

Washington County, Colorado

Miscellaneous Notes and Information

The following was culled from files that ended up in the Historical Photos section [per the former CC]

The major surnames from below are: Ball, Butts, Davis, Dunton, Erwin, Jamison, Kendon, Lett, Llewellyn, McCollister, Muntzing, Payne, Pelton, Pickett, Smith, Stokes, Warner, Whitlake, Wilcox, and Yeamons.

Included here for visiting Researchers. There is no additional information.

[Photos can be found here. There are News Articles as well.](#)



BALL

In 1904 Guidotta Muntzing hosted a party honoring Wanda and Lola May Ball, friends from San Francisco.



BUTTS

In the US census of 1880, Republic Co, Kansas, Ora A Bancroft is the daughter of Leonard Bancroft

In 1900 in Wray, Colo, Ora Adele Bancroft is married to Lafayette M. Butts. Annie Bancroft is his stepdaughter and Margaret Butts is their daughter

In 1903 Margaret Butts was absent from primary school for a month in Canon City.

Per the Wray cemetery listing, Lafayette Butts died in 1906, so Ora remarried pretty quickly.

In 1909 Margaret Butts was a member of the High School attending a picnic in Mankato, Jewell Co, Kansas.

In the US Census of 1910, Jewell Co, Kansas, Margaret Butts listed as the stepdaughter of Robert H. Bishop, Ora A is his wife.

In 1911 Misses Grace and Elizabeth Fisher went to Mankato Kansas to visit Margaret Butts.

In 1912 Margaret Butts "a student at Wolf Hall (a school for girls, at Clarkson and Thirteenth avenues) in Denver" was an attendant at the Akron wedding of Grace Fisher and Harry Bishop.

It looks like Margaret married William Heath who was an engineer for Standard Oil in Los Angeles in 1920, age 25, born in Missouri. Margaret, also 25, born Colorado, and 15-month-old William R. was born Texas.

In 1930 they're still in Los Angeles, and have added Margaret, 9, born California

The California Death Index has Margaret born February 1897 in Colorado, dying April 15 1987 in Orange

County, California.

Ora Adele Bancroft-Butts-Bishop



One Ancestry family tree has Ora Adele Bancroft-Butts-Bishop born 28 Feb 1857 in Oriskany Falls, NY and dying 12 Aug 1931 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Ora Adele Bancroft-Butts-Bishop was in Pasadena in 1930, widowed, her daughter Louise, aged 47, is divorced and is living with her.

Louise had applied in 1922 for a passport, saying she was a teacher living in Pasadena, Calif, married to Orren, born July 31, 1881 in Mankato, Kansas, and intended to travel to Germany. Her son John Orren Vaughn, born in 1902 in Colorado accompanied her.

The passport application said she was living in Pasadena but the log of the ship from Liverpool to Quebec in 1922 listed an address in Chicago.

An Ancestry tree has Louise dying in 1969 in Santa Monica.



DAVIS

The Akron newspaper of 1897 said "Mazie Tudor has enrolled in the sixth grade."

A 1913 article said that Mrs. Tudor, as well as Hattie Dunton, had been homesteaders in Washington County.

Sarah J. Tudor homesteaded 160 acres in Section 9, 1N 53 W, proving up August 28, 1896.

In 1899 Mazie Tudor was a guest at Edith Ballard's 12th birthday party

In 1906 Mazie Davis sent a postcard to friends from Twin Lakes, where she was teaching.

She might be the 16-year-old Mazie Tudor Davis born in California, living with widowed/divorced Sarah Tudor Davis in 1900 Akron. Sarah, 46, said she was a day laborer. David G. Davis, 19, is in school.

The Akron paper in July 1900 said that among the eight Washington County teachers attending the "Normal" was David Davis.

The Yuma Pioneer reported that Mazie -Davis "one of Akron's popular young ladies" was married to James Garfield Chillson of Alma, Kansas at Colorado Springs December 29, 1906. During the past two years she has had charge of the schools at Twin Lakes, Colorado where she met Mr. Chillson, who is one of the prominent mining men of the Leadville region

In 1923 a D.W. Tudor from Dawn, Missouri visited his Akron sisters Sarah J. Tudor and Mrs. M. E. Llewellyn..

In 1916 Sarah visited her son David S. Davis and family in Denver. She stayed in Akron, without an occupation in 1920 and 1930, working in the W.C.T.U. with her sister, and was buried in the Akron cemetery Sarah Jane Tudor in 1934.

