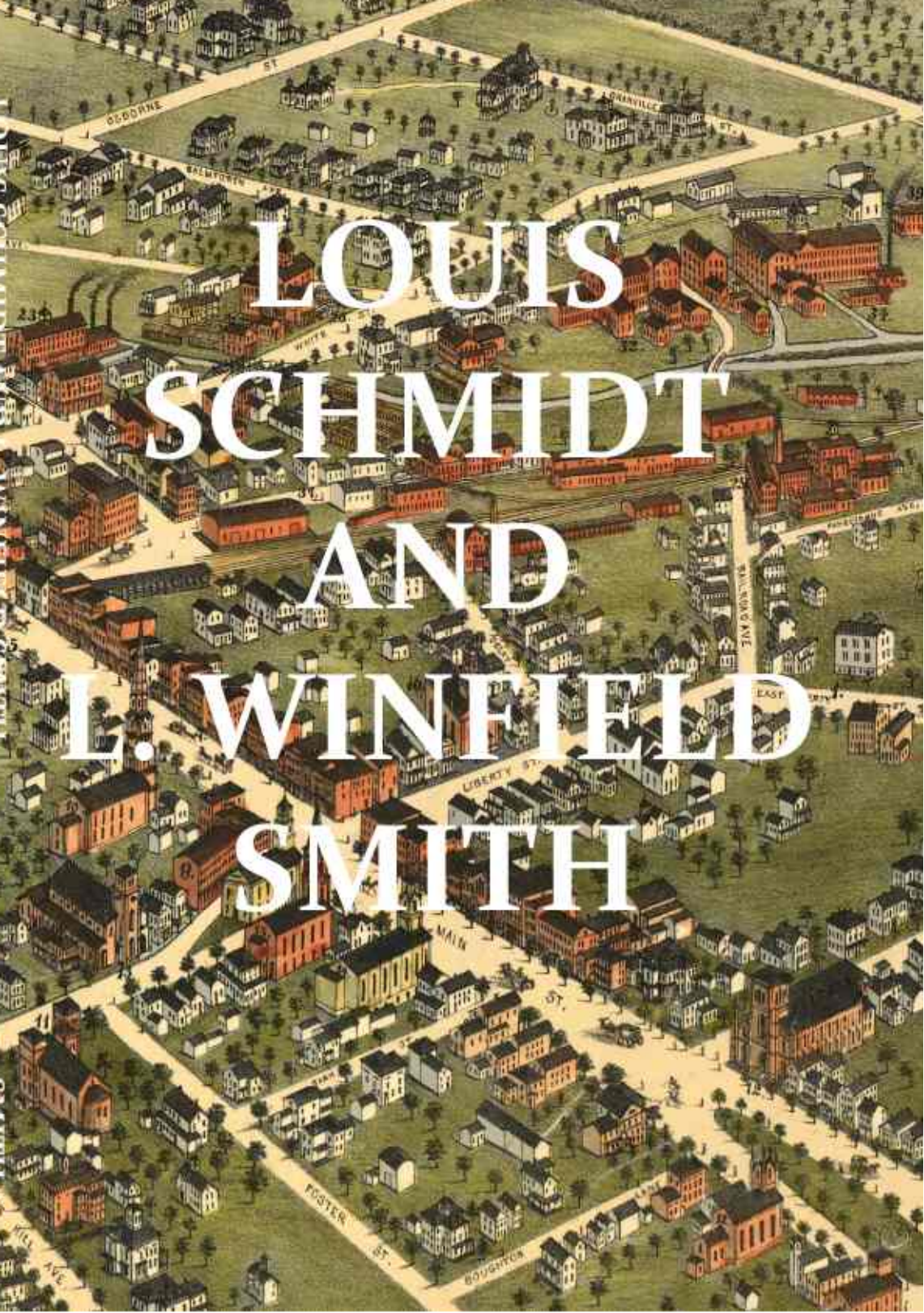
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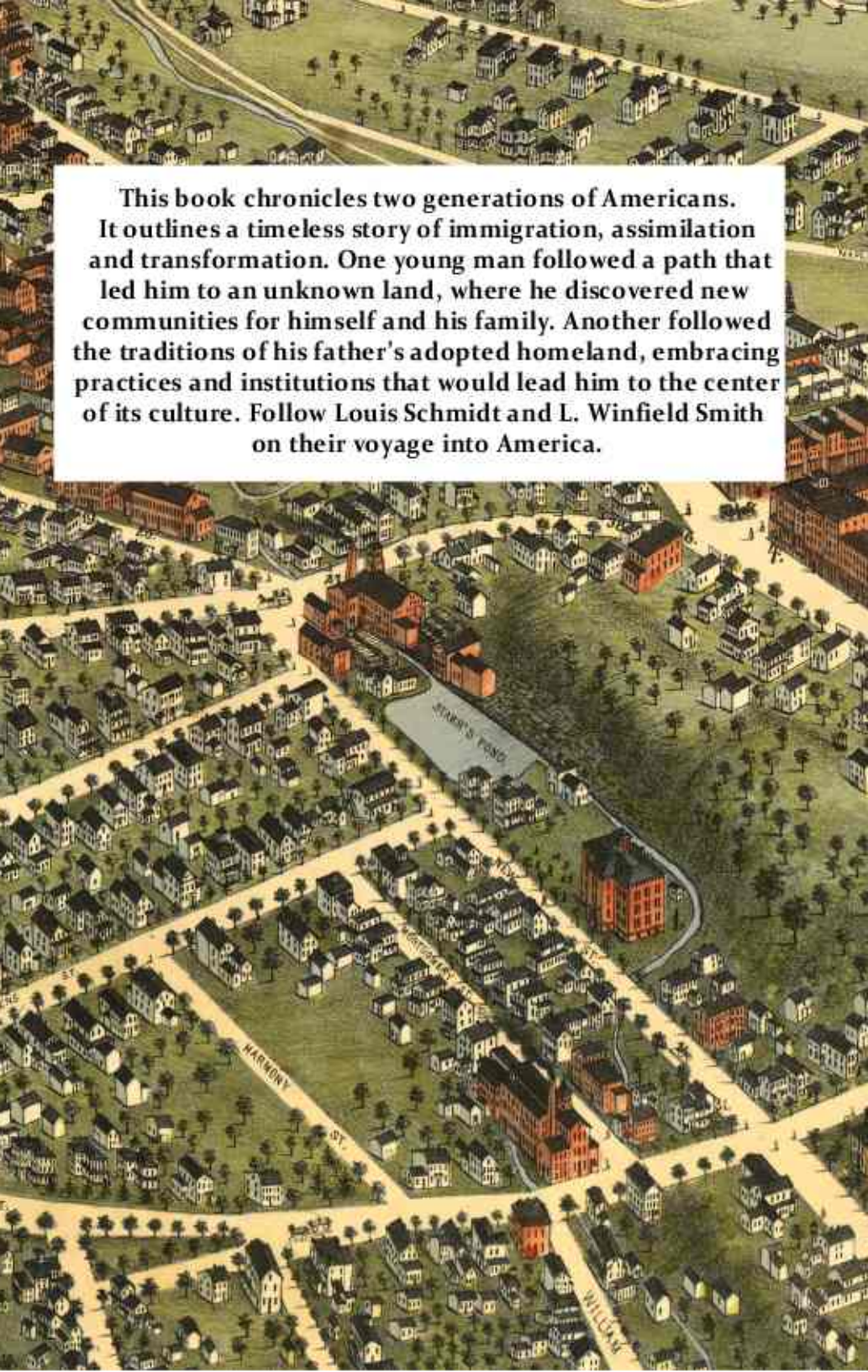

