

Family Group Record

Male or Partner	William Steve DENNIS	
Born	26 June 1864	Missouri
Died	17 June 1935	Silver Spring, Randolph, Missouri
Buried	19 June 1935	Oakland Cemetery, Moberly, Missouri
Father	Joseph DENNIS (Abt 1835-1883)	
Mother	Almarinda MURPHY (1835-1865)	
Partnership	27 April 1883	Saline County, Missouri

Events				
	Name	Description:	Date:	Location:
•	Residence		August 1933	Higginsville, Missouri
•	Death Notes			

The death certificate shows:

Birth: 26 June 1864 in Missouri
 Parents: Unknown
 Death: 17 June 1935 in Silver Spring, Randolph, Missouri
 Age at death: 70 years
 Occupation: Farmer
 Burial: Oakland Cemetery
 Informant: Mrs. Katie Todd

The informant is William's daughter.

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W. S. Dennis Dies Near Huntsville

W. S. Dennis, 71, died yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Todd, south of Huntsville. He had been ill four months and seriously so, the past two weeks. He formerly lived in Moberly and Higginsville, moving about a month ago to the farm south of Huntsville.

The body has been brought to the Leaverton Funeral Home here. Services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from the Leaverton Chapel, conducted by Dr. Crayton S. Brooks, pastor of Central Christian Church. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery.

Mr. Dennis is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Todd and Miss Callie Dennis, Kansas City; three sons, Otto, St. Louis, Joe, Higginsville, and Jim, Kansas City; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Angie Deffenbaugh, Slater, and Mrs. Alice Mayfield, Kansas City.

Female or Partner	Nannie MURPHY	
Born	17 May 1863	Missouri



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Events (cont.)

Died	08 September 1949	Armstrong, Howard, Missouri	
Buried	10 September 1949	Oakland Cemetery, Moberly, Missouri	
Father	Moses MURPHY (1829-1865)		
Mother	Margaret S. SARTAIN (1837-Abt 1930)		

Events

	Name	Description:	Date:	Location:
•	Namesake			

From Richard Todd (son of Fred Todd and Kate Dennis Todd):

Nannie was named for General Sterling Price, who was a governor of MO before the Civil War and became the Commanding General of the MO state guard for the Confederacy when the Civil War began. While MO did not secede (well, they did and they didn't, but that is another story), the vast majority of the men in the state joined the Confederate army. Moses Murphy, Nannie's father, was under Gen. Price's command when he was taken prisoner and put in the Union POW camp at Alton, Ill, where he died. Nannie was born in 1863. General Price was held in such esteem by the people of MO that many people named their children born during the war after him.

•	Census		1880	Howard County, Missouri
		Tenth Census of the United States		

From Helen Polly, Columbia, MO: "Until I got your message, the only thing I knew about Nancy and her brother was that they were shown in the 1880 Howard County Census for the Peter Todd family as Nancy C. Murphy, stepdaughter, age 19, and William W. Murphy, stepson, age 19."

•	Death Notes			
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The death certificate shows:

Birth: 17 May 1863 in Missouri
 Parents: Moses Murphy and Margaret Sartain
 Death: 8 September 1949 in Armstrong, Howard, Missouri
 Age at death: 86 years
 Cause of death: Cerebral hemorrhage, senility, arterio sclerosis
 Marital status at death: Widowed
 Usual residence at death: Armstrong, Howard, Missouri
 Burial: Oakland Cemetery, Moberly Missouri
 Informant: Mrs. Fred Todd of Armstrong, Missouri

The informant is Nannie's daughter, Kate (nee Dennis) Todd.

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Funeral Saturday for Mrs. Dennis

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Events (cont.)

Funeral services for Mrs. Nannie Price Dennis, who died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Todd of Armstrong, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Mahan Chapel.

The Rev. Joseph P. Grant of the First Baptist Church of Moberly will conduct the services. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

From Darla Myler of Marshall, Saline, Missouri:

This obituary was in the Dennis folder. It doesnt have the name of the paper or a date.

Mrs. Nannie Dennis Dies At Armstrong Home of Daughter

Mrs. Nannie Price Dennis, 86, died at 2 a.m. this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Todd of Armstrong. Mrs. Dennis had a stroke recently. Besides Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Dennis is survived by three sons, Otto of Overland, Joe of Kansas City and Captain James of Fort Eustace, Va.; two sister Mrs. J.A. Sartain of Fayette and Mrs. G.P. Rose of Ironton; two brothers H.N. Todd, 2191/2North Clark street, Moberly and Wright Murphy of St. Joseph; and eight grand-children. Mrs. Dennis was born in Saline County and spent most of her life in Higginsville. She had been living with her daughter for the past six years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Higginsville. The body will remain at the Mahan parlors until funeral arrangements have been completed.