David's 1900 census age of 19 must be incorrect, 'cuz David is 1 - the son of William and Sarah J. Davis in 1880 Livingston, Missouri. They are living with Sarah's brother David W. Tudor. (Index has TudEr)

Possible William B. Davis in Pierce County, Washington in 1900 - he's been married 13 years and immigrated in 1868.

In 1918 the Akron paper said "Mrs. S.J. Tudor, and her daughter, Mrs. J.G. Sillison, from Victor, Colo, are spending a couple of days with Mrs. J.S. Harvey."

This must be the 1910 Victor record of Marie Chelisan ! And the 1920 census record of Marie D. Chilson in Victor. She's 30 in 1920, born in California, married to James. J. Chilson, a gold miner.

James Garfield Chillson registered for the WWI draft, saying he was born September 1881. He had been in Teller County as early as 1900, living with his brother Alfonzo Chillson. They had been in Saline County Kansas in the 1885 census.

They're still in Teller County in 1930, where James is the county sheriff.

James Garfield Chillson's tombstone in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, 1881-1931.

There's a widowed Marie D. Chilson in Monrovia in 1940. She said she had been living in Coolidge, Arizona in 1935.

In 1952 Mazie D. Chilson (widow of J.G.) is living in Monrovia, California.

Mazie died December 29, 1961 in Los Angeles. Her tombstone in Live Oak Memorial Park, Monrovia, says "Aunt Mazie D. Chillson"

David - always married to Elizabeth M. Davis - is a railroad mail clerk in 1910 and 1920 Denver, and is proprietor of a hardware store in 1930 in Kenilworth , Arizona. They're in Coolidge, Arizona in 1940 - no occupation.



DUNTON

In 1893 Hattie C. Dunton homesteaded 160 acres in 1n 52 w, THEN in 1897 another 160 acres in 2n 53w, AND a timber culture claim for another 160 acres in 1n 51 w.

Hattie C. Dunton in 1900 Akron is a music teacher - single, born 1860 in Indiana.. She's still there in 1910 and 1920 But she wasn't a stay-at-home. In 1923 she gave a talk on her trip to Europe, including Paris.

In 1912 the Akron paper said that Lola was leaving for Chicago, where she will attend the N.E.A. and then go on to her old home at LaGrange, Indiana.

In 1913 "Miss Lola Dunton had wire put around her house on Greeley Avenue." (maybe a fence?)

In 1914 the Akron paper reported that Miss Lola Dunton, sister of Hattie, teaching in the Manzanola school, was visiting.

In 1915 the paper said Lola had been teaching primary at Manzanola, Colorado for ten years.

Also in 1915, Hattie and Lola went to the San Francisco and San Diego Expositions. They were joined

in Salt Lake City by their sister Mrs. Joanna Beach of Guymore, Oklahoma (maybe Guyman?). On the return trip they will go by steamer from Los Angeles to Portland and come home the north route.

In 1923 both Hattie and Lola are teachers in the Methodist Sunday School

In 1930 Lola is teaching in Logan County (just north of Washington), boarding with the Frank McDaniel family near New Haven.



IRWIN

John Irwin died in 1898 at the age of 72. "His aged wife preceded him in death several years ago and her remains are resting in the Akron Cemetery. "Mr. Irwin leaves a family of five children who survive him. being D.W. Irwin, James Irwin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Hanning and Mrs. Arnold all but the last named having lived in Akron." He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold, in Denver.

Gertrude and Pearl were daughters of newspaper editor D.W. Irwin and Cynthia J. Irwin. David W. Irwin was Akron postmaster from 1890 to 1894.

Cynthia ran for Washington County clerk in 1897 on the Republican ticket. She was Akron postmistress from 1899 to 1906

in 1900 "M. Gertrude Irwin" was born October 1885 in Nebraska. D.W is a stockman

Gertrude wasn't born yet, but in 1880 Furnas County Nebraska is David W. Irwin is farming. He's married to Cynthia J., and they have George, 14, Alta, 5, John. H., 3, and Frank, 1.

John H. is probably the one in the Akron Cemetery (February 15, 1877 - December 30, 1902) on the tombstone next to Pearl Irwin Norris (March 31, 1882 - May 4, 1967) John was shot and killed in a dispute over range rights, and his father D.W was charged with murdering his murderer.

Pearl nee Tuttle remarried a Norris before 1911, and in 1912 "arrived in Akron after a year's absence at Wotcott" (Colorado). She was living in Eagle, Colorado - that's near Wolcott - in 1914.

"Frank" is probably William F. He (1878-1962) and Carrie T. (1879-1968) are in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver.

