four siblings: Vaudrey Samuel "Sam" Dickinson (1900–1981), Alta Mae (Dickinson) Spooner (1903–2002), Edward Lee "Eddie" Dickinson (1906–1968), and Frank H. Dickinson (1914–1998). Her paternal grandparents were Samuel Cotton Dickinson and Nancy Jane (Green) Dickinson, and her maternal grandparents were Morris Smith (1827–1900) and Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith.

She married Roland Stockwell Moxcey, and together they had two children: Richard Louis Moxcey (1947–2014) and Diana Kathleen (Moxcey) Rowe. Her family grew to include three grandchildren—Christopher Steven Moxcey, Jessica Louise Rowe, and Michael James Moxcey—as well as three great-grandchildren: Shelby Nicole, Richard Alexander, and Camille Helena.

Samuel Cotton Dickinson's family

Samuel Cotton Dickinson (1827–1907) married first Adline Green and later Nancy Jane Green. The children of these two marriages were half-siblings because they shared

Samuel as their father. Charles Dickinson (1853–1926) was a son of Samuel and his first wife, Adline Green; he was not a son of Nancy Jane.

Children recorded for Samuel and Nancy include Margie Ann (Marjorie Ann) Dickinson Back, Mariah May (Dickinson) Hawkins, Frank Lee Dickinson, William Green “Willy” Dickinson, Alfred “Alf” Dickinson, and Edward Virgil Dickinson. The infant Sam C. Dickinson is also recorded.

Frank Lee Dickinson and Hulda Susan Smith

Frank Lee Dickinson and Hulda Susan (Smith) married in 1899. Their children were Vaudrey Samuel, Alta Mae, Edward Lee, Frank H., and Helen May Dickinson. Helen and Alta Mae were sisters. Vaudrey Samuel, Edward Lee, and Frank H. were Helen's brothers.

The Smith and Bristow family

Hulda Susan Smith was a daughter of Morris Smith (1827–1900) and Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith. Mary Jane was a daughter of Edward Bristow and Sarah Ann (Ashenhurst) Bristow. Morris and Mary Jane's children included Hulda and her younger brother Maurice Smith (1879–1960), who married Minnie Lee (Hawkins) Smith.

Other Dickinson branches

Margie Ann (Dickinson) Back was Helen's paternal aunt. Her daughter Mildred “Millie” (Back) Fain was Helen's first cousin. Mariah May (Dickinson) Hawkins was also Helen's paternal aunt. Mariah married James G. Hawkins; their daughter Minnie Lee (Hawkins) Smith was Helen's first cousin.

Alfred “Alf” Dickinson was Helen's paternal uncle. He married Ida May Van Deren. Their daughter Elma May (Dickinson) Knowles was Helen's first cousin. Edward Virgil Dickinson was another paternal uncle; his children included Wanda Rita (Dickinson) Buckner and Clyde Phelex Dickinson.

Charles Dickinson, son of Samuel and Adline, was Frank Lee's half-brother and Helen's half-paternal uncle. His daughter Mary Rowena (Dickinson) VanDeren and daughter Winifred Adeline Dickinson were Helen's half-first cousins.

Note on Page Citations

Page citations throughout this companion refer to the primary volume, Verde Valley Pioneers – A Selection of Facebook Posts, and are abbreviated as VVP Posts Page X (or VVP Posts Pages X–Y). Each entry maps directly to the corresponding page number in the printed Facebook-post book to make cross-referencing quick and seamless.

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Page-by-page family connections

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- **Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith —** Helen's maternal grandmother.
- **Hulda Susan (Smith) Dickinson —** Helen's mother.
- **Morris Smith —** Helen's maternal grandfather.
- **Lonnie Bristow —** Cousin of Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith.

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- **Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith —** Helen's maternal grandmother.
- **Morris Smith —** Helen's maternal grandfather.
- **Lonnie Bristow —** Cousin of Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith.
- The Bristow names on this page are part of Mary Jane's family.

