

Edna Voughan West Parentage

Proof Summary

Edna Voughan West, the tenth child of Charles Elmer and Bertie (Boyd) West, was born 5 September 1931. Charles denied Edna's paternity because of Bertie's alleged infidelity. Charles was wrong.

- Charles Elmer and Bertie (Boyd) West married 5 April 1905, Eunice, Texas County, Missouri.<sup>1</sup>
- Edna Voughan West was born 5 September 1931, Ozark, Texas County, Missouri. The state issued birth certificate lists father's full name as Elmer West [*sic*] and mother's full maiden name as Bertie Boyd.<sup>2</sup>
- Charles West filed for divorce from Bertie West 9 March 1932.<sup>3</sup>
- Circuit Court grants divorce to Charles West. Charles ordered by Circuit Court to have "care and custody" of Hazel, Marvin, Howard, Dall, and Luella West, minor children" of Charles and Bertie West.<sup>4</sup>
- Autosomal DNA data from tests of three first and three second cousins, descendants of Charles and Bertie West, provides indirect evidence of a biological relationship between Charles and Edna. (Table 1)
- Correlation of birth certificate direct evidence and indirect DNA evidence supports a conclusion that Charles Elmer West is the father of Edna Voughan West. (Figure 1 and Table 1)

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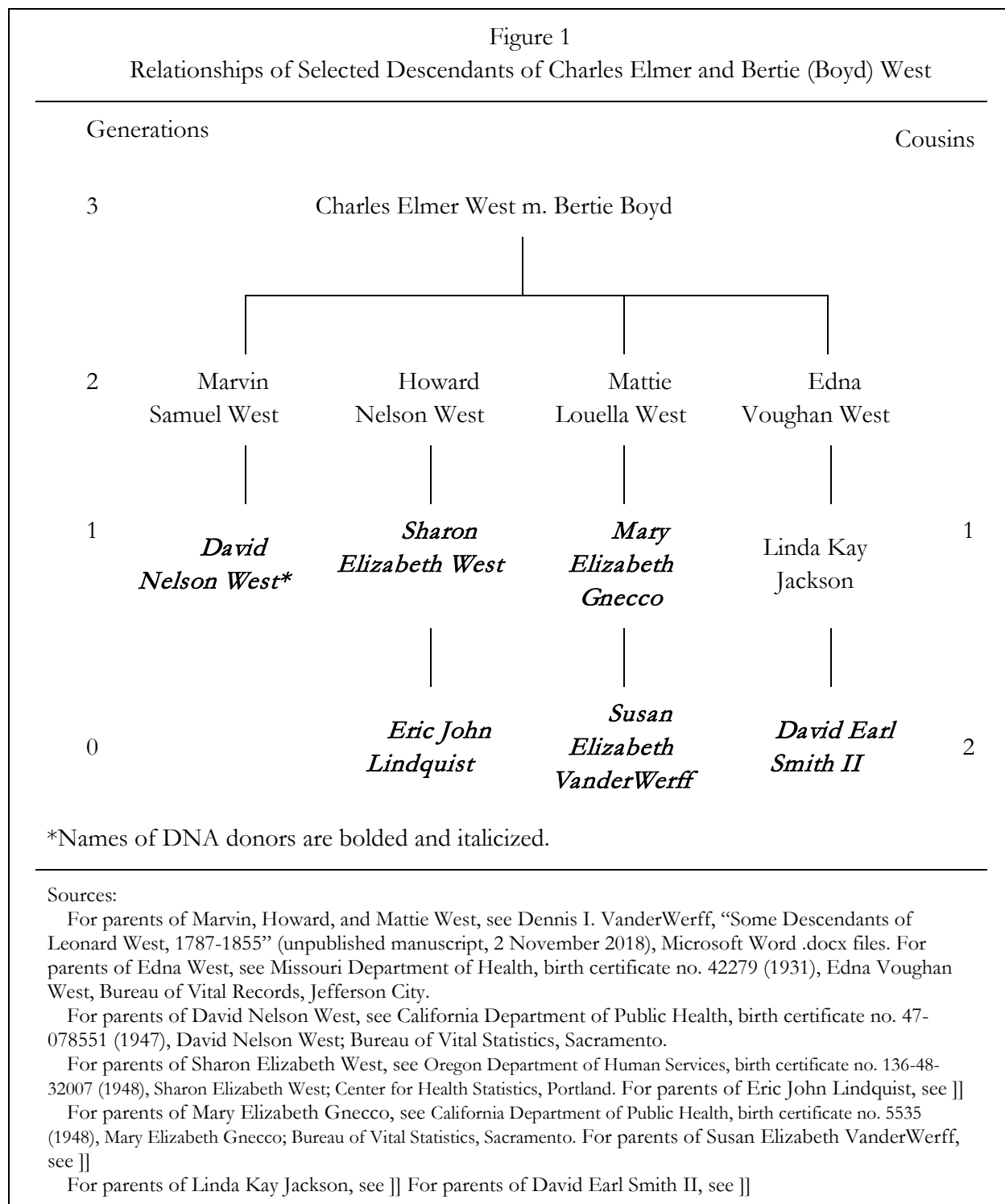
1. "Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1171> : accessed 11 October 2018) > Texas > Record images for Texas > 1897-1906 > image 376, entry for C. E. West and Bertie Boyd (1905); citing Missouri Marriage Records, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

2. Missouri Department of Health, birth certificate no. 42279 (1931), Edna Voughan West, Bureau of Vital Records, Jefferson City.

3. Texas County, Missouri, Circuit Court case 3163, C. E. West v. Bertie West, "Divorce," 9 March 1932; Circuit Clerk's Office, Houston.

4. Texas County, Missouri, Circuit Court cas3 3163, C. E. West v. Bertie West, "Divorce," 14 March 1932; Circuit Clerk's Office, Houston.

Figure 1  
Relationships of Selected Descendants of Charles Elmer and Bertie (Boyd) West



**EDNA VOUGHAN WEST, 1931-2016**

Table 1  
Selected Traced and Genetic Relationships to David Earl Smith

DNA Donor (Son/Daughter of Charles West)	Traced Relationship	Predicted cMs Shared Average	Average cMs Shared & Range	Actual cMs Shared
David West (Marvin)	1C1R	425.00	440 54 – 903	432.2
Sharon West (Howard)	1C1R	425.00	440 54 – 903	463.8
Eric Lindquist (Howard)	2C	212.50	246 477 – 760	240.7
Mary Gnecco (Mattie Louella)	1C1RC	425.00	440 54 – 903	419.4
Susan VanderWerff (Mattie Louella)	2C	212.50	246 477 – 760	178.0

For traced relationship (column 2) see figure 1. C represents *cousin* and R represents *removed*. Thus, 2C1R means second cousin once-removed. For predicted average cMs for those relations (column 3) see “Autosomal DNA Statistics,” *International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki* ([https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal\\_DNA\\_statistics](https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics)). For average second cousin (2C) and second cousin once removed (2C1R) shared cMs and range (fourth column), see “Visualizing Data From the Shared cM Project,” <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2015/05/29/visualizing-data-from-the-shared-cm-project/> : accessed 18 October 2018). For total shared cMs on segments greater than 7 cMs (column 5), see “‘One-to-One compare,’” *GEDmatch* ([gedmatch.com](http://gedmatch.com)), kit A911245 (David Smith) compared individually to kits A830687 (David West), A555577 (Sharon West), A915465 (Eric Lindquist), A905392 (Marry Gnecco), and (A455024) Susan VanderWerff. The acronym cMs refers to centiMorgans, a measure of genetic linkage based on recombinant frequency.