



Elbert & Virta Huston

TIMELINE OF ELBERT LOVELL HUSTON

My name is Mike Vick. My grandfather was Elbert Lovell Huston. He was my mother's father, my maternal grandfather.

I started out not knowing Elbert's mother or father's names, but I did know that he had sisters named Essie, Lula, Minnie, and Hazel who was married to a man named Lora Cook. I also knew that Elbert was probably from Indiana, but had no proof.

I started looking but could not find anything. I finally tried "Rootsweb-Family Trees". I entered Huston and started going through all the Hustons listed. I found a Otho Huston who had a daughter named Hazel who was married to a Lora Cook. BINGO!!!! I had found Elbert's father, my maternal great grandfather.

Then I started searching the census. I found Otho with a wife named Jennie and a daughter named Minnie. I also found Otho in an Indiana Infirmary in the 1900 and 1910 census. He was committed before the 1900 census was taken. I called the Indiana State Archives about a death certificate. They sent me a memo stating he died in 1929 in an Indiana Infirmary.

MEMO

DATE: AUGUST 11, 1998

TO: MICHAEL VICK

FROM: MADISON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 VITAL RECORDS DIVISION
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SUBJECT: IT WAS NOT LAW TO RECORD IN INDIANA UNTIL OCTOBER OF 1907.
 THE ONLY INFORMATION FOUND WAS FOR OTHO HUSTON.

OTHO C. HUSTON DIED NOVEMBER 10, 1929 IN ANDERSON INDIANA
 AGE 70 WIDOWED (PHOEBE JANE HUSTON)
 DIED AT MADISON COUNTY INFIRMARY CAUSE CHRONIC NEPHRITIS
 DATE OF BIRTH JANUARY 2, 1859 IN INDIANA
 FATHER JAMES HUSTON BORN INDIANA
 MOTHER ETHELINE SEWARD INDIANA
 BURIAL IN ANDERSON CEMETERY NOT LISTED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1929

Mary Chamberlin
 MARY CHAMBERLIN
 VITAL RECORDS CLERK

I am telling about Elbert's father to lay a back-ground for Elbert's actions. Elbert's mother, Jennie, divorced Otho and remarried in 1903. Evidently Elbert didn't get along with his stepdad. He started getting into trouble in 1904. I found this out when I obtained a copy of Elbert L. Huston's draft registration for WW1.

REGISTRATION CARD		No. 454
1	Elbert J. Huston	26
2	Etchelle Ann A.P.	Ind
3	Dec 10 1890	
4	Natural born citizen	
5	Indiana Ind U.S.A.	
6		
7	Farming	
8	Jacob Russell	
9	Washington Pa	
10	Mother	
11	Single	Caucasian
12	None	

13-2-8-A REGISTRATION REPORT	
1	I declare that my answers are true, that the name registered here is the name given by the Government, that I am a citizen of the United States and that I have no other names.
2	Excluded from military service
3	Elbert J. Huston
4	Washington Pa
5	June 5 (date of registration)

It had written on it "paroled from reformatory".

I called the Indiana State Archives. They sent me copies of Elbert's conviction papers as well as his prison records. The conviction records showed he was convicted of petty larceny in 1904 (when he was 14) and was sentenced to the Indiana Boys Reformatory until he was 21. He was paroled in 1908 (when he was 18). His prison records showed his time in the reformatory, and also showed he was sentenced to prison in 1915 (when he was 25) and was paroled in Feb. 1917 (when he was 27).

After that he enlisted in the army in Oct. 1917, went on to marry my grandmother, and be honorably discharged from the army. It looks like the army and a good woman, Virta, turned his life around.

As an aside, there was a lot of information on the "Order of Commitment" from the court when he was convicted. I discovered two of his aunts names and address and spouse's names. I discovered his brother's name and address as well as three of his uncles names and addresses. I discovered his mother's new married name and address as well as her spouse's name. I found his physical condition at time of incarceration. I found out why his father was in the infirmary. He was insane.

With public records I was able to uncover the mystery of my maternal grandfather. After his discharge from the army, he went on to father two daughters, Connie and Jane. He supported his family working in the lumber mill business. Mom says she has lived in every state in the USA except Hawaii and Alaska. As far as I know, neither my grandmother or my mother (Connie) knew about his problems with the law.