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- **Hulda and Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's parents.
- **Minnie Lee (Hawkins) Smith —** Daughter of Mariah May (Dickinson) Hawkins. Mariah was Helen's paternal aunt, making Minnie Helen's first cousin. Minnie married Maurice Smith (1879–1960), Helen's maternal uncle.

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- **Edward Virgil Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.
- **Samuel Cotton Dickinson —** Helen's paternal grandfather.
- **Nancy Jane (Green) Dickinson —** Helen's paternal grandmother.
- **Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's father.
- **Alfred "Alf" Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.
- **William Green Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.
- **Margie Ann Dickinson Back and Mariah May Dickinson Hawkins —** Helen's paternal aunts.

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- **Florence Myrtle (Stegman) Dickinson —** Wife of Edward Virgil Dickinson and Helen's aunt by marriage.

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- **John S. Hawkins (also identified as John Sylvester Hawkins) and Sarah Elizabeth (Hawkins) Alderson —** Siblings of James G. Hawkins, husband of Mariah May (Dickinson) Hawkins. Through James, they were Helen's relatives by marriage.

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- **Morris Smith —** Helen's maternal grandfather.
- **Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith —** Helen's maternal grandmother.
- **Lonnie Bristow —** Cousin of Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith.
- **Lee Charles "Long Charley" Mahan —** Husband of Julia Sherman "Doll" Smith; keep distinct from Charley Hawkins and Pious Charley.

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- **Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's father.
- **Hulda Susan (Smith) Dickinson —** Helen's mother.
- **Sarah Ellen "Sallie" (Smith) Thompson —** Hulda's sister and Helen's maternal aunt.
- **Renos "Bud" Thompson —** Sallie's husband and Helen's uncle by marriage.
- **Julia Sherman "Doll" Smith and Lee Charles "Long Charley" Mahan —** Hulda's sister and brother-in-law; Julia was Helen's maternal aunt.

Facebook book pages 11–12

- **Samuel Cotton Dickinson and Nancy Jane (Green) Dickinson —** Helen's paternal grandparents.
- **Marjorie Ann (Dickinson) Back —** Their daughter and Helen's paternal aunt.
- **William (William Green Dickinson) —** Their son and Helen's paternal uncle.
- **Frank (Frank Lee Dickinson) —** Their son and Helen's father.

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- **Helen May Dickinson Moxcey —** The family reference person for this companion.

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- **W. Norman Kent —** Descendant of Samuel Cotton Dickinson through Alfred "Alf" Dickinson and Betty Jean (Dickinson) Kent. Based on this lineage, Samuel was Norman's great-grandfather. Norman's statement that his great-grandfather was on the 1875 wagon train is a family statement; independent confirmation is separate.

Facebook book pages 17–18

- **Mildred “Millie” (Back) Fain —** Daughter of Margie Ann (Dickinson) Back, Helen's paternal aunt; therefore, Helen's first cousin.
- **William Berryman Back —** Husband of Margie Ann and Helen's uncle by marriage.

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- **Josiah G. Bristow —** Brother of Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith, Helen's maternal great uncle.
- **Angelina Bristow —** Wife of Josiah G. Bristow, Helen’s maternal great aunt by marriage.

Facebook book pages 20–21

- **Alfred “Alf” Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.
- **Betty Jean (Dickinson) Kent —** Alfred's daughter and Helen's first cousin.
- **Ida May Van Deren Dickinson —** Alfred's wife and Helen's aunt by marriage.

Facebook book pages 22–23

- **Bill Rowe —** Husband of Diana Kathleen (Moxcey) Rowe and author of the Facebook book.
- **Roland Moxcey —** Husband of Helen.
- **Diana Kathleen (Moxcey) Rowe —** Daughter of Helen.
- **Richard Louis Moxcey —** Son of Helen and brother of Diana.
- **Mattie May (Marshall) Brashears** — Helen’s maternal half-sister (daughter of Hulda Susan Smith Dickinson Marshall and her second husband, Ralph Marshall), the “Little sister Mattie Mae” mentioned in the post; named after her grandmother Mattie May Strahan.