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LOUIS SCHMIDT AND L. WINFIELD SMITH

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Louis Schmidt
(November 1, 1853 -- April 6, 1936)

Very little is known about the life of Louis Schmidt before he moved to the bustling borough of Danbury in the northern section of Fairfield County, Connecticut. Even the origins of his surname are clouded in obscurity. His grandson, Louis Winfield Smith Jr. (known to family and friends as Jack) used to tell the story of Louis' arrival in New York City, where he found employment at a neighborhood barbershop. Since many of the shop's patrons were German immigrants, he may have adopted the name "Schmidt" to encourage more customers. Although Jack was never quite certain of this, he believed that his paternal grandfather had emigrated to the United States from the contested border region of Alsace around the time of the Franco-Prussian War, and that his surname might originally have been "Mauer."

Jack told another story about his grandfather's departure from New York City. Louis had reportedly asked an agent at the

railroad ticket office just how far from the city he could travel for two dollars. The reply was, “Danbury.”

At the time, Danbury was a thriving New England factory town, and its signature industry was the manufacture of hats. Nicknamed “Hat City,” its motto was “Danbury Crowns Them All.”

Soon after his arrival, which would have been sometime around 1878, Louis appears to have resumed his profession as a barber, eventually sharing business space on Main Street with a local billiards parlor.

Excerpt from ***“Webb’s Danbury Directory”*** 1885

Schatcla Frank, h Sheridan ab Cottage
Schendel Charles, billiards, 167 Main, h 3 George
SCHLEYER CHARLES F. barber, 223 Main, h 16 McDermott
Schmidt Louis A. barber, 167 Main, h 8 Orchard
Schmidt Rudolph, upholsterer, h 8 Henry
Schnabel Philip, carpenter, h 13 Wildman’s la
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Schoonmaker Louis, hatter, h 50 North

In 1882, Louis married a twenty-one year-old Danbury-born woman of German descent

named Henrietta Louise Seifert (May 6, 1861-August 25, 1943). Before long, he would enter into business partnerships with two of his brothers-in-law, for the purpose of engaging in retail sales of coal, cement, and lumber. The first of these partnerships was with David Beers, the husband of Louise's older sister Frances, then later with their younger brother Carl August Seifert. Years afterward, a local paper would describe Louise's brother August (who had also wisely invested in the hat manufacturing business) as one of Danbury's wealthiest businessmen.

Excerpt from ***Connecticut of Today: Its Chief Business Centres. Illustrated.*** *1890*

Beers & Schmidt, Coal, Wood, etc.

No. 2 Elm Street, Danbury

One of the most noted and prosperous concerns identified with the trade in coal and wood is that of Messrs. Beers & Schmidt. This business was inaugurated about twenty years ago. and since its inception it has been managed with marked ability and success, and it is today the leading

house in this line of business in the city. The office is neatly appointed, and the yard is heavily stocked with anthracite and bituminous coals, and hard and softwoods. The premises are fully equipped with everything that can facilitate the handling of the large quantities of material daily received, and fifteen hands are employed at all seasons. The most favorable receiving and shipping facilities are possessed, and a specialty is made of catering to the family trade. Only the best grades of coal are handled, and these are purchased direct from the mines, and carefully screened and freed from slate and dirt before weighing. The trade is the largest in the city, and is steadily and constantly increasing. Wood is sawn and cut to any desired size and length on the premises, and the lowest market rates are invariably charged. The proprietors have an enviable reputation for the liberality which characterizes their dealings and the strict integrity of their methods. Mr. David Beers, who is a native of Roxbury, Conn., conducted the business alone for twelve years. In 1890 he admitted into partnership Mr. Schmidt, who is a

native of Germany and who has resided in Danbury a dozen years.

Excerpt from: ***The Newtown Bee*** (Newtown, CT)
August 30, 1895 - New Fairfield

At R. Hatch and Son's

Business has been brisk at the carriage shop of R. Hatch and Son's this season, and as usual, they have turned out some fine work. They are now engaged on finishing a fine bakery wagon for Cole Brothers in Carmel, N.Y. They have also turned out a heavy business wagon for Schmidt & Seifert, coal dealers of Danbury. Their work is built to stay. Every wagon sent out is an advertisement for them.

The 1895 edition of the ***National Telephone Directory*** lists Schmidt & Seifert's Danbury telephone number as "36."

Excerpt from: ***The Coal and Trade Journal***
V36 1897

...Schmidt & Seifert of Danbury, Conn. have built a new office...

