

ROBERT CLAIR SMALE (1931-2010)

I recently received the following obit that appeared in the Los Angeles Times December 22-24, 2010:

Smale, Robert Claire

March 21, 1931 - November 9, 2010

Robert C. "Bob" Smale, age 79, peacefully passed on Tuesday November 9th at his home in Woodland Hills with his family by his side. He is perhaps best known as the pianist on the Lawrence Welk TV Show but will always be remembered for his witty sense of humor and unequalled musical talent. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Mary; sister Dianne Walters; children Margaret, Rob and David; 10 grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Bob Smale is part of the WHITLOCK01 family. He descends from Christopher & Mary (Davey) Whitlock who were married August 5, 1804 at Black Torrington, Devon. Their daughter Sally married Jonas Smale. Jonas and Sally came to Canada about 1838 and settled in Usborne, Huron Co., Ontario. Their grandson John Gerrard Smale moved to California in the 1880's and on December 26, 1891 married Elizabeth Dempsey at Hayward, California. Robert Clair Smale was their grandson.

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