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WILLIAM McMILLEN

WILLIAM McMILLEN born 9 Sep 1831, Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, married 18 Mar 1860 in Hockingsport, Troy Township, Athens County, Ohio, **SARAH E W PACKARD** (daughter of George W and Elizabeth Packard), born 5 Jan 1837 in Carthage Township, Athens County, Ohio, died at home in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, on 11 Jun 1907, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado.



Family tradition says that William immigrated to the U.S. in 1853 with his brothers James and Robert, and that is believed to be the case. One obituary, however, says that “When yet a boy he came alone....” and another that he was but 18 when he came, which would make it 1849. Though the 1900 census records him coming in 1852, it shows the same year for his brother Robert, who is known to have come in '53.

A William McMillen, 17, immigrated from Belfast, Ireland, to New York, arriving on 4 May 1848 on the ship *South Esh*, which carried 54 passengers. Though the age for William is right for 1848, many McMillens lived in that part of Ireland near Belfast and this may not have been our William.

William left New York City and was in Carthage Township, Athens County, Ohio, by the time of the 1860 census, long enough to court and marry Sarah Packard by early 1860. The 1860 census is strange: it shows that William had been married within the year, but not that Sarah had, and it shows her still living at her parent's home, immediately next to where William lived. Their first child was born the following January.

The McMillens lived in Athens county through the Civil War and until after their son, William, was born—about 7 Sep 1870—and arrived near Chapman, Dickinson County, Kansas, by 1872. Two obituaries of family members say they moved in 1870.

They apparently went to Kansas because Sarah's brother, Augustus “Gus” Packard, had settled the bottom land in a bend of the Smoky Hill River about two miles southwest of Chapman a few years earlier and was becoming a very successful farmer. By the spring of

1871, presumably after the death of George Packard, Sarah's mother and two sisters had come to live with Gus. The McMillens may have come at the same time. In 1910 Augustus Packard of Center Township, Dickinson County, who had been married earlier for 28 years, was divorced. The second family before him in the census, presumably that of his ex-wife, was that of Allis Packard 55, a farmer, and her four children, ages 27 to 33. Her only son was named August F Packard.

Sarah's mother, Elizabeth Packard*, was born about 1801 in New York and died 26 May 1896 in Dickinson County. One early Dickinson County story says that George Packard was her third husband; she was four years older than he.

In 1875, according to a Kansas state census, the William McMillens had 1 milch cow, 6 other cattle, and “160 acres not under fence” at their farm in Liberty Township, a few miles south of the town of Chapman. On 1 Mar 1876 William received a patent on 160 acres of Dickinson County land as a result of his service in the Union Army. It consisted of S½ of NW¼ and N½ of SW¼ of Sec 4, T13S, R4E, “in the District of Lands subject to sale at Salina, Kansas.” It was in Reinhart Township, about a mile east and one and a half miles south of Chapman. Apparently William never lived there, though he may have farmed the land, for in 1880 his family was listed in the census as still living in Liberty Township.

The family left Dickinson County and headed west, “and were never heard from again,” according to some McMillens, That was obviously not true, as at least one daughter returned to Dickinson County and married. A son of William's brother Robert, who stayed in Kansas, moved to the small Colorado town where William lived and there is clear evidence the families kept in touch.

William McMillen was not only listed in the 1880 census in Dickinson County, Kansas, but he and daughter Dora were caught again in 1880 by a census enumerator in Leadville, Colorado. They were on their way to a site later called Red Cliff, about 21 miles north of Leadville, where they arrived before the end of June. All the rest of the family except daughter Elizabeth arrived shortly thereafter.



In those days Red Cliff was in Summit County, which ran all the way to the Colorado-Utah border. It was the first settlement in what was to become, in 1883, Eagle County when Summit was divided. Red Cliff was seat of the new county and remained so until 1921. This view is down Red Cliff's Main Street in 1892.

The town was founded in 1879 after Gilbert J DaLee and William Greiner pitched camp on the Eagle River on 4 Jul 1879, built the first cabin on what was to become the Red Cliff townsite, and opened the Hornsilver Mine on Hornsilver Mountain, just east of the townsite. Its tailings can still be seen, and it is still shown on topographic and geological maps of the area. Daughter Elizabeth's obituary says the William McMillens built the first house in Red Cliff, a landmark standing until recent years.

City government was organized in the fall of 1880, with Fred Henry as the first mayor; one of the councilmen was Gilbert J DaLee. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad arrived from Leadville in November 1881. The circuitous route to Denver, south through Salida and east through the Arkansas valley, took about 16 hours on the passenger train.

By early 1882, William had established a business called *The Mountain House*. That September a fire roared through town and destroyed, among other things, "McMillan's saloon," which might have been the same establishment, though there was at least one McMillan family there at the time. Newspapers spelled the name both McMillen and McMillan, regardless of what it was supposed to be, so it is hard to tell who owned the saloon.

William's trade was that of a wagon and carriage maker—he was half way through a seven-year apprenticeship in that trade when he left Ireland for America and he practiced the trade in Ohio and Kansas, but in Colorado one made a living as one could. The 1885 Colorado State census shows him as a "Hotel Keeper" and the 1900 census shows his trade as "Boarding house"; in both cases only he, Sarah, and some family members were enumerated together, so the McMillens either did not live at their place of business or the guests and boarders were enumerated elsewhere. Daughters Sarah 18, Mary 15, and Gertrude 9, were still at home in 1885. With William and Sarah in 1900 were daughter Mary McMillen, single, and Sarah Hunter, widow, with her two daughters Alice and Roberta Hunter.