Excerpt from: ***American Lumberman***
August 4, 1900 - Issue 1336

Danbury Connecticut July 26 -- Trade is not as good as it was a year ago. Everybody who contemplated building stopped on account of the high price of lumber, which was shoving up entirely too fast. The consequence was building in this section stopped as still as in the panic times. Only repairs are being made which are absolutely necessary. This is not a farming district, but a manufacturing section, and the factories are running light. Last year at this time every factory was going full blast. The consequence is there is no town trade, or country either, for when the factories are quiet everything is dull here. The prices for lumber are entirely too high but there is a tendency downward on all grades. Don't think the retailers will invest much until prices have got where they ought to go, which will be considerably lower than they are now.

Schmidt & Seifert

The New Haven Journal Courier
September 17, 1902
Fire in Coal Heap: Discovered at Bottom of 500 tons at Danbury

Danbury, Conn., Sept. 16 -- A fire of large proportions has been discovered at the bottom of 500 tons of coal in the yards of Schmidt & Seifert on East Franklin Street. Two fire companies are attempting to prevent a spread of the fire.

Around 1890, Louis and Louise settled into a spacious new residence at 72 West Street in Danbury, where they raised their four surviving children. It would also provide a nurturing home for many of their grandchildren.

Their oldest child was Laura Frances Schmidt, who was born February 11, 1883 and died July 20, 1968. Laura married John Todd Andrews on June 14, 1905, and together they had two children, John Clark Andrews, born in 1905 and Louis Schmidt Andrews, born in 1915. Young Louis Andrews was tragically killed at the

age of sixteen, when a .22 caliber rifle was accidentally discharged by one of his schoolmates.

The second child was Louise Gertrude Schmidt, who was born in January of 1885. Sadly, she died the next year, in December, at the age of one year and eleven months.

Elizabeth Joy Schmidt was born November 28, 1888 and died February 5, 1958. She graduated from Vassar College in 1911 and married Yale graduate Treat Clark Hull at her parents home that same year. Together, they had three children, Frederick Ambler Hull Jr. was born in 1916, and the twins, Louise Hull and Treat Clark Hull Jr., were both born in 1921. T. Clark Hull Jr. would grow up to serve as Lieutenant Governor for the state of Connecticut from 1971 to 1973. After the death of her first husband in 1929, Elizabeth remarried Frederick Brainard Dalton Jr. in 1934. The couple's wedding ceremony was held at the home of her younger brother Louis in Larchmont, N.Y.

Katherine M. Schmidt was born on January 24, 1893 and died April 17, 1980. She married

William Arthur White in 1917 and they had two children together. William Arthur White Jr. was born in 1918 and Rosemary White was born in 1926.

Louis Winfield Schmidt was born on November 11, 1895. His life and times will be discussed at greater length in the pages that follow.

Sadly, on July 11, 1898, an anticipated new member of the Schmidt's growing household arrived stillborn. The deceased infant's remains were interred alongside other family members at Danbury's Wooster Cemetery.

The Schmidt family plot at Wooster Cemetery would eventually provide a final resting place for both Louis and Louise, as well as their children, with the sole exception of their youngest son Louis. His remains are interred alongside his wife Helen's family at the Dunbaugh plot in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at Tarrytown in Westchester County, New York.

At the relatively young age of fifty-four, Louis Schmidt retired from business, citing health reasons. Although the precise nature of his ailment is uncertain, he appears to have continued a fairly active life for almost thirty more years.

Excerpt from: ***Coal and Trade Journal*** V46
1907

Emil Goos, having purchased the interest of Louis Schmidt in the firm of Schmidt & Seifert at Danbury, Conn. becomes a partner of Mr. Seifert, the name being changed to Seifert & Goos. Mr. Schmidt has retired from the firm owing to poor health, it is said.

Excerpt from: ***The Retail Coalman*** V10
1907

Connecticut, Danbury: Louis Schmidt has sold his one half interest in the firm of Schmidt & Seifert to Emil Goos, and business will be conducted as Seifert & Goos.

Perhaps to celebrate his retirement, but more likely, to provide a pleasant summertime gathering place for his family, Louis purchased a beach cottage outside of the town of Fairfield on the shores of the Long Island Sound. Although the exact address is unknown, it may have been located near the local Fairfield beach community nicknamed, “Little Danbury.”

The Bridgeport Evening Farmer
September 20, 1909
Town Clerk, Joseph I. Flint, has sold his beach cottage, known during the summer as the “Audic,” to Mr. Louis Schmidt of Danbury.

The Bridgeport Evening Farmer
October 11, 1909
Fairfield: Joseph I. Flint to Louis Schmidt of Danbury, a lot of land with cottage, bounded north for 100 feet by Long Island Sound; east by land of Louis Schmidt and Anna L. Bulkley; north for 100 feet by land of Samuel Wheeler; west by the same for 300 feet.

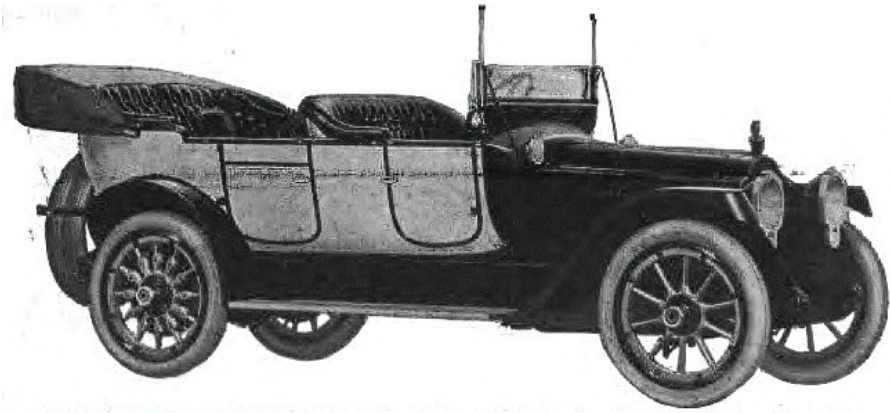
It also appears that Louis was a bit of an automobile aficionado. In the 1909 through the 1913 editions of the ***List of Registered Motor Vehicles for the State of Connecticut***, Louis Schmidt of Danbury is recorded as the sole owner of a private automobile, license number 3773. However, the listings do not contain any additional information regarding make or model.

