

William Jacob Swindle & Rachel Dodson



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Photos submitted by Hugh & Sharon Haennelt

William Jacob Swindle was born Feb 22, 1829 in Wilson Co, TN.

William was the son of Pelidge S Swindle and 1st wife, Nancy Hickman.

Peleg and Nancy moved from Wilson Co, TN to Macon Co, TN, by 1850. Between 1850 & 1854, Nancy Hickman Swindle died, of their eleven children, 3 sons were under 10 years old. About two or three years later, Peleg married a 16 year old girl, named Philidelphia East. They eventually had nine more children. In October of 1855, William went to Sarcoxie, Jasper Co, MO from Macon Co, TN. There were mines in the area and it is likely he went to work there. Little is known about his wife, Rachel Dodson, she may have stayed in Macon Co, TN when William came to Missouri.

William returned to Macon Co, TN, where his 5th child, Henry Francis Swindle was born Dec 9, 1856. After Henry's birth, William moved the family to Sarcoxie, MO. A Daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born Feb 7, 1862 in Sarcoxie, MO. Other Children were, Timothy 12, John T 10, Nancy 9, William B, 7 and Henry Francis Swindle 4. By 1868, William's younger brother arrived in Jasper Co, MO, David Swindle and his family, though David died about a year later in Lawrence Co, MO, he was 32 years old. There was an old mining area in Jasper Co, MO that was known as Swindle Hill. At one time, in the Sarcoxie area, there was a Swindle School.

Henry Francis Swindle married a beautiful girl from Illinois named, Harriet Alice French, on June 29, 1879 in Sarcoxie, Jasper Co, MO.

This couple had 10 children, with 7 surviving into adulthood. Henry became a mailman, he used horse and wagon to deliver the mail. Later, He purchased a 1924 Model T Ford to help deliver the mail. Harriet was known for her quilt making skills. A quilt was always in the making on the ever present quilt frame. They lived in a small two story home, very near the town square. Their last child, Louise, was born September 12, 1901.

Louise Swindle grew up in Sarcoxie, Jasper Co, MO. She learned from her mother the fine sewing and quilting skills. She also had musical talent , and played the piano by ear. When the town movie theater showed silent movies, Louise would play the piano to add to the drama and excitement of the show. In the late 1920's, Louise visited her sister in Pueblo , CO., while there she met and married Hugh Haennelt Sr.

Direct Line:

Job Swindle & Martha Daniels

Peleg Swindle & Nancy Hickman

William Jacob Swindle & Rachel Dodson

Henry Francis Swindle & Harriett Francis French

Hugh Haennelt Sr. & Louise Swindle

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Walter Emmitt Swindle

Walter Emmitt was born April 1, 1880 to Henry Frank and Harriet Alice (French) Swindle in Joplin, Mo. While an infant, his parents moved to Sarcoxie, MO where he was reared and grew to manhood, receiving his education in the schools of Jasper County. In 1901, he moved to Miami, Indian Territory and worked in the insurance business, representing a number of the leading fire insurance companies of the Country. In 1904, he received his appointment as Deputy Clerk of the U. S. Court for the Northern District of Indian Territory at Miami. On December 21, 1899, he had married Carrie Belle Fullerton of Sarcoxie. Their first child, a girl named Alice Mae, was born December 27, 1901. A second girl was born January 17, 1906. her name was Elizabeth Gibson, but they called her Peggy. This was my mother. A son was born Oct 1, 1907 whose name was Joe Emmitt.

Carrie Belle had contacted tuberculosis and was so bad, they took her and her children to Colorado Springs for her health. Emmitt continued to work in Miami and visited them on week-ends. On October 4, 1912 as he was taking the train back to Miami, after spending time with his family, Carrie Belle had a bad coughing spell, which caused her to hemorrhage and she died almost instantly. They wired Emmitt and he returned bring the body and the children back to Sarcoxie. The children were cared for for a while by Grandmama and Grandpapa Swindle.

In December 1913, Emmitt married a 17 year old girl, Lucy Frances Ramsey. They eventually had 4 children, Virginia, Mary Lee, William (Bill) and Jacque Lou.

Around 1931, W. Emmitt had a cerebral stroke that left him partially paralyzed. Not long after that, Lucy divorced him so he made his home with his daughters, Alice Mae, part of the time and the other time with Peggy. He never lost his sense of humor and though it was hard on all of us, we managed to get along.

Walter Emmitt (Papa) passed away at Stillwater, Oklahoma on July 17, 1949. The funeral service was in Sarcoxie, MO and he is buried in the Harvey Cemetery *Submitted by Mary Jo Parker*

Minnie Florence Swindle was the sixth child of Frank and Alice Swindle. Born November 22, 1888 in Sarcoxie, Jasper County, Missouri, Minnie eventually moved to Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma to work in a title office. There she met and married Charles Isaac Ellis, formerly a Hoosier born in Loogootee, Indiana in 1883. Charles had moved to Oklahoma to work in the lead and zinc mines located in the tri-state area of southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma, and southwest Missouri. The

couple wed February 19, 1909 in Miami. Minnie and Charles were wed for 37 years before his death in 1946. They were parents to three boys: John Richard, Harold Franklin, and Charles Isaac II and grandparents to 8 grandchildren.

Minnie was always active in Eastern Star, the First Presbyterian Church, and the American Legion Auxiliary. A year never went by when she didn't make dozens of paper red poppies to sell for the American Legion or help with the Presbyterian Church's "rummage sale". Minnie passed on January 6, 1981 at the age of 92.

Notes for Henry and Alice Swindle:

Henry and Alice were known a "Grandmamma and Grandpapa Swindle" to their grandchildren.

Swindle Hill was located in Joplin, Missouri near what is now East 7th Street and SE Murphy Boulevard. *Submitted by Heather Fitzgibbon*