Sarah Packard McMillen ran the first restaurant in Red Cliff, the *Traveler's Home*. It was partly frame building and partly tent, like most other buildings at the time. Later, daughter Elizabeth McMillen DaLee ran the restaurant. Photographs of that early period show even the largest hotel in town with a wooden false front and the rest of the structure of canvas.

In 1883 William and Sarah made a deposition in Eagle County (it is filed in the Athens County, Ohio, courthouse) concerning land in Ohio that had been left to Sarah by her father. It was finding that deposition that first allowed us to locate William. Sarah's last recorded deed transaction in Eagle County was in 1894, and William's was two years later.

The lonely miners must have mighty pleased when the McMillen family came to Red Cliff. One of William and Sarah's daughters married Gilbert DaLee and another married William Greiner (the two men who had found the Hornsilver Mine), a third married Robert Hunter (also a miner), and a fourth married Marion J Henry (not Mayor Henry), who worked for the railroad that ran through Red Cliff.

In 1900 William McMillen, friendly, well-read, and highly informed on historical as well as current matters, lived in Red Cliff, Colorado, from Jun 1880 until his death of pneumonia there on Wednesday, 30 Jan 1901. One obituary starts:

THE BLADE is pained to announce that William McMillen, the patriot, pioneer, and patriarch of Red Cliff, died January 30, after an illness of about a week. Mr. McMillen had not been in good health for some time, and succumbed to ailments caused by an old army wound, superinduced by pneumonia.

In the passing away of Mr. McMillen the community and the country loses one of those inspiring characters of a former epoch considered too rarely found in these modern times.

William is buried in the beautiful mountain Greenwood Cemetery overlooking Red Cliff.

William served almost three years in the Union Army during the Civil War. Enlisting as a private on 19 Aug 1862, William was in Company I, 116th Ohio Volunteers, which was primarily attached to the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. He took part in many battles, was at Appomattox for the surrender of General Lee in early April 1865, and in late May was at the Grand Review, a two-day parade and review of Union troops before President Andrew Johnson and other dignitaries in Washington.

He was wounded during one battle, captured, and was held for a time at the infamous Libby Prison, a former ship chandler's warehouse on the James River in Richmond, Virginia, used only for captured officers until late in the war. Libby Prison is considered second only to Andersonville in its inhumanity. It was an imprisonment that is said to have permanently damaged his health. William was discharged on 14 Jun 1865.

One of Sarah Packard's sisters had met and married, in Kansas, George Winters, who had been held in Libby Prison until he was almost dead, then released. Whether William and George knew each other there is questionable.

William's obituary continues:

The patriotism of this old soldier might well be more generally emulated. It was unswerving and unquestioned. "Uncle Billy," as he was familiarly called, always showed his colors. Every national holiday was commemorated by the hoisting of his country's banner at his residence.... No one could speak disparagingly of his adopted country without arousing his resentment.

On the front of William's grave marker is a design incorporating a star and the initials G A R (Grand Army of the Republic) and on the reverse a standing figure of a Union soldier holding a rifle. Below the soldier it reads "Co I, 116th Regt, Ohio Vols." One of the photographs shows William as an older man in his GAR uniform. He was clearly proud of his service.

At the time of his death William was police magistrate and commissioner of deeds for the Town of Red Cliff; he was also a government mail messenger.

Sarah, who witnessed the marriage of her daughter Sadie (Sarah) in 1890, had a hard life, raising children alone during the Civil War and sometimes caring for the Kansas land while William was in nearby Chapman trying to earn a living as a wagon maker. Her obituary reads in part:

The McMillen family is among the pioneers of Red Cliff and here again the mother's life has been one long self-sacrifice for the family she loved. And this family has in return showered upon her a filial devotion that has been the marvel of all observers.

Sarah died suddenly, following a seizure and paralysis. Her tombstone was one of limestone that has so deteriorated that just the bottom few inches remain. She is buried beside William at Greenwood Cemetery overlooking Red Cliff, Colorado. Her obituary notes that her two sisters [Anna Packard Winters and Mrs John Adams] and one brother [Augustus Packard] in Kansas were too old to travel to the funeral.

William and Sarah had six children:

- A. Dora McMillen (1861–1928)
 - B. Elizabeth McMillen (1863–1932)
 - C. Sarah McMillen (1866–1894)
 - D. Mary McMillen (1868–1926)
 - E. William McMillen (1870–1884)
 - F. Gertrude McMillen (1876-1958)
- A. Dorothea “Dora” “Doad” McMillen born 21 Jan 1861, Carthage Township, Athens County, Ohio, married 1881, Red Cliff, Summit County, Colorado, William Greiner, born Jan 1852, Michigan, died at his home in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, on 10 Sep 1912, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado. He was one of the two prospectors who in 1879 opened the first silver mine at Red Cliff (see above). William Greiner was at one time the sheriff of Eagle County; at the time of his death he was marshall of the Town of Red Cliff. In 1900 he was recorded as a hotel keeper and in 1910 he owned a drug store in Red Cliff. One of Dora's obituaries clipped from an unidentified newspaper says this of him:

If there ever was a typical Westerner it was Sheriff Greiner. He left his widow a group of mining claims, the Horn Silver, which had produced some medium sized fortunes.

William and Dora Greiner were always together, and they took part in all the activities of the growing town. They became the social leaders and “no function was a success without their leadership and participation.”

