

Kiser Family Genealogy Notes

Kansas

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Chosen Land – Barber County, Kansas, p. 462 (George Urton [#33515]) {13251}

“George and Margaret (Bodenhammer) Urton and daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, came to Barber County, in 1884. Lizzie, as she was affectionately called, was three years old. She was born in Saline County, Missouri in 1881, and traveled to Barber County by covered wagon. The family settled three miles south of Pixley, living in a dugout in the red Cedar Hills. That first winter they used buffalo chips for fuel. Some years later they moved to Medicine Lodge where Margaret was a popular seamstress, and George worked at various jobs for the city and did some farming.

Carrie Nation was a frequent visitor in the Urton home, and was very annoyed with George's pipe smoking, to the extent she sometimes took the liberty to remove it from his mouth! Before the railroad came west to Medicine Lodge, George would travel to Anthony by team and wagon, meet the train and deliver freight to Medicine Lodge. He received flour as his compensation for this two-day trip. When the railroad reached Medicine Lodge, he continued to do dray work. During the hot summer months he used his team hitched to a sprinkling wagon to sprinkle the dry, dusty streets of the city. He plowed gardens around town in the spring with his horses hitched to a waling plow. During the winter he delivered coal to business places and residences.

We do not know if the Urtons did not attempt to make the run at the opening of the Oklahoma strip, or if they attempted the run and did not succeed; but we do know they were there in their covered wagon on that day in 1893 with their two older daughters, Lizzie, and Artie Jessie who had been born to the Urtons in 1887. The Urtons had a third daughter, Lora Gail born in 1900.

Lizzie learned homemaking duties working along side her mother while Artie was called a "Tomboy" because she loved the outdoors and everything in it and hated household duties. Artie enjoyed horseback riding which she did with style and grace, and she helped with the farm chores which Lizzie shied away from.

Lora was eight months old when Lizzie, after teaching school, became Mrs. Frank Stone, and only five years old when Artie became Mrs. Fred Phye. Lora was a town girl, but like her two sisters, she married a farm boy and became Mrs. John Moore. She, too, was a school teacher and found it took some adjusting to farm life. They owned their own farm in Mingona Township, and became the parents of Vera Irene and Harold Glenn. Charlie Adolphus and Margaret George were born to Artie and Fred Phye and Lizzie and Frank Stone had two sons, Clarence Urton and George Earl.

Margaret Urton died in 1918, and George Urton continued to live in their home until his latter years when he moved to the farm where Lizzie was maintaining her residence with her son, George, his wife, LaVon and their son Dwight, bringing four generations to their household. He died there in 1931.”

Bourbon Co., Marriages {7701}

- 19 Apr 1878 England, G. W. (age 24, of Bourbon Co.)
Daly, Mary E. (age 16, of Bourbon Co.) #27212
by A. J. . . . , J. P.
consent by John L. Daly [#2721/1], father of bride
- 30 Sep 1883 Murphy, George B. (age 23, of Vinita, Indian Territory)
Daly, Minnie E. (age 16, of Bourbon Co.) #27215
by Rev. Daniel Wilson at residence of Sarah C. Daly
- 25 Dec 1885 Easter, William P. (age 43, of Pawnee Twp.)
Daily, Catharine (Mrs.) (age 45, of Pawnee Twp.) #2721
by Elder Jos. Williams at residence of G. W. England in Hiattville, Pawnee Twp.

Dickinson Co., Marriages {9670}

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| 7 Feb 1900 | Strole, Luther G. Eisenhower, Emma | #6C54 |
| 13 Dec 1905 | Strole, David S. Nelson, Maggie | #6C52 |
| 24 Mar 1906 | Strole, Park Kauffman, Sylvia | #6C5B |
| 5 Oct 1910 | Larsen, Charles W. Strole, Lottie | #6C59 |

Dickinson Co., Navarre, Navarre Cemetery {13788}

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| Silvius, Uriah ("FATHER") | b. 1846 | d. 1933 | #4312/1 |
| Silvius, Elizabeth B. ("MOTHER") | b. 1855 | d. 1948 | |

[Note: There was a single headstone for the above couple.]