The 1915 edition of ***The Connecticut Motor Vehicle Registry*** describes Louis Schmidt of 72 West Street Danbury, as the owner of a 1914 28 horsepower Lozier (manufacturer's vehicle identification number 1025 and license registration number 19755). Prior to its bankruptcy in 1918, the Lozier Motor Company had become nationally known for manufacturing luxury open touring cars.

The Bridgeport Evening Farmer
October 1, 1915
Fairfield County News: Destroyed By Fire
The touring car owned by Louis Schmidt of Danbury and the garage at Mr. Schmidt's

summer home at Fairfield Beach were destroyed by fire Tuesday. The fire originated in the automobile, and the gasoline tank of the car exploded a few minutes after the blaze started. The cause of the fire is something of a mystery, but crossed wires connected with the starting system are supposed to be responsible.

The next available edition of the Connecticut vehicle registry lists Louis Schmidt of Danbury as the owner of a 1916 Packard 1-25 touring car (manufacturer's vehicle identification number 84290 and license registration number 61283). This model featured a powerful twelve cylinder (twin six) engine.



72 West Street Danbury, Connecticut
built c.1890 (photographed 2019)

U.S. Census records provide a fairly thorough description of the various residents who occupied the Schmidt home at 72 West Street in Danbury. The 1910 census lists Louis Schmidt as head of household and proprietor of the

residence, which was freely owned and not mortgaged. He's described as a fifty-five year-old English-speaking white male, married for twenty-eight years, a naturalized citizen residing in the U.S. since 1870, born in Germany (with both parents also born in Germany). No employment is listed, but it's noted that he has his own income. The box documenting formal education is left blank, but the response to questions regarding the ability to read and write are both answered, "yes." No military service is listed (neither Union nor Confederate, neither Army nor Navy).

Louise H. Schmidt is described as a forty-seven year-old English-speaking white female, born in Connecticut (with both parents born in Germany), and the mother of five children, with four still living. She, too, responded "yes" to the questions regarding reading and writing, but also left the box regarding formal education blank.

Residing with them were three of their children, all Connecticut-born U.S. citizens of German and Connecticut-born parentage (Laura

had already married, so she was not living with the family at that time).

Their daughter Elizabeth Joy Schmidt is described as an English-speaking, twenty-one year-old single white female (with formal education). Seventeen year-old Katherine M. Schmidt is similarly described.

Their son, Louis W. Schmidt is listed as a fourteen year-old English-speaking white male who could read and write. He was also attending school.

The 1930 census adds that the home was valued at $8,000 and that the residents owned a radio set. By then, Louis was seventy-four years old. The census also adds that he could speak German and was married at the age of twenty-six. The information for sixty-six year-old Louise remained largely the same, although it is noted that she had first married at the age of twenty-one.

Interestingly, this census also includes two of the Schmidt's grandchildren as residents, the Hull twins. Louise Hull and T. Clark Hull were

eight years-old at the time. Their father had died just one year earlier.

By the 1940 census, Louise Schmidt is listed as the seventy-seven year-old widowed head of household, with her eldest daughter Laura residing with her. Laura is described as a fifty-seven year-old widow (her husband John Andrews died in May of 1934). Her surviving son, fourteen year-old Dayton was also living with them.

Louise's daughter Katherine and husband William White (forty-six and forty-seven years-old, respectively) had also returned to the family homestead, along with them were two more grandchildren, William and Rosalie (twenty-one and fourteen years-old, respectively)

After a number of years enjoying their summer home on the northern coast of the Long Island Sound, Louis discovered a more temperate location for the family to spend its winters. It was a small town named Belleview in Central

Florida, just south of Ocala. At the time, its population counted around 200 souls, with the Schmidt family adding to that tally during winter months.

Years later, Louis' grandson Jack would recall his mother Helen putting him on a train departing from New York City, all dressed up in a clean white suit. Upon his arrival in Belleview, Grandfather Louis and Grandmother Louise immediately clothed their urban-raised grandchild in a sturdy pair of rural work overalls, which would have been much more consistent with the local fashion.

The Ocala Evening Star February 4, 1915
Belleview: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis [*sic*] Schmidt and their daughter Mrs. T. Clark Hull of Danberry, [*sic*] Conn. have taken the Mendell cottage for the winter. Mr. Schmidt is a retired business man and is charmed with the rustic beauty of our town...

The Ocala Evening Star February 25, 1915
Belleview: Mr. and Mrs. T. Clark Hull, after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schmidt, left on train No. 4 last Wednesday for Jacksonville, where they will take the steamer for New York City and thence on to Danbury, Conn., their home...

The Ocala Evening Star March 11, 1915
Belleview: Mr. Lou Schmidt went down to Smith Lake to catch some fish and he did not...

The Ocala Evening Star March 23, 1915
Belleview: A jolly house party to North Lake Weir the past week occupying the Connor cottages was Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schmidt of Danbury, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cogswell of Fairfield Beach, Conn., and on two different days Mr. and Mrs. E. W. White of Pittsburgh, Pa., with the misses Mae and Margaret joined the party. Fishing was the main excitement. Mr. Schmidt enthused like a schoolboy, and when leaving time came he had to be watched to keep him from stealing the water in the lake. Mr. Cogswell

declared that he knew the fishing in Lake Weir was better than the fishing in Smith Lake, and to see the girls hook their first fish was worth a dime a piece. This past week will go down in history with the whole bunch as a very momentous one...

...Mrs. E. W. White and Mrs. Lou Schmidt made a business trip to Ocala one day last week, going up in Mr. Haviland's big car.

The Ocala Evening Star April 5, 1915

Belleview: Bill Cogswell went "a fishin'" the other day down in Little Lake Weir. That plate glass headlight that he wears in his bosom dazzled an old time denizen of the deep and he got so flustered that he run full tilt into the hooks and with careful handling was landed in the boat. On one Belleview:of the store scales he struck the balance at eight pounds, sixteen and three quarter ounces. Mr. Cogswell was bewailing the fate that Lou Schmidt did not catch him when he was here, but has marked the spot and next year they will go right there and catch another one...