Dora was not listed with the family in the Kansas state census of 1875 when she was 14. She may have already been living away from home, for in a list of Dickinson County one-room schools she is named as the first teacher, in 1876, of Probosco School in Sherman Township. At one time she also taught at Fairview District near Chapman, Kansas. She was back with her family in Kansas at the time of the 1880



census, 19 years old, a teacher, but was on the way to Red Cliff, Colorado, with her father a little later in Jun 1880 when a census enumerator found the two of them in Leadville, Colorado. After moving to Red Cliff, Dora was chosen by a self-appointed committee that year to be Red Cliff's first teacher. At the time there was no organized school district in Red Cliff or, for that matter, any school in that part of the state. She started with five pupils, teaching in a log cabin with one window. By 7 Dec 1880 Dora had invested in 1/8 part of the Belle of Colorado load on Battle Mountain, just north of Red Cliff (recorded in Summit County). Eva Marts, below, remembers her mother talking about her Aunt Dora, how smart and what a wonderful person she was.

Dora was listed as a hotel proprietor in Precinct 8, Wolcott, Eagle County in 1920. One of her lodgers was Clifford M McMillan 34 (no known kin). She apparently decided that education, not hotel keeping, was the way she should go and in 1922, by then 60 years old, was barely elected superintendent of schools of Eagle County. She was easily reelected and died during her third two-year term of office. The last term her election was almost unanimous. She had moved to the new county seat of Eagle, probably after her election as school superintendent. In failing health for several months before her death, she conducted all the school business from her bed. She died at home in Eagle, Eagle County, on 21 Feb 1928 and was taken back to Red Cliff for burial beside her husband in the Greenwood Cemetery.

According to a Chapman, Kansas, newspaper, a Dora McMillen moved to Cedaredge, Delta County, Colorado, in 1899, but that was not our Dora. A quick search in the Delta County courthouse did not reveal the presence of anyone by that name.

The Greiners had one daughter:

1. Margaret Ellen "Nellie" Greiner born 10 Apr 1882, Red Cliff, Summit County, Colorado, died 27 Mar 1901, in Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado, where she had been taken after a severe attack of "inflammatory rheumatism," which had plagued her for years, complicated by pneumonia. A Bible record notes that she died of heart failure. Her body was returned to Red Cliff, Colorado, where she was buried in Greenwood Cemetery next to her grandfather William McMillen. A member of the local dramatic society and popular among both young and old, Nellie's funeral was held in the opera house, which could not hold all the mourners. "This was the supreme sorrow of Mrs. Greiner's life."
- B. Elizabeth "Monie" McMillen born 10 Jun 1863, Carthage Township, Athens County, Ohio, married (by Justice of the Peace George W Tabor) on 5 Oct 1884 in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, Gilbert Julius DaLee (son of Amon DaLee and Tralinda Findley, who lived many years in Lawrence, Kansas), born 22 Aug 1849, New York, died 27 Apr 1927, near Bakersfield, Kern County, California, and is buried in Bakersfield. At the time of the marriage both were recorded as being of Red Cliff.

Elizabeth is called *Lizzie* in a family Bible, but was known as Monie (pronounced

Monnie) later in life. She died on 4 Nov 1932 in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, and is buried there in Greenwood Cemetery, just a few feet east of her father's grave site but outside his fenced plot.

Gilbert DaLee and William Greiner (who was a witness to Elizabeth and Gilbert's marriage) were the prospectors who opened the first mine at Red Cliff. Gilbert served as one of the original councilmen, then as mayor of Red Cliff, and in several county offices. By 1910 he had left his family behind to prospect in New Mexico, Arizona, and other western states. The census of that year shows Elizabeth in Red Cliff, along with her four children, and Gilbert a roomer at Alta House in Redding, Shasta County, California, where he was a miner. In 1920 he was a gold miner in Randsburg, Kern County, California. Randsburg is on the far eastern border of Kern County, in the western part of the Mojave Desert.

Members of the family remember that Elizabeth did not move to Colorado with the rest of her McMillen family but waited in Kansas a few months before leaving. She got as far as Leadville, Colorado, but had only 50 cents left, not enough to travel the remaining 21 miles over Tennessee Pass into Red Cliff. Then someone stole that pittance from her, and she had to work as a chambermaid long enough to earn her passage the rest of the way. She is reported to have served as postmistress at Red Cliff for many years. Well informed, like her father, she was also known for her sympathetic good works among the sick and less fortunate and was mourned by many at her passing. She and Gilbert had seven children, three of whom died in infancy; the others survived her.

1. Elsie E DaLee born 12 Sep 1891, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married about 1914, in the Catholic Church at Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, Joseph Patrick Elliott, born 1890, occupation: miner. A Joseph Elliott who registered for the draft in 1917 in Eagle County was born 22 Aug 1889 in Leadville, Colorado, and is probably our Joe.

Joe was killed in an accident on 28 Apr 1928 in a U S Vanadium Company mine near Rifle, Colorado, while doing a favor for a younger miner. He had already notified the company of his resignation, to be effective on 5 May. Known as one of the best and most careful miners in the state, the explosion that killed him was a shock to those who knew him or of his reputation. Some think that one of the dynamite holes (drilled by others) had not been drilled to its full depth, resulting in a short fuse that caused the premature explosion of the charges. Joe is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado.