Marriage Events

	Name	Description:	Date:	Location:
•	Reference			
	William Dennis and Nannie Murphy -> James Dennis -> James Dennis -> Sandy Dennis			

•	Census		01 June 1900	Lexington, Lafayette, Missouri
	Twelfth Census of the United States			

Twelfth Census of the United States (1900), Lexington, Lafayette, Missouri (1 June 1900), household of William Dennis:

Dennis, William, Head, Date of Birth June 1864, Age 35, Married 13 years, Birthplace Missouri, Father's Birthplace Michigan, Mother's Birthplace Michigan, Occupation ? Miner C?

Nannie, Wife, Date of Birth May 1863, Age 37, Married 13 years, 7 children of those 3 are living, Birthplace Missouri, Father's Birthplace Michigan, Mother's Birthplace Missouri


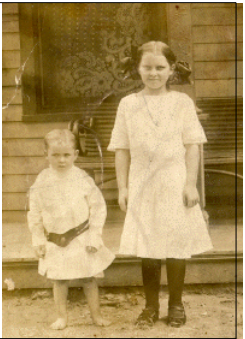



Otto, Son, Date of Birth Sept 1892, Age 7

May, Daughter, Date of Birth Mar 1894, Age 6

Callie, Daughter, Date of Birth Apr 1896, Age 4

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Children

1	M	Otto DENNIS		
Born		September 1892		
Died		September 1967	St. Louis, Missouri	
2	F	May DENNIS		
Born		March 1894		
3	F	Callie DENNIS		
Born		April 1896		
4	F	Katie Alice DENNIS		
Born		07 September 1900	Liberty, Missouri	
Died		01 July 1979	Moberly, Missouri	
Buried			Fayette, Missouri	
Spouse		Fred Lee TODD (1900-1990)	16 March 1919	
5	M	Joe DENNIS		
6	M	James Allen DENNIS		
Born		30 April 1907	Missouri	
Died		25 February 1982	Columbia, South Carolina	
Buried			Crescent Hill Memorial Park, Columbia, South Carolina	
Spouse		Alice Frances SHEPPARD (1911-2001)	November 1930 - Fort Snelling Chapel	
Spouse		Juanita Louis AMICK (-)	Private	

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Events

	Name	Description:	Date:	Location:
•	Occupation			US Army
•	Soc Sec Num			

Social Security Death Index:

Name SS# Issue State Birth Death Death State Last Known Residence Last Payment Location
DENNIS, JAMES 471-05-0717 MN 30 Apr 1907 Feb 1982 SC Columbia, South Carolina 29201 Columbia, South Carolina
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•	Residence		25 February 1982	3428 Park Street, Columbia, Richland, South Carolina
•	Death Notes			

A letter from James Dennis, Sr.'s second wife, Juanita, to James Dennis, Jr. and his wife, Marvel, informs them of James, Sr.'s death. Jim, Jr. and Mubbs had visited Jim, Sr. and Juanita during a driving vacation in the 1970's.

Mrs. James A. Dennis
3428 Park Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Dennis
2143 Suburban Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55119

March 4, 1982

Dear Jim & Mubbs,

This is the hardest thing I've ever had to write but I have to let you know Jimmy died Feb 25 exactly eight years to the day he had the stroke. He was buried March 1 with full military honors. He started vomiting blood about 1:30 after dinner. I called Steve and we got him to the hospital and for a while the Dr. thought he was stabilized but he got worse, started bleeding internally again and even with transfusions they couldn't stop it. He died around 11:45 that night. There was nothing no one could do. After I get my senses back I'll try to write more. I'm so lost now I don't know what I'm doing half the time.

Love,
Juanita

The death certificate shows:

Birth: 30 April 1907 in Missouri
Parents: William Steve Dennis and Nannie Murphy
Death: 25 February 1982 in Columbia, Richland, South Carolina
Age at death: 74 years
Marital status at death: Married
Spouse: Juanita Amick
Occupation: Retired military, US Army
Residence: 3428 Park Street, Columbia, Richland, South Carolina
Burial: Crescent Hill Memorial Park, Columbia, South Carolina
Informant: Juanita Dennis

The informant is James' second wife. His first wife, Alice (nee Sheppard) Dennis Willett, is the mother of James' son, James Dennis, Jr.

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Events (cont.)

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The State Newspaper, February 1982

James A. Dennis

James A. Dennis, 74, of 3428 Park St., died Thursday at Moncrief Army Hospital.

Born in Harden, Mo., he was a son of the late William Steve and Nannie Murphy Dennis. He was retired with the rank of major from the U. S. Army after 28 years of service and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Juanita Amick Dennis and two sons, James Allen Price and Steve Claude Dennis of Columbia.

Plans will be announced by Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel.