The Ocala Evening Star October 26, 1916

Belleview: A charming letter from Mrs. Lou Schmidt at Danbury, Conn., states that they will be with us sometime about the first of the year. This will be good news to their many friends and especially when it is known their daughter, Miss Kathryn [*sic*] will accompany them; and when they arrive and Lou Schmidt comes out of the house early in the morning and thumps his heavy walking cane on the pavement, Sniglefoot and Dixie will break their necks getting to where they heard that thump, and they will all go rabbit hunting together; and Sniglefoot will once more become a family pensioner on the bounties of the Schmidt family...

The Ocala Evening Star January 6, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt from Danbury, Conn. are anticipating a visit from their daughter, Mrs. T. Clark Hull, and also from their son who is at Yale and who will soon enter an officer's training camp preparatory to seeing service in France.

The Ocala Evening Star February 13, 1918

Mr. Louis is building him the most substantial cottage in town, it is two stories high and boasts plenty of windows and doors and will boast of having the first connection to the new water works now being completed. Mr. Schmidt is lucky on having a force of mechanics like the one making a noise around his house. When Mr. John Haines, Jim Shedd, and Tom Hames work together it is a team hard to beat.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Clark Hull, the baby and Mrs. Hull's mother came in the other day from Danbury, Conn. and will visit with the Hull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

The Ocala Evening Star April 2, 1918

Fifteen or twenty pleasure seekers, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt, Mrs. F. A. Hull, Mrs. T. Clark Hull, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. White spent last Tuesday at one of the Connor cottages at North Lake Weir, fishing, bathing and boating. The day was fine, the water was wet, the fish bit freely, and there was plenty to eat. Mr. John

Bickford and Mr. Frank Gale were kept busy carrying picnickers to the lake – to and fro.

The Ocala Evening Star April 5, 1918

Mr. Louis Schmidt's house is just about finished. Mr. Sands Haviland is putting on the finishing touches. Mr. Schmidt's son is at the officers' training camp at Camp Devens, Mass., and Mr. Schmidt is some disappointed that his course of studies and training will not finish in time to permit him a trip to Belleview before assuming regular army duties.

The Ocala Evening Star April 18, 1918

The northern visitors are leaving one after another. Mrs. C. B. Bates left last week and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fisher left Wednesday for their home in Bridgeport Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt leave this Thursday for Danbury, Conn., and others are planning. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt have received word that their son, who was in the Devens, Mass. officer's training camp has received his orders and gone across.

The Ocala Evening Star March 18, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt received the sad news Saturday of the illness of their son, Louis jr. and left Sunday for their home in Connecticut. Their daughter, Mrs. Clark Hull and little son will return with them. Mr. Schmidt visited his parents here last winter and made many friends who regret to hear of his illness and hope for his recovery.

The Ocala Evening Star November 11, 1920

Miss Mary Powers has had her house wired for electric light service, and so has her next door neighbor, Miss Sarah Bosworth. Mr. Louis Schmidt is next in line and says he has to have those good Belleview electric lights to add to the comforts of his attractive little winter home.

The Ocala Evening Star February 23, 1922

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Reynolds of Danbury, Conn. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schmidts [*sic*] last week.

State of Connecticut ***(Recd. March 10 1917)***

By direction of an act of the Legislature of Connecticut, approved February 7th, 1917, I am required to procure certain information relative to the resources of the State. I therefore call upon you to answer the following questions.

Marcus H. Holcomb, *Governor*

Full Name: Louis Schmidt
Town or City: Danbury
Post Office Address: West Street

1. What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession? Retired
2. Have you experience in any other Trade, Occupation or Profession? Coal Merchant
3. What is your Age? 64
   Height? 5' 6" Weight? 165
4. Are you Married? Single? or Widower? Married
5. How many persons are dependent on you for support? Two
6. Are you a Citizen of the United States? Yes

7. If not a Citizen of the United States have you taken out your first papers? _____
8. If not a Citizen of the United States, what is your nationality? _____
9. Have you ever done any Military or Naval Service in this or any other Country? No
10. Have you any serious physical disability? No
11. Can you do any of the following: Ride a Horse? No Handle a team? No Drive an Automobile? Yes Ride a motorcycle? No Understand telegraphy? No Operate a wireless? No Any experience with a steam engine? No Any experience with electrical machinery? No Handle a boat, power or sail? No Any experience in simple coastwise navigation? No Any experience with High Speed Marine Gasoline? No Engines? No Are you a good swimmer? No

I hereby certify that I have personally interviewed the above mentioned person and that the answers to the questions enumerated are as he gave them to me. _____Military Census Agent

Louis Winfield Smith [Schmidt]
(November 4, 1895 -- June 25, 1952)

Louis Winfield Smith was Louis and Louise Schmidt's youngest child and their only son. His baptism was performed at Danbury's First Congregational Church on Main Street. Louis began his college preparatory coursework locally, at Danbury High School. Then, in 1915 he completed his secondary education at Phillips Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire. The ***1915-1916 Catalogue of Yale University*** describes Louis as a newly matriculated freshman student assigned to Pierson Hall, Room 549.

When the United States Congress declared war against the German Empire on April 6, 1917, Louis was still working towards the completion of his course of study at Yale. However, to support the war effort, Yale University's trustees established a new policy wherein underclassmen who enlisted and then returned to their studies after having earned an officer's rank, would automatically be awarded a bachelor's degree. Louis took advantage of this opportunity.

Excerpt from: ***The Bridgeport Times and Evening Farmer*** - April 30, 1918

Eight Local Men on List of Officers: Graduates at Training School at Camp Devens Now 2nd Lieutenants. Sixteen in State Pass Examination, to be Carried on List of Eligible Officers Until Vacancies Occur.

The Adjutant-General today announced that eight Bridgeport young men out of the 14 who have qualified for promotion as second lieutenants from the Officers' Training school at Camp Devens. The local men are...