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- **Alta Mae (Dickinson) Spooner —** Helen's sister.
- **Barbara Ann Spooner Havens —** Daughter of Alta Mae and Robert Spooner; Helen's niece.
- **Holly Lynn (Havens) Martinson —** Barbara's daughter and Helen's great-niece.
- **Diana Rowe and Holly Martinson —** First cousins once removed.

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- **Charles Dickinson —** Son of Samuel Cotton Dickinson and his first wife Adline Green; Frank Lee's half-brother and Helen's half-paternal uncle.
- **Martha Priscilla (Burford) Dickinson —** Charles's wife.
- **Preston Williamson Burford —** Father of Martha Priscilla Burford.

Facebook book pages 29–30

- **Sarah Ellen "Sallie" (Smith) Thompson —** Helen's maternal aunt.
- **Hulda Susan (Smith) Dickinson —** Helen's mother.
- **Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith —** Helen's maternal grandmother.
- **Morris Smith —** Helen's maternal grandfather.
- **Renos "Bud" Thompson —** Helen's uncle by marriage.
- **Lonnie Bristow —** Cousin of Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith.
- **Julia Sherman "Doll" Smith and Lee Charles "Long Charley" Mahan —** Helen's maternal aunt and uncle by marriage.

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- **Margie Ann Dickinson Back —** Helen's paternal aunt.
- **Mariah May Dickinson Hawkins —** Helen's paternal aunt.
- **James G. Hawkins —** Husband of Mariah and Helen's uncle by marriage.
- **Minnie Lee (Hawkins) Smith —** Daughter of Mariah and James; Helen's first cousin.

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- **Samuel Dickinson —** Samuel Cotton Dickinson, Helen's paternal grandfather.
- **Press Burford —** Preston Williamson Burford — father-in-law of Charles Dickinson.

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- **Charles Dickinson —** Son of Samuel and Adline; half-brother of Frank Lee and Helen's half-paternal uncle.
- **Martha Priscilla (Burford) Dickinson —** Charles's wife.
- **Mary Rowena (Dickinson) VanDeren and Winifred Adeline Dickinson —** Daughters of Charles; Helen's half-first cousins.
- **Adline Green Dickinson —** Samuel's first wife.

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- **Paul Wright —** Grandson of Helen's brother Vaudrey Dickinson.

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- **Charles Dickinson —** Helen's half-paternal uncle.
- **Martha Priscilla (Burford) Dickinson —** Charles's wife and Helen's relative by marriage.

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- **Alta Mae (Dickinson) Spooner —** Helen's sister.
- **Barbara Ann Spooner Havens —** Helen's niece.
- **Clara Fay Thompson —** No relationship to Helen has been confirmed.

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- **Carl Lee Dickinson —** Son of William Green Dickinson.

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- **John Sylvester Hawkins (John S. Hawkins) and Sarah Elizabeth (Hawkins) Alderson —** Siblings of James G. Hawkins and relatives of Helen by marriage.

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- **Margie Ann Dickinson Back —** Helen's paternal aunt.
- **William Berryman Back —** Margie's husband.
- **Mildred "Millie" (Back) Fain —** Their daughter and Helen's first cousin.
- **Other children of Margie and William include** Fred, Bertha, Harry Wales, Jennie Lee, Jessie Lee, and William Lester Back.

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- **Another project by Bill Rowe —** Helen's son-in-law, married to Diana (Moxcey) Rowe.

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- **Albert Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.
- **Mrs. Frank Dickinson —** Helen's mother.

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- **Samuel Cotton Dickinson and Adline Green —** Samuel's first marriage and family branch.
- **Nancy Jane (Green) Dickinson —** Samuel's second wife and Helen's paternal grandmother.
- **Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's father.
- **Hulda Susan (Smith) Dickinson —** Helen's mother.