Elsie was educated in Red Cliff and at the Mt St Scholastica Academy in Canon City, Colorado. In her later life she lived for some time in Oregon, probably with one of her two sons there, and was living with her daughter Dorothea McGahan in Thornton, a suburb of Denver, Colorado, when she died on 20 Apr 1959. She is buried at Mt Olivet Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

- a. Joseph Lee Elliott born 26 Jun 1915, probably in Eagle County, Colorado, married 22 May 1938, Betty Jo Bush (daughter of Beldon Hiram Bush and Elizabeth Tibitha Maxson), born 1 Sep 1920, Crested Butte, Gunnison County, Colorado. They lived in Portland, Oregon; Betty Jo is still there (2001) and is in an assisted living home. Lee died by 1984. He was living with his great-aunt Mame McMillen in 1920.

A Joseph Elliott, born on the above date, died Jul 1981, a resident of Littleton, Arapahoe County, Colorado.

- (1) George Michael “Mike” Elliott born 29 Apr 1943, married (1) Elizabeth Elliott* (no children), married (2) unknown. George died 1994, possibly of cancer. He had, by wife (2):
 - (a) Shannon Elliott.
 - (2) Joseph Lee “Joe” Elliott born 12 Jul 1948. He lives in Portland, Oregon, and works with computers in some capacity. He has not married.
- b. John “Jack” Elliott born 16 Jan 1918, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married 22 Jan 1942 (information from Jack; his obituary says 2 Feb 1943) in St Louis, St Louis County, Missouri, Dolly Webb, who died in 1968, Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado. Jack lived most of his early years with his grandmother Elizabeth McMillen DaLee and around 1920 with great-aunt Mame McMillen until their deaths, Mame's in 1927 and Elizabeth's in 1932. In 1940 he was living in the first log cabin built in Red Cliff. It had been built by Dalee and Greiner, who made the first strike there, and later lived in by Gilbert Dalee and Monie McMillen after their marriage. In recent years it was donated to the town of Red Cliff, which tore it down, much to Jack's displeasure.

Jack lived in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, for many years, where he was a justice of the peace and a deputy sheriff. Though he moved to Rifle in 1959, he worked his gold mine on Battle Mountain near Red Cliff until 1994, but gave it up because, as he said, “It got to where too many things hurt.” Some time earlier he had fallen down a mine shaft and crushed his shoulder, which had to be rebuilt.

Jack was a Mason. He founded and was president of the Battle Mountain Home Stake Historic Preservation District. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, mining, and the mountains. In his adult years, he knew more about the McMillens, their relatives, and their lives in Red Cliff than anyone else.

Jack lived in Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado, where he was mayor in the 1960s, until his death there on 22 Nov 1995; he was cremated.

- (1) Jack Patrick “Pat” Elliott born 15 Jan 1944, Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado, married Gloria Sievers, born 29 Jul 1946, Glenwood

Springs, Garfield County, Colorado. They live just north of Rifle, Colorado.

(a) Joseph Patrick Elliott born 3 Jun 1965, Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado, lives in Rifle, Colorado.

(b) Dolly Lucille Elliott born 27 Jul 1969, Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado, married 6 Aug 1994, Scott Pointer.

[1] Elliott Ann Pointer.

(c) Marny Rachel Elliott born Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado.

(2) Charles Michael Elliott, married Edna Elliott*. They live in Parachute, Colorado.

(3) Monnie Jean Elliott, lives in Denver, Colorado. She operates a real estate firm known as the McMillan Company; she didn't know she had name spelled wrong.

(4) Esther Evelyn Elliott, married Pat Raymond, lives in Stansbury, near Salt Lake City, Utah. Five children.

c. George Elliott born 1920, married Martha Bratel. George was living in Aurora, Oregon, at the time of his mother's death in 1959. He is deceased.

(1) Eddie Elliott (adopted), had two sons.

(2) Kathy Elliott (adopted), had two children.

d. Robert Elliott, deceased, last known in Denver, Colorado.

e. Dorothea Jean "Babe" Elliott born 11 Feb 1924, married James McGahan, born 7 Nov 1922, died 25 Mar 1993, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. Dorothea died in Feb 1983 in Prescott.

(1) Mary Anne McGahan, married, has one daughter, lives in Phoenix, Arizona

(2) Nancy McGahan, married, has one daughter, lives in Phoenix, Arizona

(3) Pat McGahan, lives in Washington, D.C.

2. George Winters DaLee born 27 Feb 1895 (his draft registration of 1917–18 says 1894), Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married (1) on 5 Jun 1920 in Palisade, Mesa County, Colorado, Reba Pearl Herman (daughter of Andrew J Herman and Nettie M Black), born 5 Mar 1900 in Jerico Springs, Missouri. The Herman family had moved to western Colorado in 1905. George married (2), about 1937, probably in Nevada County, California, L A Lane (name derived from death record of George and birth record of son). George died 13 Jun 1938, Grass Valley, Nevada

County, California, buried Nevada City, Nevada County, California. He was a prospector and miner like his father and kept leaving his family to seek minerals in the west.

George and Reba separated in 1936 and she and the five children moved in with her parents in Clifton, Mesa County, Colorado. Reba graduated from Western State College in 1940 and taught for several years, then worked for the welfare department until her retirement in 1967. She lived in Grand Junction from 1943 to 1979, then moved to Hotchkiss, Delta County, Colorado, where she lived independently until 1992. She died 3 Apr 1994, Paonia, Delta County, Colorado.

a. Gilbert Richard “Dick” DaLee born 23 Nov 1921, Palisades, Mesa County, Colorado, occupation: retired real estate broker, married 11 Dec 1960 in Concord, Contra Costa County, California, divorced, Betty Scales Lofgren. Dick later lived in Sun City, Arizona. He died about 2000.