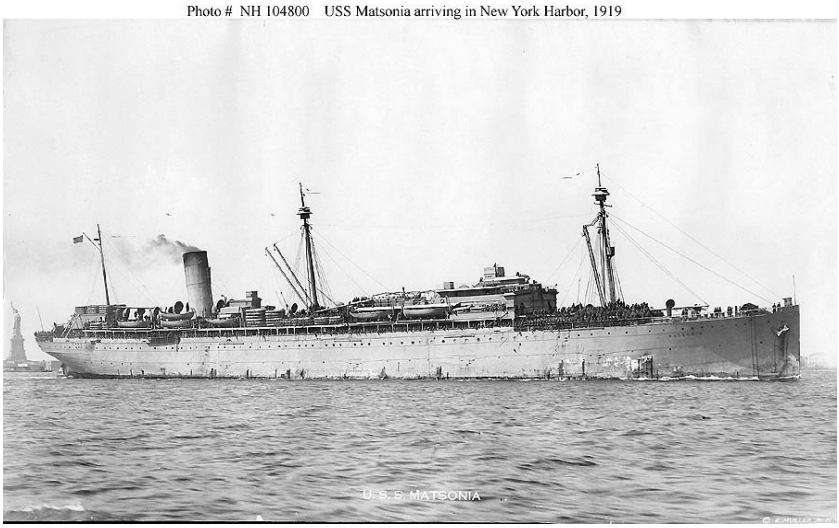
...Schmidt, Louis W. 72 West Street, Danbury. field artillery...

The ***Official List of Officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States*** includes Louis Winfield Schmidt of 72 West Street Danbury, Conn. among Second Lieutenants listed in the Field Artillery Section for the state of Connecticut, under the command of Major Richard Sutton Bull of Hartford.

Excerpt from: ***"The Yale Alumni Weekly"***

Yale War Record 1919

2d Lieut. Louis W. Schmidt of the 144th Field Artillery, returned from France on the Matsonia on January 3. He immediately entrained with his company at Camp Merritt, N.J. to await further orders. Upon receiving his discharge, he expects to return to Yale.



U.S.S. Matsonia arriving in New York, 1919

Only a few years after his demobilization following the end of the war, another family mystery emerges. This one concerns Louis'

change of surname. Despite the virulent anti-German sentiment held by many Americans throughout the war and immediately thereafter, Louis' name was consistently documented as the Germanic, "Schmidt." However, just prior to his marriage to Helen Dunbaugh in 1924, he suddenly became Louis Winfield Smith, and remained so for the rest of his life. Despite years of research, official documentation regarding this change of name remains elusive.

The New York Times
April 3, 1923
Financial Notes

Louis Winfield *Schmidt* has become associated with L. F. Rothschild & Co. in their bond department, in charge of public service corporation securities.

On January 5, 1924, as Louis Winfield *Smith*, he married Helen Dunbaugh (born October 4, 1892 at Pueblo, Colorado and died May 22, 1980 at Pompano Beach, Florida). The question of their first meeting also remains

unanswered. Helen's younger brother, Frank was two classes ahead of Louis at Yale, which perhaps, might have provided them with an opportunity for a formal introduction.

Helen was a 1912 alumnus of the Mount Vernon Seminary and the only daughter of Frank Montgomery Dunbaugh. He was the founding president of the Colonial Navigation Company, which operated a regular schedule of popular-priced passenger boats running the overnight route from Pier 11 in New York City to Colonial Wharf in Providence, Rhode Island. The company's motto was, "The Public Be Pleased." The Dunbaugh family resided at Mount Vernon in Westchester County, New York.

The New York Times

January 6, 1924

Smith -- Dunbaugh

Miss Helen Dunbaugh daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Dunbaugh was married to Louis Winfield Smith of New York last evening at the home of the bride's parents in Mount Vernon, N.Y. by the Rev. J. W. Chasey. The bride is a

graduate of Miss Somers School in Washington, D.C. and was engaged in Red Cross work during the war. Mr. Smith was graduated from Yale in 1919 and served in France as Lieutenant in the 144th Field Artillery during the war.

Louis and Helen resided first at New York City, where Louis worked as a stockbroker and financial analyst employed by various firms, beginning with Halsey, Stuart, & Company.

They had three children together. All of them attended the Rye Country Day School. Louis Winfield (Jack) Smith Jr. was the oldest, born July 18, 1925. On June 7, 1952, he married Emily (Emmy Lou) Bourne (July 2, 1927-Jan. 16, 2003). Jack and Emmy Lou had two children. Louis Winfield Smith III was born on Aug. 10, 1958 and Mackenzie Bourne Smith was born on July 25, 1961. Jack died at Oakland, Florida, on Sat. October 24, 2009, at the age of eighty-four.

Sally Lou Smith was born June 21, 1929. She married Duncan Wray Buell (February 1,

1929-April 24, 2015) on September 12, 1953. Together they had two children, Ely Dunbaugh Buell (October 21, 1957-March 20, 1997) and Gordon Bennett (Gordie) Buell (June 9, 1959-June 3, 2009). Sally Lou passed away on December 20, 2019 at the age of ninety.

Louis and Helen's youngest child, James Dunbaugh (Jimmy) Smith was born on August 16, 1932. On December 21, 1955, he married Alice Bartlett Stimson (December 9, 1921-Nov. 30, 1998), who had two boys from her previous marriages, William Alfred (Bill) Raleigh III (born Feb. 23 1945) and Paul Stimson Trezise (Dec. 16, 1948-April 5, 2020). Paul (nicknamed Pucky) was adopted by Jimmy soon after his marriage to Alice. They would have three more children together, all of them born in Chicago. Peter Dunbaugh Smith was born on December 20, 1956, Molly McBirney Smith was born on April 10, 1958, and Elizabeth Bartlett (Buffy) Smith was born on September 2, 1959.

After his divorce from Alice, Jimmy married Martha Beck Moore on August 18, 1973 at New Canaan, Conn. Martha had two children

from a previous marriage, Diana Moore and John Moore. James Dunbaugh Smith died at the age of forty-eight on September 19, 1980 in Washington D. C., *en route* home from Europe.

Excerpt from: ***The Commercial and Financial Chronicle*** - January 7, 1939

L. Winfield Smith, formerly with Harris, Upham & Co., has become a general partner in the New York Stock Exchange firm of Diefendorf, Sanders & Ward.

