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**RESEARCH SUMMARY**

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**OBJECTIVES**

- Find the current location of David Allen Smith.
- Locate current contact information for David.
- If possible, gather information on how David is doing (through social media posts, etc.)

**INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CLIENT**

The client's son David Allen Smith was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 15, 1988. He had a younger brother named Samuel Scott Smith. About 30 years ago, when both boys were toddlers, the client and his wife divorced. The boys' mother moved to another state far away and would not allow the client to make contact with his children. The client heard from mutual friends that she had told her sons their father had passed away in an accident. Several years ago, the client learned through a mutual friend that his youngest son Scott had died in a car accident.

The client's ex-wife's maiden name was Brenda Sanderson. She moved frequently after the divorce and then remarried, changing her surname. Because her surname changed and the boys had fairly common names, it was difficult to locate them, and the client lost contact with them.

**RESULTS**

- David was found living in Boca Raton, Florida.
- His current address and phone number were located.
- Information was gathered from social media posts and other records to provide information about his family, education, achievements and current activities.

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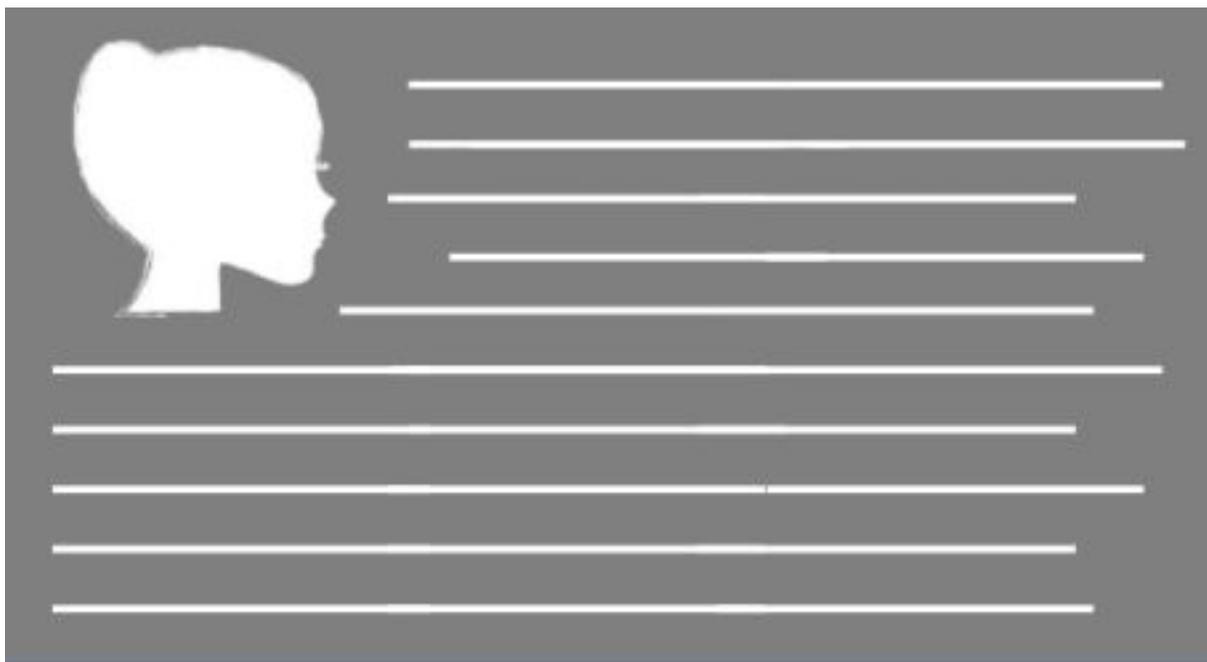


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### **Searches in Newspaper Databases**

Newspaper databases were searched for information about Brenda, David and Scott. An obituary was discovered for Brenda's mother. Thelma Louise Sanderson passed away in 2014 in Birmingham, Alabama.<sup>1</sup>



*2014 obituary of David Allen Smith's grandmother, Thelma Louise Sanderson.*

<sup>1</sup> *Birmingham Daily News*, Birmingham, Alabama, Obituary of Thelma Louise Sanderson, 12 November 2014, page 9, www.newspapers.com, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 1.