(1) Michael James DaLee born 26 Jan 1962, Concord, Contra Costa County, California, married 15 Sep 1990 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, Stephanie Fecket. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

(a) Courtney Michaelina DaLee born Modesto, Stanislaus County, California

(2) Deborah Reneé DaLee born 14 Dec 1963, Concord, Contra Costa County, California, married 1991 in Reno, Nevada, Eric St Pierre. They live in Battle Ground, Washington.

(a) Garrett DaLee St Pierre born Vacaville, Solano County, California

(b) Ashley Reneé St Pierre born Battleground, Clark County, Washington

b. Allen Herman DaLee born 20 Feb 1924, Mesa County, Colorado, occupation: operated a dental laboratory, married 17 Feb 1946 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, Mary Ellen Bice.

Allen died 29 Jan 1991, Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado. Mary lives in Montrose.

(1) Donna Kay DaLee born 11 Oct 1946, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, married 19 Oct 1968 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, John Kunz. They live in Grand Junction, Colorado.

(a) Gretchen Kimberly Kunz born Denver, Denver County, Colorado

(b) Alison Marie Kunz born Colorado, married 1992, Alan Selph. They live in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

[1] Nichole Christine Selph born Alamogordo, Otero County, New

Mexico

- (c) Brian Christopher Selph born Colorado
- (2) Richard Wayne DaLee born 24 Nov 1947, Ontario, California, married 14 Feb 1970, Bette Ann Simpson. They live in Montrose, Colorado.
 - (a) Jenelle Rene DaLee lives in Boulder, Colorado.
 - (b) Jason Wayne DaLee lives in Montrose, Colorado.
- (3) Ronald Allan DaLee born 29 Sep 1950, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, married 28 Jul 1973, Carla Jean Bradford. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.
 - (a) Marisa Lyn DaLee
 - (b) Bradford Allan DaLee
- c. Erma Jean DaLee born 9 Aug 1926, Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado, occupation: retired telecommunications operator, married 28 Dec 1949 in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, Paul Allen, born 11 Feb 1923, Hotchkiss, Delta County, Colorado, occupation: retired sheep rancher. Though they lived in Hotchkiss, Colorado, their sons were all born in Grand Junction.
 - (1) Ross Andrew Allen born 29 Sep 1951, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, occupation: sheep rancher, married 14 Jul 1973 in Paonia, Delta County, Colorado, Elizabeth “Beth” Ann Chapman. They live in Hotchkiss, Colorado.
 - (a) Daniel Paul Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado, died 6 Jul 1974
 - (b) John Donald Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado
 - (c) Gregory Mark Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado
 - (d) David Ross Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado, died 10 Sep 1981.
 - (2) Lawrence “Larry” Paul Allen born 10 Nov 1954, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, occupation: sheep rancher, married 2 Aug 1975 in Paonia, Delta, Delta County, Colorado, Janet Leigh Felch. They live in Hotchkiss, Colorado.
 - (a) Becky Jo Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado
 - (b) Ryan Paul Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado.
 - (c) Nolan Lawrence Allen born Delta, Delta County, Colorado
 - (3) James Richard “Jim” Allen born 10 May 1956, Grand Junction, Mesa

County, Colorado, occupation: potato expert, married 13 May 1989 in Michigan, Pamela St Peter Cermak. Pamela has one son from a previous marriage: Josh Cermak. They live in Alliance, Nebraska.

- (a) Kevin Paul Allen born Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska
- d. Barbara May DaLee born 9 May 1928, Clifton, Mesa County, Colorado, married 28 Aug 1949 in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, William D Bradford, occupation: physical therapist, died May 1976, Modesto, Stanislaus County, California. Barbara lives in Modesto, California.
 - (1) Kris Diane Bradford born 2 Aug 1953, Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, married Jul 1987 in Reno?, Nevada, Ed Newman, divorced. Kris owns a business in Modesto, California.
 - (a) Elizabeth Leigh Newman born Modesto, Stanislaus County, California
 - (2) Bruce William Bradford born 28 Jan 1955, Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, married 9 Jul 1979, Modesto, Stanislaus County, California, Callie Claus, divorced. Bruce lives in Modesto, California.
 - (a) Dane Alden Bradford born Modesto, Stanislaus County, California
 - (b) Sean Hunter Bradford born Modesto, Stanislaus County, California
- e. Donald Wayne DaLee born 2 Nov 1930, Clifton, Mesa County, Colorado, occupation: retired insurance agency owner, married 17 Aug 1950 in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, Geraldine Mae "Jere" Beckman, born 4 Jan 1932, Fruita, Mesa County, Colorado. They live in Montrose, Colorado.
 - (1) Alana Rae DaLee born 15 May 1952, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, married 2 Nov 1985 in Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado, Gary English. They live in Montrose, Colorado.
 - (a) Brittany Ranae English born Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado
 - (b) Rick Thomas English born Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado
 - (c) Kirk Donald English born Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado
 - (2) Rhonda Kay DaLee born 27 Jul 1954, Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, married 9 Oct 1976 in Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado, William Wayne Skiff. They live in Montrose, Colorado.
 - (a) Steven Ryan Skiff born 15 Mar 1978, Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado
 - (b) Amber Dawn Skiff born 8 May 1980, Montrose, Montrose County, Colorado

f. George Sherman DaLee (son of George W DaLee and L A Lane) born 14 Mar 1938, Nevada County, California,