Facebook book pages 78–81

- **Alfred "Alf" Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.
- **Ida May Van Deren Dickinson —** Alfred's wife.
- **Alta Mae Dickinson Spooner —** Helen's sister.
- **Barbara Ann Spooner Havens —** Helen's niece.
- **Robert Spooner —** Husband of Alta Mae.

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- **Vaudrey Samuel Dickinson —** Helen's brother.
- **Helen May Dickinson Moxcey —** Reference person.
- The posts on these pages concern Helen's immediate family; identify each person by the specific relationship stated in the post.

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- **Jessie Mae Fenstermaker Dickinson-Breckenridge —** Helen's sister-in-law, wife of Helen's brother Edward Lee Dickinson.

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- **Roy Dickinson —** Son of Charles Dickinson; Helen's half-first cousin.
- **Mary Rowena Dickinson VanDeren —** Daughter of Charles Dickinson; Helen's half-first cousin.
- **James Godfrey VanDeren —** Husband of Mary Rowena.
- **Winifred Adeline Dickinson —** Daughter of Charles and sister of Mary Rowena; Helen's half-first cousin.
- **Roy Van Deren —** Husband of Winifred.
- **Ida May Van Deren Dickinson —** Wife of Alfred "Alf" Dickinson.

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- **Bill Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncle.

Facebook book pages 105–108

- **Edward Lee Dickinson and Frank H. Dickinson —** Helen's brothers.
- **Vaudrey Samuel Dickinson —** Helen's brother.
- **Helen May (Dickinson) Moxcey —** Reference person.
- **Hulda Susan (Smith) Dickinson / Hulda Marshall —** Helen's mother.
- **Richard Louis Moxcey —** Helen's son.
- **Jessie Mae (Fenstermaker) Dickinson —** Helen's sister-in-law.

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- **Samuel Cotton Dickinson and Nancy Jane (Green) Dickinson —** Helen's paternal grandparents.
- **Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's father.
- **Mariah May Dickinson Hawkins and Margie Ann (Dickinson) Back —** Helen's paternal aunts.
- **William Green Dickinson and Edward Virgil Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncles.

Facebook book pages 115–119

- **Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith —** Helen's maternal grandmother.
- **Morris Smith (1827–1900) —** Helen's maternal grandfather.
- **Maurice Smith (1879–1960) —** Hulda's brother and Helen's maternal uncle.
- **Minnie Lee (Hawkins) Smith —** Helen's first cousin and wife of Maurice.
- **Cecil Smith —** Son of Maurice and Minnie; Helen's first cousin.
- **Mariah May (Dickinson) Hawkins and James G. Hawkins —** Helen's paternal aunt and uncle by marriage.

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- **Angelina (Moulder) Bristow —** Wife of Josiah G. Bristow, brother of Mary Jane (Bristow) Smith.

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- **Margie Ann (Dickinson Back) —** Helen's paternal aunt.
- **Mildred “Millie” (Back) Fain —** Margie's daughter and Helen's first cousin.

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- **Dovie May (Dickinson) Fisher —** Daughter of Charles Dickinson and Helen's half-first cousin.
- **Martha Priscilla (Burford) Dickinson —** Wife of Charles Dickinson.

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- **Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's father.

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- **Samuel Cotton Dickinson and Nancy Jane (Green) Dickinson —** Helen's paternal grandparents.
- **Frank Lee Dickinson —** Helen's father.
- **Hulda Susan (Smith) Dickinson —** Helen's mother.
- **William Green "Biscuit Bill" Dickinson and Edward Virgil Dickinson —** Helen's paternal uncles.
- **Vaudrey Samuel Dickinson, Edward Lee Dickinson, and Frank H. Dickinson —** Helen's brothers.
- **Helen May Dickinson Moxcey —** Reference person.