

Ruth Hanna Smith married Harry Francis Smith in June, 1919.

They went to San Francisco for his going to pharmacy school at USC.

Vivian was born September 1, 1921, They returned to Fullerton and lived on Jacaranda Street for about 4 years. Next home was on 29th Street in Los Angeles. They bought their first car—Oldsmobile.

The house was a four unit of one bedroom—two story. The owners lived above. Their children lived in the east so they thought Vivian was like a grandchild. They would baby sit at their apartment and the folks had a key to come in and collect Vivian when they came home. Mrs Howard always rubbed Vivian stomach when she was put down for the night. "daddy" Howard built a life size doll house for Vivian and placed in the back yard. Sometimes the little girls slept all night in it..

Harry was working for the Owl drug chain. Brunswick wholesale drug co. gave Harry a "franchise" store at 3^d and LaBrea near Wilshire. It was a deluxe store. Harry's folks lost the orange grove in Fullerton so brother Stanley came to stay in drug store — sleeping on balcony room.

There was a wonderful nursery—Paul J. Howards across the street. It covered a whole block. His chauffer spoke French and always went to Paris with the boss. When he was in our drug store, he told Vivian about Paris. So she wanted to see it.

A thrifty drug store moved in across the street. It was the depression. The rent was too high at our fancy store so Harry lost it. He had it from about 1928 to 1936. In that time the folks bought a lot in Manhattan Beach on 45th street and built the beach house for \$1,500. Two bedrooms. They had been going for vacations but now moved in. There was two thirds of the lot in front so they built a house with a studio apt. downstairs and that gave them two rentals. We moved into the front house.

All three of us liked to travel. In 1933 we went to Chicago on the train by way of New Orleans and to the Worlds fair and on to Detroit to get a new Olds. In 1937 we drove to Mexico City by way of Texas and Laredo to Monterey. The Alcan Hwy was just in process in Mexico. We stayed in two bed & breakfast—first in Monterey then Mexico City. It was a shock to see the poverty—children sleeping on the street. In the country side the people were kind to us. In the bakery they made lunch and on Christmas gave us a turkey dinner,

Vivian married George Howell Shoemaker February 22, 1941.

Ruth divorces Harry in 1945.