(1) Trevor DaLee

3. Elizabeth "Betty Jean" DaLee born 3 Mar 1896, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married 12 Feb 1919, probably in Dickinson or Geary County, Kansas, Earl Everts Marts (son of Theodore Marts and Eva Edna Peck), born 18 Dec 1893, Chapman, Dickinson County, Kansas, occupation: teacher, then a farmer after his marriage, died 8 Apr 1981, Abilene, Dickinson County. They were married more than 60 years and lived most of their lives near Chapman, Kansas. Elizabeth was a postal clerk in Red Cliff, Colorado, but was transferred to Junction City, Kansas (a dozen miles east of Chapman). It is said that she went back to Chapman for a visit to relatives prior to her transfer. Later she met Earl Marts, whose brother wanted to marry her while Earl was away during WWI, but Elizabeth held out for Earl. At the beginning of 1920 and in early 1930 they were farming in Sherman Township, Dickinson County. Elizabeth was a resident of Abilene, Kansas, when she died on 11 Apr 1988.

a. Eva Maxine Marts born 8 Dec 1919, Kansas, married Gerald Hall, born 25 Jul 1918, died Jun 1987, a resident of Chapman, Dickinson County, Kansas. Eva died 6 Nov 2005, Abilene, Dickinson County. She lived in Abilene and kept very busy with volunteer and church work.

(1) Sharalyn Hall, married (1) Anthony Pietrzak, divorced. She married (2) about 1986, John Stokes. They live in Chicago, Illinois.

(a) Michelle Pietrzak is a teacher working on her doctorate.

(b) Jennifer Pietrzak works for Merrill Lynch.

(2) Gary Arthur Hall, married --?-- Hall*, is president of the Kansas State Farm Bureau.

(a) Steven Hall

(3) Jane Hall, married Bill Hopp, who died August 1986. Jane teaches in McPherson, Kansas

(4) Robert E Hall, works for USAID and the World Bank.

b. Elizabeth Jean Marts born about 1924, married 19 Dec 1946, Lawrence Miller, deceased. She lives in Topeka, Kansas.

(1) Carol Lynn Miller, married (1) Lyle Dingman, lived Wichita, Kansas, divorced. She married (2) Robbin Pagels. The Pagels live in Mulvane, Kansas.

(a) Robert Dingman

(b) Jonathan Dingman

(c) Katie DaLee Dingman

4. Richard DaLee born 28 Mar 1898, married in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, Iona Olene Plant (daughter of William E Plant and Illinois Parker, a Cherokee Indian), born 1911, Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Richard died Mar 1969. In 1920 Richard was living with his aunt Mame McMillen in Red Cliff; he was a metal miner (as opposed to a rock, coal, etc, miner).
 - a. Jackie DaLee born 23 Jan 1935, probably in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married Jerry Allen.
 - (1) Jerry David Allen, married Karen Allen*; they live in Portland, Oregon
 - (2) Rick DaLee
 - (3) Shirley DaLee (adopted)
 - b. Roberta DaLee born 10 Apr 1938, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married in 1967, Washington, DC, Richard Labawskie, divorced.
 - (1) Steven Labawskie born 21 Apr 1970, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 5. Baby DaLee (a boy) born 31 Jan 1903, died 5 Feb 1903, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado. This child, not mentioned by any of the DaLee descendants (who may not have known of him), is identified in his obituary as a son of Gilbert J and Elizabeth DaLee.
- C. Sarah “Sadie” McMillen born 31 Aug 1866, Carthage Township, Athens County, Ohio, married 16 Mar 1890 in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, Robert Hunter, “both of Red Cliff”; one of the signing witnesses of the marriage was Sarah Packard McMillen, Sadie's mother. Robert Hunter was born “at The Retreat,” Sligo, Ireland, 27 Mar 1867, died 18 Nov 1894, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado. He was the son of Jonathan Hunter of Ireland. *The Retreat* was the name of the farm of one of Robert's uncles. It was at Balincar, just outside of Sligotown, County Sligo, Ireland. Robert and his brother Elija came to America in 1873, directly to Denver, Colorado. Robert signed a Declaration of Intent, the first paper filed in order to become a citizen, on 13 Apr 1888.

After Robert's death, Sadie apparently lived with her parents, at least for a while—the 1900 census shows her there with daughters Alice and Roberta. She is listed as having had three children, only two of whom were living. According to the obituary of Mame McMillen, Mame cared for her sister Sadie's two children after Sadie's death, and the 1910 census confirms that they were living with her at the time. Georgia Henry (daughter of Sadie's sister Gertrude and Marion Henry) says Alice and Roberta were later supported by her parents, were sent by them to a boarding school (Mt St Scholastic in Canon City, Colorado), and lived with them at their ranch in Fruita, Colorado. The girls referred to themselves as Gertrude's “other family.” All agree that

Mame and Gertrude both played important roles in the lives of the two orphaned girls. Sadie died 5 Sep 1905, Eagle County, Colorado, buried beside her husband in the McMillen plot at Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado.

1. Alice Hunter born Mar 1892, probably in Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married after Jan 1920, Joseph R Livingston. Alice, who was then living in San Francisco, California, attended the burial of Gilbert J DaLee in Bakersfield, California, in 1927. In the DaLee obituary she was correctly listed as his niece (Gilbert J Dalee married Elizabeth McMillen, Alice's aunt). Neither has been found in the 1930 census. Alice is said to have later moved to Blythe, California, died and is buried there, but she is not listed in the California Death Index for the period, under any surname, with a Hunter father or McMillen mother.