Louis' World War II Draft Registration Card was issued in 1942 It provides the following physical description: five-foot seven-inches tall, 165 pounds, dark complexion with brown hair and brown eyes. At the time, he was employed by the New York Stock Exchange member Delafield & Delafield, as a stock broker and investment counselor.

Along with their happier days, it appears that Louis and Helen' marital relations experienced more than a few rocky moments. Jimmy's first wife Alice grew up at 14 Mendota Avenue, just across the street from the Smith's residence. Years later, she would describe how, on multiple occasions, she witnessed Louis' disgruntled departure from the family home with his suitcase in hand (presumably to take up a

temporary residence at the Yale Alumni Club in New York City).

The Rye Chronicle - March 7, 1947

Broke Leg Skiing

Jimmy Smith, son of Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of Mendota Avenue is in New Rochelle Hospital. About ten days ago he broke his leg while skiing.

The Rye Chronicle - November 28, 1947

Home for Thanksgiving

Miss Sally Lou Smith is home from Mount Vernon Junior College to spend the Thanksgiving weekend with her mother Mrs. L. Winfield Smith, 5 Mendota Avenue.

The Rye Chronicle - February 26, 1948

Celebrated 80th Birthday

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of Mendota Avenue gave a dinner party last evening to celebrate the eightieth birthday of her mother, Mrs. Frank Dunbough [*sic*] of Mount Vernon. Gathered

together for the party were a son, Frank Dunbough [*sic*], who flew from Miami, Fla.; a grandson, Frank Dunbough Jr. [*sic*] from Taft School; Sally Lou Smith from Mt. Vernon Jr. College, Jack and Jimmy Smith of Rye and a few old friends.

The Rye Chronicle - September 2, 1948

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith and Jimmy Smith, Mendota Avenue, are home from a visit to Point O'Woods, Fire Island.

The Rye Chronicle - June 30, 1949

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith, Mendota Avenue, has gone for a short stay at Fire Island. L. Winfield Smith, Jr. and Jimmy Smith will be with her over the Fourth. Miss Sally Lou Smith is visiting Miss Ardia Robison of Utah and will later go to Lake Tahoe. Sally Lou was graduated this month from Mt. Vernon Junior College and has been accepted to Yale Fine Arts School in the fall semester.

The Rye Chronicle - September 1, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of Mendota Avenue and Jack and Jimmy Smith have returned from a stay at North East Harbor and Bar Harbor, Me. Miss Sally Lou Smith has joined the family after spending much of the summer at Salt Lake City and Tahoe, California.

The Rye Chronicle - February 2, 1950

Communication: Praises Officer Schindo

Editor, Rye Chronicle: It was with a great deal of satisfaction that I read the news item that Police Officer Leonard Schindo had been reinstated in the Rye Police Force.

I believe few people in Rye realize the remarkable job that Officer Schindo performed at night through winter and summer, in controlling speeding traffic on the Post Road from the Mamaroneck line to the Port Chester line.

Before Officer Schindo assumed his special assignment gigantic trucks would speed through the city at rates from 50 to 70 miles an hour causing any number of bad accidents. In one particular case, a man was killed by one truck

and his body run over by two following trucks before anyone could carry it to safety.

Whether or not Officer Schindo is reassigned to his former special duties, the reputation which he has already built up among all operators of motor cars on the Post Road will go a long way toward a continuation of safe and sane driving on this thoroughfare.

L. Winfield Smith

The Rye Chronicle - April 20, 1950

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith, Iroquois Lane and Miss Sally Lou Smith student at Yale School of Fine Arts, passed the weekend at Wallingford, Conn., and attended a speech contest at Choate School at which Jimmy Smith won the second prize. Jimmy is a member of the Choate School Glee Club which passed the spring vacation in Bermuda where they gave several concerts.

The Rye Chronicle - September 21, 1950

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of Iroquois Street [*sic*] and daughter Sally Lou and sons Jimmy and Jack are home from a stay in Steamboat Springs,

Colorado, where Sally Lou was taking a leadership course at Perry Mansfield Camp. Next week she returns to Yale School of Fine Arts. Jimmy goes to Choate and Jack to Miami University.

The Rye Chronicle - June 1, 1951

Miss Sally Lou Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of Iroquois Lane has a guest Miss Diane Throckmorton. Jimmy Smith and his guest, Bill Pomeroy of East Liverpool, Ohio are leaving for Miami Beach, Fla. They were graduated last week from Choate School.

The Rye Chronicle - August 20, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of Mendota Avenue have with them Dr. Menoz and Dr. Ferez from Havana Cuba, who are to be interns in the Worcester Hospital in Worcester, Mass. They are the guests of Jack Smith who recently returned from several weeks in Havana.

The New York Times - June 27, 1952

L. Winfield Smith of 5 Mendota Avenue, Rye, N. Y., a broker with Delafield & Delafield, died here yesterday of a heart attack in the Yale Club. His age was 56. He was graduated from Yale in 1919. Surviving are his widow, Helen D.; two sons, L. W. Smith Jr. of Miami Beach and James D.; a daughter, Sally Lou Smith, and three sisters.

The Rye Chronicle July 3, 1952

Obituary - L. Winfield Smith

L. Winfield Smith of 5 Mendota Avenue died of a heart attack in the Yale Club, New York on Thursday, Jun 28. He was a broker associated with Delafield and Delafield. Born in Danbury, Conn. November 4, 1896, he was the son of the late Louis and Louise Smith [*sic*]. He graduated from Yale in 1919 and served as a captain [*sic*] in the artillery and later in the Air Corps of WWI [*N.B.: No evidence of his association with the Air Corps has been discovered*]. He was a member of the Yale Club and the Apawamis Club and had lived at Rye for ten years.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Campbell Funeral Chapel 81st Street and Madison Avenue, New York. Interment was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Helen D., two sons, L. W. Smith Jr. of Miami Beach and James D.; a daughter, Sally Lou Smith, and three sisters Mrs. Laura Andrews, Mrs. Elizabeth Dalton, and Mrs. Kathie White.