General Notes (Female or Partner)

James Dennis, Jr. (Dad) told this story about meeting Nannie:

Dad had enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Virginia. After about a month in a company there, his father, James Dennis, Sr., became the company commander. Dad didn't know his father well at the time because his father had left for the service when Dad was about ten years old and divorced his first wife, Dad's mother, when Dad was about twelve years old. After Dad had been in Virginia about a year, James Dennis, Sr. told Dad his grandmother (his father's mother) was on her death bed. Dad and James Dennis, Sr. and James Sr.'s wife, Juanita, drove from Virginia to Missouri to visit Nannie. Dad thinks they stopped in Moberly before going to Nannie's home in Armstrong. They stayed two days - one night - in Armstrong, and Dad saw Nannie twice during that time. During the first visit, he held her hand as he sat at her bedside. It was the first time he had ever met her. Nannie didn't die during the time of their visit, and they all returned to Virginia.

When Nannie died, Dad wasn't able to return to Missouri for the funeral and wasn't sure if his father was able to go either. It was before or about the time the Korean War broke out, and his company was on alert. When the war did break out in June of 1950, James Dennis, Sr. and half the company were shipped to Korea, and Dad stayed with half the company in the States. He believes his father pulled some strings so he would stay.

Dad had enlisted for two years and was supposed to get out in October of 1950, but when the war broke out, he was extended until October of 1951. Dad remembers receiving a \$600 dollar bonus for being extended and said it was quite a bit of money at the time. Dad said that at the time he enlisted, there was required military service and an 18 month draft where draftees got the designation US for United States. Dad had the designation RA for Regular Army. He said he received a bonus and some additional benefits for enlisting.

Notes (Partnership)

Reference: William Dennis and Nannie Murphy -> James Dennis -> James Dennis -> Sandra Dennis

From Darla Myler of Marshall, Saline, Missouri:

William S. Dennis m. Nannie P. Murphy April 27 1883 Saline Co. Book 2 page 407

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General Notes for Child Otto DENNIS

From Richard Todd (son of Fred Todd and Kate Dennis Todd):

Otto and Anna moved from DC to St. Louis after the end of WWII. I know that Otto worked on the construction of Lambert Field's Terminal Building after they moved to StL. In the late 40's and early 50's he had a franchise Dairy Queen in StL that he operated. We often visited with them during that time (I remember really liking to go in the summer to the Dairy Queen), and would go to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball games with him. Otto and Anna didn't get married until they both were in their mid-40's and they didn't have any children. They always had a small pet fox terrier dog. I don't know what Anna's maiden name was; I know that she was of German descent and I think that her parents had immigrated to America. There is a large community of German descent individuals both in St. Louis and in several smaller communities along the Missouri River outside of St.L. They attended a German Lutheran Church. I know that after Otto died (as I said earlier, Anna had predeceased him), his will bequeathed all they owned to the Church, since they did not have any heirs. As you may know, Otto was in the MO National Guard and was part of an army group that went down to Mexico in 1916 after the rebel Pancho Villa. Then he was in WWI and spent time in the trenches on the front line in France.

General Notes for Child May DENNIS

From Richard Todd:

She disappeared in the early 20's in Kansas City, MO, and no one ever heard from her again. I know my father, Fred, went to KC to search for her, but could find nothing about what might have happened to her.

General Notes for Child Katie Alice DENNIS

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Katie Alice Todd

A Moberly woman, 78-year-old Katie Alice Todd, 407 West Lee, died Sunday, July 1 at a

Moberly nursing home where she had been for the past four weeks. Mrs. Todd was suffering from a short illness. The Liberty native is survived by her husband, Fred Todd; two sons, Howard Todd, Moberly, and another son living out of state [Richard Todd]; a brother living out of state [James Dennis]; and five grandchildren. She also belonged to the First Baptist Church in Moberly. Gravesite services were held Friday, July 6, at the Fayette City Cemetery.

General Notes for Child James Allen DENNIS

From Cynthia Amick via email in May 2005:

...James Dennis' second wife, Juanita, is still alive and doing very well. She'll be 83 in September.

I'm afraid that I don't remember much about Uncle Jim. He had a stroke in the early to mid 1970's which took away his ability to speak and partially paralyzed him on his right side. He did regain his ability to walk. I do remember that he loved to tell stories and that he was a good cook. He always cooked the turkey for our family holiday get togethers. He was very proud to be of Irish descent. He lost part of his hearing while serving in Korea during the Korean conflict. He loved being in the army. He would have stayed in the army until the end, if they would have let him. One story of his childhood that I'm familiar with is a tale of a "Trick" that he and a cohort perpetrated on a nearby farmer on Halloween. They took his wagon and placed it in the farmer's hay loft.

Aunt Juanita took very good care of him after his stroke. He lived at home until his death and never had to stay in a nursing facility. My father's family was very fond of him and so was I.