Alice moved to Eagle, Colorado, in Jan 1913 to become the primary teacher in the Eagle school. Earlier she had taught at Crystal Lake. By 1920 she was living at 102 E First Street, Palisade, Mesa County, Colorado, a lodger in the home of music teacher Nellie Roberts 41; Alice was an assistant postmaster. Alice's sister Roberta, after the death of her child, shared rooms with Alice in Palisade until Roberta died about two years later. Then Alice lived at the Fruita ranch of her mother's uncle Marion Henry and got "a badly lacerated limb" in the late 1922 automobile accident that injured Marion so severely.

2. Baby Hunter is buried at the highest point in the Greenwood Cemetery at Red Cliff, Colorado, with other children. There is a marker for "Baby Hunter" alongside that for young William McMillen (below). This must be the third of Sadie's children noted in the census.
3. Mary Roberta Hunter born 5 Jun 1895, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, married 17 Aug 1919, Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado, J Leslie Lomax of Colorado Springs, born about 1895, Colorado. Roberta died 25 Mar 1922, Palisades, Mesa County, Colorado. She is buried in a fenced plot immediately adjacent to those of William McMillen and Robert McMillen at Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado.

Roberta was a very bright and popular young lady. By 1903 she was taking part in public programs and was valedictorian of the Red Cliff Schools in 1910. She attended high school in Glenwood Springs but graduated in North Denver.

When Roberta met Leslie she was manager of the local office of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company in Red Cliff, and he worked out of Colorado Springs as a wire-man for the telephone company. The Lomaxes were in Colorado Springs for the census on 6 Jan 1920, but before long Roberta had moved to the ranch of her Uncle Marion Henry at Fruita, Colorado. It was there her child was born and died.

Roberta's husband was abusive. One family member told me that he kicked Roberta

down the stairs, injuring the unborn baby and ultimately causing both of their untimely deaths. Roberta's obituary in the *Eagle County Enterprise* uses her maiden name and mentions neither the marriage nor the child.

After her baby died, Roberta shared rooms at Palisade, Colorado, with her sister Alice and was chief telephone operator there.

In 1930 Leslie Lomax, divorced, at age 35 was living with his parents in Colorado Springs; he was a printer for the telephone company. A John Leslie Lomax, born 29 Mar 1895, Cripple Creek, El Paso (later Teller) County, Colorado, registered for the WWI draft in Colorado Springs on 5 Jun 1917; he was married at the time. He died in Jan 1947.

- a. Alice Gertrude Hunter born 16 May 1920 on the Henry ranch near Fruita, Mesa County, Colorado, died there 24 Jun 1920, and was buried on the ranch. Following her mother's death, Alice was reinterred beside her at Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado. Her tombstone shows only the name "Alice Gertrude" along with her birth and death dates.
- D. Mary Evelyn "Mame" McMillen born 11 Sep 1868, Savannah? Township, Athens County, Ohio. Mame did not marry. She is shown in the household of her parents in Red Cliff, Colorado, in 1900. In 1910 she was living in Red Cliff; living with her were Alice and Roberta Hunter, above. Mame's obituary confirms that she provided a home and care for two children of her sister Sarah Hunter. Later Mame lived with her sister Elizabeth in Red Cliff. In 1920 she was listed running a boarding house on Eagle Street in Red Cliff; nephew Richard DaLee was living with her, as were great-nephews Lee and Jack Elliott.

Mame was visiting her critically ill sister Dora Greiner in Eagle, Colorado, when she developed an intestinal problem. She was taken by train to the hospital in Salida, where she arrived too late for an operation and had only a few hours to live. She died in Salida, Chaffee County, Colorado, on 5 Oct 1927. Her body was returned to Red Cliff, Colorado, for burial. Her name was spelled *Mayme* in one of her obituaries (another said *Mary E*) and *Mamie* in a news article, but *Mame* is used in family records. Mame's obituary notes:

Miss McMillen impressed one as being a person who, while unassuming, was capable, with plenty of strength of character—a thoroughly good woman who was more than ready to do her share in making the burdens of human life lighter for someone. Her life has been one of splendid ideals of service and she was the instrument of much good. The large assemblage of friends and relatives who gathered in the church for the funeral services was a testimonial to the high esteem in which she was held as a citizen, neighbor and relative. All mourn her departure as a distinct loss.

- E. William "Willie" McMillen born about 7 Sep 1870, Carthage Township, Athens County, Ohio, moved to Red Cliff, Colorado, with his parents in 1880. He died 28 Feb 1884 and is buried at the highest point in Greenwood Cemetery, Red Cliff, Colorado, a location formerly reserved for children. Tradition says that after William injured a knee in a sledding accident, gangrene set in and caused his death. On his tombstone is

incised, "All we love must die."

- F. Gertrude "Gertie" McMillen born 29 Feb 1876, in Liberty Township near Chapman, Dickinson County, Kansas, married 24 Sep 1893, Red Cliff, Eagle County, Colorado, Marion J Henry (son of Abraham Henry and Josephine Moody), born 25 Jan 1864, Milford, Warren County, Indiana (one obituary erroneously says he was born in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana). Marion died 27 Mar 1941, Santa Fe Railroad hospital, Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa, following a heart attack. He was buried at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Ft Madison.