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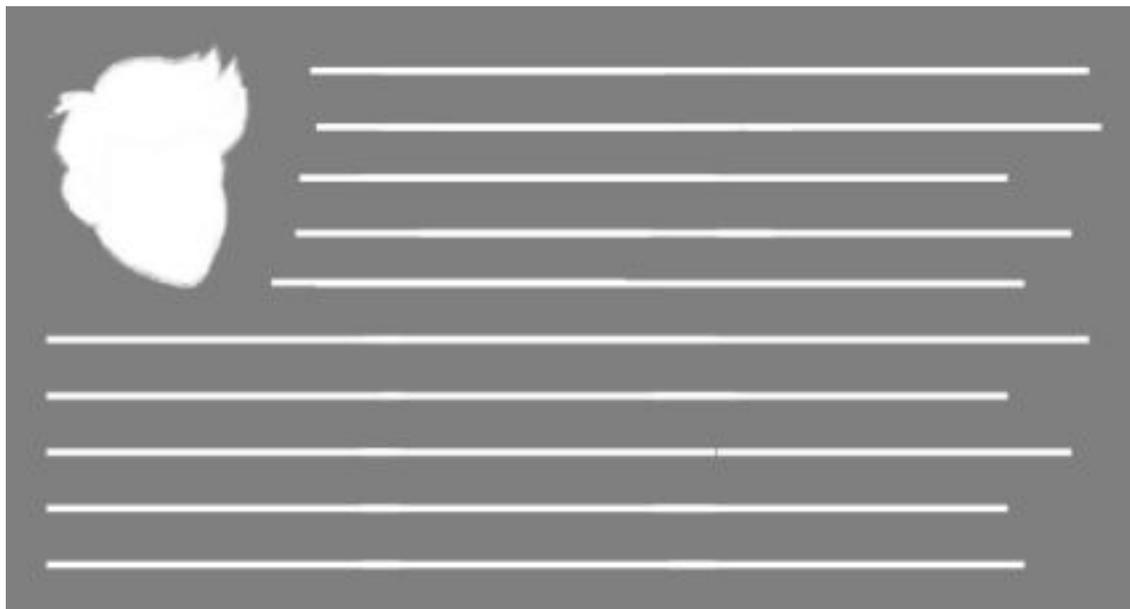
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Thelma's obituary listed her daughter Brenda by her current married name: Brenda Sanderson Carter. It stated that Brenda currently lived in Franklin, Tennessee. The obituary also listed David Wells Smith as Thelma's grandson and one of the pallbearers.

An obituary was also found for Samuel Scott Smith, who died in a car accident on July 15, 2007 in Franklin, Tennessee.<sup>2</sup>



*2007 obituary of David Allen Smith's younger brother, Samuel Scott Smith.*

<sup>2</sup> *Franklin Gazette*, Franklin, Tennessee, obituary of Samuel Scott Smith, 15 July 2007, page 11, [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com), accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 2.

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## **Searches in Phone Record and Address Databases**

Searches through phone record databases yielded a current phone number for a Brenda Sanderson Carter in Franklin, Tennessee.<sup>3</sup> One of the numbers connected to her is for a David Allen Smith, living in Boca Rotan, Florida.<sup>4</sup> A page showing David's addresses for the past few years and his current phone number can be found in the document section.

The phone number for David Allen Smith in Boca Rotan, Florida is connected to a Summer Benson, who currently lives in Tampa, Florida.<sup>5</sup> Phone records indicate David and Summer shared the same address in Florida between 2002 and 2014.

## **Social Media Searches**

David Allen Smith was difficult to find on social media, because there are so many people with similar names—even in Florida. A Summer Benson of Tampa Bay, Florida was found on Facebook, and a "Dave Smith" of Boca Rotan, Florida was found among her Facebook contacts.<sup>6,7</sup> David is active on Facebook, posting frequently. Each year on July 15th, the anniversary of Samuel Scott Smith's death, he posts a picture of himself with his brother Sam, and writes a short post about how much he misses him.

<sup>3</sup> Phone record information for Brenda Sanderson Carter of Franklin, Tennessee, White Pages Premium, subscription database, <http://whitepages.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 3.

<sup>4</sup> Phone record information for David Allen Smith of Boca Raton, Florida, White Pages Premium, subscription database, <http://whitepages.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 4.

<sup>5</sup> Phone record information for Summer Benson of Tampa, Florida, White Pages Premium, subscription database, <http://whitepages.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 5.

<sup>6</sup> Personal Facebook page of Summer Benson of Tampa, Florida, <http://facebook.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 6.

<sup>7</sup> Personal Facebook page of Summer Benson of Tampa, Florida, <http://facebook.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 7.

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*Childhood photo of David and Samuel posted to David's Facebook page on 15 July*



*2012.*

*Teenage photo of David and Samuel posted to David's Facebook page on 15 July 2016.*

These and other posts made it possible to positively identify this man as the correct David Allen Smith.