The Miami News May 11, 1952

Bourne-Smith Engagement is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blodgett Burnham, 430 W 37th St., Miami Beach, announce the engagement of her daughter Miss Emily Waller (Emmy Lou) Bourne, to Louis Winfield Smith Jr., son of the senior Smiths, Rye, N.Y.

The wedding will take place June 7. The bride-elect attended Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, University of Miami and Textilinstitutet, Boras, Sweden, and Gobelin Atelier, Paris, France. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Smith attended the Choate School, Williams College, Columbia University, Yale University, University of Havana and the University of Miami.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
September 13, 1953
Duncan Wray Buell weds
in Rye, N.Y. Ceremony

A wedding of wide Rochester interest was solemnized yesterday in Christ Church, Rye, when Miss Sally Lou Smith was married to Duncan Wray Buell, son of Mrs. Douglas M. Buell of Rochester and the late Mr. Buell. The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ely Buell of Rochester.

The bride was given away by her brother, L. Winfield Smith of New York City. She wore white lace over satin, ankle length, with an heirloom veil of Brussels lace which belonged to her grandmother. Instead of a bouquet, she carried an heirloom handkerchief which belonged to the bridegroom's grandmother and had been carried by four generations of brides.

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith Jr. of New York City was matron of honor and the maid of honor was the bridegroom's sister, Miss Barbara Buell of Rochester. Both were gowned in slate blue and carried red roses.

James D. Smith of Rye, brother of the bride, was best man, ushers were Arthur J. Anderson of Larchmont and Alger D. Beal of Lakeville, Conn.

The bride is a graduate of Rye Country Day School, Mount Vernon Junior College, Washington D.C., and the Department of Painting at Yale University.

The bridegroom was graduated from Stony Brook School, Long Island, Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, and the School of Architecture at Yale. He won the Alice Kimball Fellowship for travel and study abroad and the couple will travel in Europe for about a year.

The Rye Chronicle - December 9, 1954

Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of 5 Mendota Avenue attended a tea on Monday in New York City for the Women's Republican Club of 100. Her daughter, Mrs. Duncan W. Buell of Rochester,

N.Y., whose husband is entering the United States Army on December 13, will be staying with her after that date. Mrs. Smith's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Winfield Smith Jr., formerly of Rye and New York City, have moved to Huntington, L.I.

Frenchman's Bay Lodge - Winter Harbor, Maine

The Rye Chronicle - September 29, 1955
Mrs. L. Winfield Smith of 5 Mendota Avenue returned on Monday after spending several days

at Frenchman's Bay Lodge in Maine. She was accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Winfield Smith Jr., who are staying in Rye for a visit before returning to their farm in Virginia. Enroute they stopped off at Stockbridge where they saw a play in which the younger Mrs. Smith's sister was acting. On Tuesday of last week Mrs. Smith entertained Mrs. Jan van Ekeren of White Plains, formerly of Rye, and Mr. Ekeren's mother who is visiting them and whose home is in The Hague.

The Rye Chronicle - December 27, 1955

Mrs. Alice Trezise Weds James D. Smith

Mrs. Henry Bartlett Stimson of 14 Mendota Avenue announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Stimson Trezise to James Dunbaugh Smith, son of Mr. Louis Winfield Smith of Mendota Avenue and the late Mr. Smith.

The Ceremony was performed in Greenwich, Conn., at the Greenwich Community Church on December 21. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will live in Chicago where Mr. Smith is working with the Time and Life Publishing Company.

APPENDIX

Obituary Record of the Graduates of the Undergraduate Schools Deceased During the Year 1952:

September 1, 1969 - Yale College

Louis Winfield Smith [formerly Schmidt]

B.A. 1919. Born November 4, 1895, Danbury, Conn., died June 25, 1952, New York, N.Y. Father, Louis Schmidt, coal merchant. Mother, Henriette Louise Seifert. Yale relatives include Trent Clark Hull, '11 (brother-in-law). Danbury High School, Phillips Academy, Exeter, N.H. Freshman wrestling team, University football squad, 1916, College choir, Freshman Glee Club, member, Midnight Sons. Yale R.O.T.C., attended third Officers' Training Camp, Camp Devens, Mass.; trained overseas, Saumur Artillery School, France; commissioned 2d Lieutenant, June 1918, 144th Field Artillery; discharged January 1919, awarded his B. A 1920, stock broker, Halsey, Stuart & Co , investment banking, Ames, Emench & Co., investment counselor, Brookmire Economic Service, New

York City, Diefendorf, Sanders & Ward; Delafield & Delafield, 1939, member, New York City Yale Club; Winged Foot Golf Club, Apawamis Club

Married January 5, 1924, Mt. Vernon, N. Y , Helen Dunbaugh. Children Louis W , Jr , '53; Sally Lou (B.F.A. '54; Mrs. Duncan Buell); James D. Death due to a heart attack. Buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N. Y

Survived by wife, daughter, two sons, and three sisters, Mrs. John T. Andrews, Mrs Frederick B. Dalton, and Mrs. William A. White, Sr.

OTHER DUNBAUGH BOOKS IN PRINT

“Dunbaugh Sources: A Collection of Genealogical Fragments and Sketches” (152 pages, 2016)

The nineteenth century was a period of triumph, trial, and tragedy for every American family. It was also an era of ambiguity and unanswered questions. First, we learn of Jacob Dunbaugh’s testimony, as he recounts his fateful trip down the Mississippi River with Aaron Burr, the recently disgraced former vice-president. Then, there was that evening in Beardstown in Illinois, when Charles Cottesworth Pinckney Dunbaugh hosted a future president named Abraham Lincoln. And of course, Frank Montgomery Dunbaugh, the young businessman from Pueblo in Colorado who went head-to-head with New York City’s biggest “robber baron” family, and won.

“Uncle Frank in Germany” (137 pages, 2025)

Major Frank Montgomery Dunbaugh Jr. served as the Military Governor of Hersbruck, a former Nazi stronghold in the heart of Bavaria. Uncle Frank’s personal diary documents his efforts to restore order to the region and describes the various strategies he used to “denazify” the local leadership. It also includes vivid descriptions of the rogues and rascals he encountered along the way, all while celebrating the accomplishments of the dedicated soldiers who served alongside him.

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