Biography of Dr. Glen Miller Smyth, Sr. 1889-1947 by Glen Miller Smyth III ©2015

Born: Horton, Kansas  7/10/1889
Passed: Plainfield, New Jersey  6/4/1947

1889 – 0710 Glen Miller Smyth was born in the town of Horton, Brown County, Kansas. He was the only child of Horton Post Master Lucian Hayden and Lulu Miller Smyth. He was named for his Mothers Father, Glen Lewis Miller of Salt Lake City Utah.

Lucian H. Smyth is a Union Civil War veteran having served in the 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery / 152nd Pennsylvania Volunteers / Regimental Battery “L”. Lucian H. Smyth bears the distinction of being one of the youngest Union soldier to carry a gun through the War of the Rebellion, entering the service at 14 years of age. He is prominent In G. A. R. and Masonic circles.

1895 – Glen Miller Smyth had moved with his parents to Salt Lake City Utah where one of his earliest playmates was his second cousin Gleed Lewis Miller son of Elizabeth (Hannah) Miller and US Marshal Glen Lewis Miller.

1895 Glen M. Smyth and Gleed Miller Salt Lake City

1897 – September 28, 1897 Lucian Hayden Smyth, Glen’s father is commissioned chief deputy for the District of Utah, US Marshals Service.

1900 – Glen M. Smyth was 10 years old and lived in Salt Lake City, Utah with his father, mother, and grandmother. Salt Lake City Ward 4, Salt Lake, Utah.

1904 – May, Depart for a one year tour throughout Europe including visits to Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France, Germany and England, touring the countries by automobile. Included in the trip were his Glen and Elizabeth Miller, Cousin Gleed Miller and Glen M. Smyth. At the end of the summer of 1904 Glen L. Miller returns to the Untied States. Elizabeth Miller remains in Europe with the boys.

1905 – August 25, sail from Liverpool England to Boston Massachusetts. Then travel from Boston to New York and Kansas City for visits before returning to Salt Lake City Utah.

1910 – Glen M. Smyth and his parents are living at #79 Salt Lake City Ward 4, Salt Lake, Utah. He attends the Salt Lake High School where he is a cadet.

During this time Glen and a group of friends organizes a money news paper with friends, the paper is named the "Boys News" and Glen is listed as the editor and Gleed Miller is listed as the Social Editor.

1911 – Glen is attends Leland Stanford University School of Chemistry in Palo Alto CA.

1913 – Glen graduates from the Stanford University School of Chemistry.
While at Stanford Glen becomes a member of the local Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity.
1913 – 0818 - Glen leaves for Berlin Germany to attend the Charlottenburg School of Technology at The University of Berlin located in Charlottenburg Germany to do post graduate work in chemistry and mineralogy.
1914 – 0917 Glen Smyth was listed to have been attending the University of Leipzig in Berlin. At the outbreak of World War he transfers his studies to the University of Zurich in Switzerland.
1914 – 0919 Glen Smyth reported to be returning to America to continue his education at the graduate school of Harvard University his studies interrupted in Germany by the outbreak of the First World War.

1914 – 1916 Glen Smyth attends Harvard to complete his course for the degree of PHD.

1915 – Glen Smyth is listed in the US census as Clerk, Home Investment & Savings Co.

1916 – Glen Smyth will attend Harvard to complete his course for the degree of PHD.

1916 –1918 Dr. Glen Miller Smyth is working as a chemist for the Federal Dyestuff and Chemical Company of Kingsport Tennessee.
1918 – Dr. Glen M. Smyth and his co-worker John L. Crist resign from the Federal Dyestuff Chemical Corporation to establish the Beaver Chemical Company in Damascus Virginia,

Beaver Chemical Company, Damascus Virginia

1919 – Dr. Glen M. Smyth and John Crist establish the Beaver Chemical Company and begin production of sulfur dyes and alizarine red. Beaver Chemical Company becomes the first successful dye producer in the South.

Glen Miller Smyth and John Crist at the Beaver Chemical Company

1920 – Glen M. Smyth was 30 years old and lived in Damascus, Virginia.
1925 – Glen M. Smyth and Kathleen Baker Dunn of Bristol VA, daughter of Isaac Baker Dunn Jr. and Marietta Rumliu Dunn, are engaged in Virginia.