Marion went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad in 1882 in Marceline, Missouri, as a fireman. He moved to the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in 1891 as a fireman on the run between Salida and Minturn, Colorado, which took him through Gertrude's town of Red Cliff. In 1898 he was promoted to locomotive engineer. In 1900 they were living in Minturn. He took a leave of absence from the railroad in 1908 after his nephew George Henry, a locomotive fireman who worked with him, was scalded to death on a run. He was elected sheriff of Eagle County, a position he held for eight years. He did not return to the railroad at that time but farmed and ranched on Colorado's Western Slope. In 1910 he was at Minturn, northwest of Red Cliff, where he raised lettuce and hay. Part of that land, which he sold for \$12,000 about 1920, now is the location of the town of Vail. They moved to a ranch at Fruita, near Grand Junction in western Colorado, where they raised rutabagas, watermelons, and turkeys for market and were listed there in the 1920 census. Marion quit farming after two near-disasters: a flood cut the ranch in Fruita in two and he had a very serious automobile accident about the first of November 1922 near Rifle, which injured him severely. He was on a rutted road and, when he tried to pull aside for an oncoming car, his car jumped out of the ruts and headed downhill. Marion kept control until the car hit a boulder and rolled over, throwing everyone out. Marion's head hit a rock and he was unconscious for a day and a half. Others in the car were not badly hurt.

Marion went to his mother's home in Meridan, Kansas, and stayed until he was able to work again. He found another job with the Santa Fe Railroad and worked for it until he retired in February 1938. Marion never drove a car again. The family lived in Kansas City, Kansas, for a time in the mid- to late-1920s, then in Niota, Illinois. In 1929 they moved just across the Mississippi River from Niota to Ft Madison, Iowa, a railroad town on the river.

Gertrude was listed as a survivor of three of her sisters in 1927, 1928, and 1932. Following Marion's death she lived with her daughter, Georgia, in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana until her death there in 1958. Her body was returned to Ft Madison, Iowa, for burial beside her husband at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

1. Marion W Henry born 17 May 1915, Salida, Fremont County, Colorado (his parents were living in Minturn, Eagle County, Colorado, but the hospital was in Salida and this was 39-year-old Gertrude's first child). He married Peggy Callsen

(separated). Marion was living in Fort Madison, Iowa at the time of his father's death in 1941. He died in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, on 28 Feb 1952. He was killed on the job by a falling slab of old concrete that broke away while being removed to make way for new construction.

- a. Kenneth Lee Henry born before 1941, probably in Ft Madison, Lee County, Iowa, was abandoned by his mother when small and lived until nine years old with his aunt Georgia Culley (following), then went with his mother and has had little or no contact with the Culleys since. He is said to be living in Ft Wayne, Indiana (2001).
2. Georgia Josephine Henry born 29 Jul 1917, Minturn, Eagle County, Colorado, married 26 Jul 1939, Ft Madison, Lee County, Iowa, Charles Walter Culley (son of Charles Wesley Culley and Ruth Scott), born 27 Dec 1914, Blackford County, Indiana, died 28 Jul 2002. Georgia died 23 Apr 2004. The last residence of both was was Long Beach, Harrison County, Mississippi.

They were living in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1941 when Georgia's father died. Charles was service manager for a large garage in Indianapolis and after retiring moved in 1964 to Long Beach, Mississippi, to run a motel for a friend. After suffering through five hurricanes in five years, including Hurricane Camille, which “blew everything away,” they moved back to Indiana for a few years, but returned to Long Beach, where they lived until their deaths. Up until Charles could no longer travel they took frequent trips back to the Colorado mountains, especially those near Eagle County. Charles was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. and Georgia remained his faithful companion.

Georgia was the last surviving grandchild of any of the three McMillen brothers.

- a. Judy Diane Culley born 4 Aug 1940, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married Robert Dix. Dianne is a nurse and lives in Sheridan, Indiana, just outside Indianapolis. She frequently spent a week or more in Long Beach, Mississippi, helping care for her father.
 - (1) Lauri Dix born 11 Apr 1958, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married William “Bill” Thomasson. Lauri is a nurse who lives in Indianapolis. She has two sons:
 - (a) Arron Thomasson
 - (b) Benjamin Thomasson
 - (2) Brian R Dix born 30 Jun 1959, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married (2) Merri Jo Dix*. Brian is a well-known anesthesiologist of Gulfport, Mississippi; he also has a pain clinic there. His five children by wife (1):
 - (a) Daniel Dix

- (b) Steven Dix
 - (c) Katie Dix
 - (d) Jacob Dix
 - (e) Michael Dix
- (3) Lisa Diane Dix born 18 Jul 1960, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married, divorced James Suehr. Lisa lives in Perry, Michigan, and has:
- (a) Heidi Seuhr
 - (b) Joshua Seuhr
 - (c) Zachery Seuhr
- (4) Angela Dix born 1 Mar 1962, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married, divorced Timothy Shields. Angela is a nurse in Spencer, Iowa. She has:
- (a) Kristyn Shields
 - (b) Kenneth Shields
- b. Jacqueline Culley born 9 Nov 1947, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married Robert H Olofson, born about 1940. Jacqueline, a teacher, died of cancer on 16 May 1999 in Travis County, Texas, after an illness of only three months. She lived in nearby Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. Her husband and son still live in Texas (2004).
- (1) Erik Culley Olofson, born 24 Nov 1976.
 - (2) Stephanie Olofson born 13 May 1982, is a student at Baylor University, Waco, Texas (2001).
- c. Trena Culley born 13 Sep 1951, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married (1) divorced, Albert Greene, married (2) 2 Dec 2000, Daniel Turrentine. Trena is a nurse and lives in Long Beach, Mississippi.
- (1) Shelly Greene born 19 Jan 1974, married James Anthony Previto.
 - (a) Jordan Previto
- d. Melody Lynn Culley born 27 Jan 1956, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, married Charles Brooks. Melody is a nurse and lives in Long Beach, Mississippi.
- (1) Jeremy Grant Brooks
 - (2) Joel Addison Brooks