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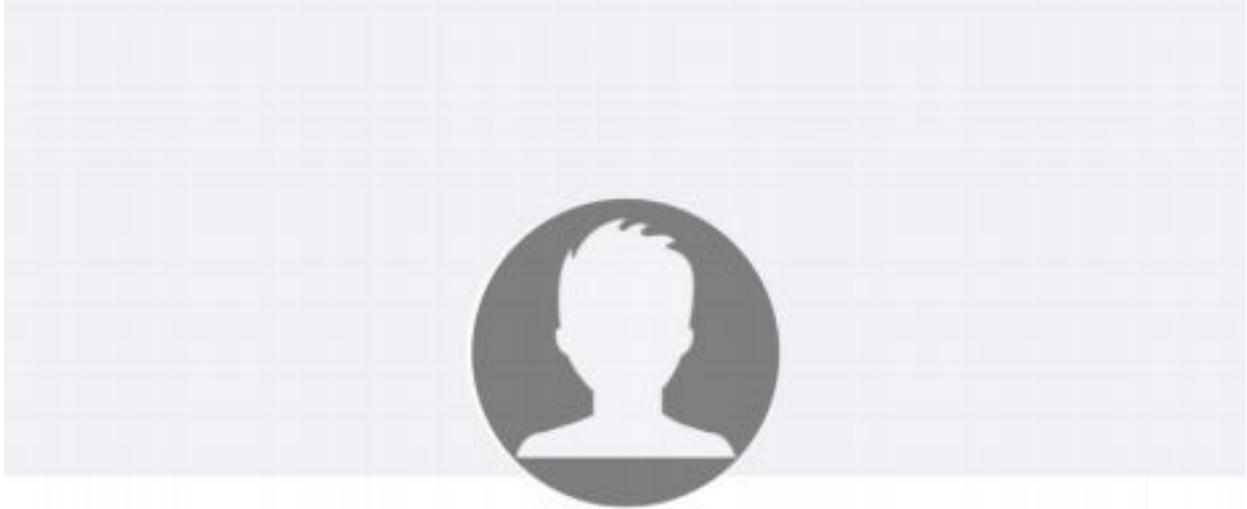
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*Photo of Dave Smith from his Facebook page.*

David is very active on social media. The “about” section on his Facebook page says he graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in art history. It lists him as the manager of Donatello’s Italian restaurant—a very popular Boca Rotan eating establishment. Based on David’s Facebook posts, he enjoys reading and painting and is passionate about politics and humanitarian service. (See photos in document section.)

As was mentioned above, David and Summer shared a home address between 2002 and 2014 in Boca Rotan. On Facebook, Summer is pictured frequently with a young daughter named Ayla. She recently posted a celebration of this daughter’s 10th birthday. David is pictured three times on recent Facebook posts with this same young girl. Although their exact relationship is not mentioned on Facebook, David appears to have been at least a father figure in Ayla’s life, and could possibly be her biological father. They are still in contact even though Summer and David have had different Florida addresses for the past five years.

David was tagged in a post a few years ago on Facebook indicating that he’d graduated from Centennial High School in Franklin, Tennessee.

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## Yearbook Searches

Digitized yearbooks for Centennial High School indicate that David was on his high school's varsity baseball team, playing first base.<sup>8</sup> He graduated in 2006. Below is a baseball photo and a senior year photo, and more high school photos can be found in the document section.



*Photos from Davids' senior year year at Centennial High School in Franklin, Tennessee.*

<sup>8</sup> 2006 Centennial High School Yearbook, photos of David Allen Smith, pages 25 and 72, E-Yearbook, <http://e-yearbook.com>, subscription database, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 8.

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## **Real Estate Searches**

David's phone records show three home addresses during the past ten years.<sup>9</sup> Photos of each home can be found in the document section. Below is a photo of David's current home at 1217 Key West Street.<sup>10</sup> According to Realtor.com, this home was last sold to a new buyer in 2015. According to his phone records, David has lived at this address since 2015.



*Photo of David's current home at 1217 Key West Street in Boca Rotan, Florida.*

Realtor.com also has several interior photos and additional exterior photos of the home (and backyard swimming pool) at 1217 Key West Street from the last time it was offered for sale in 2015. Several of these photos are displayed in the document section.

<sup>9</sup> Phone record information for David Allen Smith of Boca Raton, Florida, White Pages Premium, subscription database, <http://whitepages.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 9.

<sup>10</sup> 1217 Key West Street, Boca Rotan, Florida, Realtor.com, <http://realtor.com>, accessed June 2019. DOCUMENT 10.

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## **Conclusion**

David Allen Smith can now be contacted by mail, by phone, or through Facebook Messenger. He appears to be happy, healthy and reliable. He enjoys sports, art, people and

the outdoors. It has been a pleasure to help you find him after you have spent so many years apart. We wish you all the best in your efforts to connect.

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