In January 1906 DENVER. Guilty of perjury on all four counts contained In the Federal 'indictment charging him with complicity in the extensive land frauds in Eastern Colorado was the verdict returned against David W. Irwin by a jury In the United State District Court today. He was sentenced to Ave years in the penitentiary and a tine of \$500. Irwin is an Akron real-estate dealer. ,

The Yuma Pioneer of November 1907 reported that "with her husband slowly dying in the Fort Leavenworth federal prison, Mrs. David W. Irwin.... is in Denver to enlist aid in securing her husband's freedom.... should not be compelled to spend his last days away from his wife.

In 1910 David and Cynthia "Orwin" are in Irondale, Adams County (just north of Denver). David is a real estate agent, Cynthia a postmistress, and 26-year-old Emmy D. is a saleslady at a grocery store.

Cynthia died in 1914. She was living in Derby, Colorado per the Akron April 3, 1914 article. Earl Irwin, her grandson in Akron, went with his other grandmother, Jane Tuttle, to the funeral. Cynthia and David's tombstone (1923 death for David) is at Fairmont Cemetery in Denver.



JAMISON

Emma "Jamison" must be Emma Stokes nee Jamison. Her husband is a railway agent, and Emma's mother lived with them in 1900 Akron.



KENDON

A Frank Kendlen was a railroad conductor (probably spent many a night in the Erb's hotel) in McCook in 1900. He had a daughter Christine born 1893.



LETT

One possibility is Joynt Gardner Lett, who was about 24, living in Yuma. County He loved to play the fiddle, dance his Irish jigs, and do readings. So he could very well have come up for the party.



LLEWELLYN

Albert Llewellyn was mentioned in the Akron newspaper a few times, married by 1905. He was called Albert "Jenks" Llewellyn when running as a Democrat for county commissioner, and many times as "A.J. Llewellyn.

The last mention in 1917 is of their motoring to Denver "expect to locate on a mountain ranch."



MCCOLLISTER

There's a J.A. McCollister in 1900 Akron, a drug clerk, born 1871. He's single in 1900, boarding with the Gillespie family at their hotel.



MUNTZING

Guidotta and her father were mentioned in many articles as providing music.

In 1900 Akron August Muntzing, born March 1855 in Germany, is a lawyer. He's married to Fannie, born April 1864 in Illinois. Guidotta was born September 1897 in Colorado. This census says Fannie was born in Missouri.

In 1910 he's a real estate broker in Akron.

In `1880 he was keeping a saloon in Sumner County, Kanss.

In June 1918 the Wray Rattler reported that Anna Bancroft went up to Akron to attend the marriage of her friend, Miss Guidotta Muntzing, to Irving Lowe, a young attorney of that place. Mrs. Lowe is a daughter of the late August Muntzing.

In 1918 the Akron paper reported that "Irwin M. Lowe" had resigned a teaching position..... Mrs. Lowe is in California"

In 1920 Fannie is widowed, living with Erwin and Guidotta Lowe in Akron. Erwin is a price clerk for an oil company (maybe for the producing wells around Akron)

In 1930 all three are in Oxnard, California. Erwin is a law clerk, and Guidotta teaches high school.

In 940 "M Irwin" is an attorney, and "M Guidotta" still teaches high school, and Fanny is still with them

The California Death Index has Fannie Lamb Muntzing dying March 1944 in Los Angeles County.

It has Irwin Lowe dying August 1973 and Guidotta May 1981, both in Ventura



PAYNE

Possibly "Walter" is Wallace Payne, who had homesteaded north of Akron ten years previously, and had moved to farm near Fort Collins. He could very well have been friends with the Erb family, and if he were in Akron on business, would naturally have been invited to the party.



PELTON

Isaac Pelton was a lawyer in Denver in 1900 - born 1877. He was practicing in Akron in 1910. Still there in 1920, married with two children. Had moved to Los Angeles by 1930 and 1940, dying in L.A. in 1946.



PICKETT

Hattie Pickett is the wife of the newspaper editor, and Mildred is her daughter.



STOKES

In 1898 Walter Stokes was a railroad fireman on the run from McCook east. In 1897 he was visiting "at home" at the station with Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Stokes - implying he was wooing "Ida" - and he had attended a picnic in honor of Miss Ida Butler at the Vance school.

The 1900 McCook census has him born in Illinois in 1871, boarding with Nina Woods, a "locomotion fireman." Maude was Mrs. Wood's daughter.

He's still in McCook in 1910, has moved up to be an engineer, and is married to Maude - born 1881 in Nebraska. They're still there in 1920 and 1930. Life Magazine photographed them in 1950.