Lyon Co., Marriages {12580}

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| 19 Oct 1881 | Hibben, J. Harry Kiser, Mary F. | #2452 |
| 16 Jun 1886 | Fox, John F. Kiser, Ida | #2454 |
| 17 Mar 1897 | Kiser, George M. Schlobohm, Clara | #2455 |

History of the State of Kansas, by William G. Cutler (Chicago, IL: A. T. Andreas, 1883), Lyon County, Part 18 (Reading) {10818}

READING

Reading is a pleasant little village of 150 inhabitants, and is located on rolling prairie, fifteen miles northeast of Emporia and fourteen miles southwest of Osage City, on the A., T. & S. Fe Railway, and two miles south of the Marais des Cygnes River.

EARLY HISTORY

A tract of land on which Reading is now located was in 1870 owned by McMann & Co., of Reading, Pa. On the building of the A., T. & S. Fe Railway, James Fagan, agent for the lands, and T. J. Peter and M. S. Sargent, who represented the railroad interest, organized a town company, with James Fagan as president. A town site of sixty acres of Section 3, Township 18, Range 13, was laid off and called Reading, in honor of a town of that name in Pennsylvania, and during the summer of 1870, when the town site was laid off, a depot was built, a few dwelling houses, a store building, erected by Bothel & Buns, in which was also kept the postoffice; a drug store was opened by a Mr. Pierson; Mr. Coleman started a tinshop; D. L. Pettinger, who erected many of the first buildings, located as a resident carpenter; James Fagan sunk a town well, which supplied the inhabitants with water.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES - READING TOWNSHIP

JOHN QUINCY KISER [#245], farmer and stock dealer, Section 4, Township 17, Range 13, P. O. Reading, was born October 13, 1826, in Rockingham County, Va. When he was six years old, his parents removed to Montgomery County, Ohio, and seven years later they located in Logan County, Ohio. Here the subject of this sketch remained until he attained his majority. In 1849, he went to California by the overland route driving an ox team being five months on the road from Independence, Mo., to Sacramento. Here he engaged in mining and in hunting game for the mining camps for a time, then turned Boniface and kept the "Twenty-six mile House" at Knight's Ferry. He returned to Ohio in 1851, with the intention of going back to California, but his marriage changed his plans, and he went into the live stock business in Van Wert County, Ohio. This not proving an entire success, he removed to Dane County, Wisconsin, in 1853, and engaged in farming. Here he made a success of raising wheat, and enlarged his farm from 95 to 400 acres. He remained in Dane County, until he came to Kansas, in the spring of 1870. He was one of the first settlers upon the Sac and Fox reserve lands,

then just opened for settlement. He bought 960 acres of this land, situated on Elm Creek, in Reading Township, and at once commenced to make improvements. He has since sold some of the original purchase and has bought other lands, and now has in his farm 760 acres, of which about 150 acres is timber land. About 350 acres of his farm is under cultivation, the remainder being used for hay and grazing. He is quite extensively engaged in raising and feeding cattle and hogs, keeping on average about 250 head of cattle. His principal crop is corn. He has an orchard of about 200 apple and 100 peach trees, besides other fruits. Mr. Kiser is a member of Martha Washington Lodge No. 400, K. & L. of H. He married Miss Rebecca McConnell, of Montgomery County, Ohio, February, 1852, by which marriage he has had nine children, of whom William T., Mary, Ida, George, Sadie, Jefferson M., Nancy and Hattie, are living.

Neosho Co., Ladore Twp., Valley Cemetery {13673}

Located in Twp. 22. Valley cemetery is situated southeast and rural of Galesburg, KS. It lies a very short distance west of Lake Parsons and about 1¼ miles east of the Otterbein United Brethren Country Church on 20th and Irving Roads.

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| Kite, L. T. (Till) | b. 1 Oct 1876 | d. 4 Jan 1963 | #42143 |
| Kite, Maude E. | b. 28 Mar 1884 | d. 27 Jun 1967 | #42143/1 |
| Kite, Harry C. | b. 13 Jun 1906 | d. 28 Nov 1982 | #421432 |
| Kite, Lawrence T. | b. 16 Aug 1908 | d. 26 Oct 1986 | #421433 |
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| Kite, Merle R. | b. 5 Feb 1936 | d. 8 Aug 1989 | |

Rice Co., Lyons, Lyons Cemetery {13787}

Caldwell, Mamie L.

b. 1877

d. 1965

#43124