Kathleen Baker Dunn is the granddaughter of Mary Hazelrig Lynch and Confederate Civil War Coronal Isaac Baker Dunn Sr., 1816-1898, who served under Brigade General John B. Floyd of the Kanawa Division, Army of the Confederate States. Isaac Baker Dunn Sr. owned the Clover Forest Plantation, Washington County VA. where Kathleen (Katt) Baker Dunn was raised.

1926 – 0106 Glen M. Smyth and Kathleen Baker Dunn are married in Bristol VA.

1927 – Glen and Kathleen Smyth travel to Europe in an "extended trip". Return on the SS President Harding from France to New York arriving June 17.

1927 – In August Glen and Kathleen Smyth travel to Salt Lake City.

1928 – 0726, Glen Miller Smyth Jr. Is born in Salt Lake City Utah. First and only son of Glen & Kathleen (Katt) Smyth.

1929 – The outlook at the beginning of the depression was so dubious that the Beaver Company was open to negotiations with a possible purchaser. Final arrangements were made for transfer to Calco in December 1929. Within the next four months, John Crist was transferred to Charlotte as Southern Sales Manager for Calco, and Dr. Glen M. Smyth was left in charge of manufacturing at Damascus.

1930 – Glen M. Smyth was 40 years old and lived in Damascus, Virginia with his wife, Kathleen, son, Glen Miller Smyth Jr., and mother, Elizabeth (Lulu) Miller Smyth on Rosk Road in Salt Lake City.

Glen M. Smyth and Kathleen D. Smyth summer regularly throughout their years together at the Dunn Family ancestral home, Clover Forest Plantation, Bristol, Washington County VA. This property was in the Dunn Family hands for four generations from 1850 till the late 1960s.
1932 – Glen M. Smyth was transferred from Damascus, Virginia to the Calco Bound Brook plant for further development work on sulfur colors and vats, in which he was much interested and on which he had already done considerable work.

1932 – Glen M. Smyth travels to Europe for work in Aussig Germany. He remains in Germany through Christmas residing at the Palace Hotel in Aussig till March 1933.

1933 – Glen M. Smyth returns to the USA on the SS Hamburg departing France on March 24 and arriving New York on March 31.

1936 – Glen M Smyth returns to Europe for work. This trip, I have been told was made on the Hindenburg Airship, departing Lakehurst NJ, but to date I have not found a passenger list with his name on it.

Crossings made by the Hindenburg in 1936

1. May 12-May 14: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (49hr13min)
2. May 21- May 23: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (48hr8min)
3. June 24-June 26: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (61hr5min)
4. July 4-July 6: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (45hr39min)
5. July 15-July 17: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (60hr58min)
6. August 10-August 11: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (43hr2min)
7. August 20-August 22: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (43hr49min)
8. September 22-September 24: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (55hr36min)
9. October 1-October 3: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (58hr2min)
10. October 10-October 12: Lakehurst-Frankfurt (52hr17min)


1938 – Glen and Kathleen Smyth take a cruise vacation aboard the SS Santa Rosa. The trip is to Porto Rico, arrives in San Jan on March 15.

1940 – On April 1, 1940, Glen M. Smyth was 50 years old and lived in Plainfield, New Jersey with his wife, Kathleen, son, Glen M. Smyth Jr. and mother, Elizabeth (Lulu) Miller Smyth.
1942 – With the outbreak of World War II Glen M. Smyth registers for the draft at the age of 52. The draft prescribes that all able body men born between April 28, 1877 and February 16, 1897 register. Due to his work at American Cyanamid, he receives a deferment.

1449 Chewynd Ave. Plainfield New Jersey

1947 – Dr. Glen M. Smyth, Kathleen D. Smyth and Elizabeth (Lulu) Miller Smyth are residing at 1449 Chewynd Ave. Plainfield New Jersey.

Dr. Glen Miller Smyth is working for the American Cyanamid Company in Bound Brook NJ where he has numerous US Patents assignors to the American Cyanamid Company of New York New York including Anthraquinone Dithiazoles, VAT Dyestuffs, Anthraquinone-Carbazole Dyestuffs and the manufacture of Anthraquinone. Dr. Smyth works at American Cyanamid till his death.

1947 - 0604 Dr. Glen Miller Smyth Sr. passes as the result of a heart attack at his home in Plainfield New Jersey at the age of 57. He is put to rest in Bristol VA.

1971 – 0724 Kathleen Dunn Smyth passes at a rest home in Plainfield New Jersey at the age of 69. She is put to rest in Bristol VA.