Wood-Stokes Wedding

The society event of the year was the marriage of Miss Maud R. Wood to Mr. Walter Stokes at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, September 19, 1900. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the predominated colors being white and green. An arch with trellis work covered with sulfax and its beauty enhanced by white carnations, stood behind the altar, completely screening the organ from view. From the center of the arch hung large bells held in place by bows of white satin ribbons, along each side of the aisles leading to the altar, and fastened to the ends of the pews were standard of evergreens, on the tops of which were tied white bows. Palms and other ornate potted plants were arranged in profusion about the altar and throughout the church.

Just at the appointed hour Mr. J. G. Schobel, who presided at the organ, began to play the bridal march from Lohengrin and the two little flowers girls, Marjorie Schobel and Velma Sutton, dressed in low necked, white dresses, trimmed with lace, carrying baskets of white carnations, entered and strewed the aisles with flowers as they went down to the front. Following them came the groom and groomsman, Jr. J.H. Henderson and the ushers, Roy Kleven, Scott Doan and Rufus Carlton, down the south aisle. The party was met at the altar by the officiating clergyman, Rev. W.J. Turner. Immediately after they had reached their places the bridal party entered the south aisle. First came the maid of honor, Miss Maud Doan, then the bride, on the arm of her brother, Arthur, who gave the bride away, followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Nina Doan, joining the groom at the altar.

The service was short but impressive, and during the entire service Schubert's Serenade was played softly upon the organ, enhancing the beauty of the ceremony greatly. At the conclusion of service Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played as the bridal party went out in the following order; Bride and groom, maid of honor, bridesmaid and groomsman, then the ushers.

They proceeded at once to the home of the bride's mother. The bride wore a beautiful dress of white taffeta silk with accordion pleated train, a very pretty fancy yoke with pearl trimmings, white silk over dress trimmed with white satin ribbons, and also wore a long white veil and carried a large bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Nina Doan, the bridesmaid wore a blue silk dress trimmed with cream lace and carried white carnations. The maid of honor, Miss Maud Doan, wore a pink silk trimmed with chiffon, and carried pink carnations.

When the bridal party arrived at the home of the bride's mother, after the wedding ceremony, they were

received into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated in green and white and lighted with tapers in candelabras, giving a most pleasing effect. The supper was an elegant one, served in courses.

The presents were very numerous and costly, consisting of silverware, cut glassware, china, table linen, ornaments, pieces, rugs and furniture. Everything useful in making a home comfortable and gave evidence of the esteem in which the young couple are held by so many friends.

The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of the city, where she has lived since childhood. The groom has been an employee of the Burlington in the engine service for years, and has worked his way up to the responsible position of engineer. He is a young man of excellent character, and very popular among all his associates and fellow workmen.

The happy couple have the best wishes and congratulations of a host of friends, with whom The Republican joins. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes go to housekeeping at once in room in W.F. Everist's house, where they will be at home to their many friends after September 28. Friday 21 September 1900



WARNER

Willis Warner in 1900 Fort Morgan was born in 1892, the son of George W. and Louise Warner. George is a real estate agent.

Sisters Helen L (1887) and Esther M. (1890) might be the Leona and Esta in the article.



WHITLAKE

Elmer Whitlake is probably the son of Willoiam Whitlake - born 1886 in Nebraska - farming with his father near Yuma in 1900.

Lena Whitlake, his sister, was born in 1887



WILCOX and YEAMANS

Floy Yeamans is probably Luella F. Yeamans, age 15 in the 1900 Akron census, daughter of J.E. and Elma Yeamans (J.E. and C.N. Yeamans were early hardware dealers in Akron). Her brother Chas. Wm. is probably the William at the birthday party. He was 13 in 1900.

In the 1910 census Floy is married to Alonzo Wilcox, a 31-year-old farmer. They have three small children. Alonzo registered for the WWI draft as Alonzo Seneca Wilcox, born July 17, 1878.

Alonzo and "Elsie C." are in Fort Collins in 1930, with no occupation. Daughters Gladys 18, and Marjorie 15 are with them, as well as daughter Dorothy. Dorothy is married to Harry Casper, a mechanic, and they have two small children.

In 1940 Alonzo and Elsie are alone, living in Fort Collins. Alonzo died July 4, 1956 and is buried in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Charles William Yeaman was working for the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad in Chicago when registering for the WWI and also the WWII draft. He said he was born in Akron on August 12, 1886.

He married Florence C. Purves in LaGrange, Illinois in June 1911.

In the 1920 census he's married to Florence with 4-year-old Jane. Jane is with them in 1930 and 1940- Jane has no occupation in 1940 - at age 24.

It looks like Jane married a John J. Lindenmayer,, dying February 12, 1997, and buried in Stevensville, Michigan



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