

ELLIS B. AND MINNIE (HUFFMAN) TITUS

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ELLIS BARTON TITUS, son of Elisha Brunson Titus (1834-1898) and Sarah Angeline McDowell (1839-1926), was born on 10 Jul 1869 in Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois.

Ellis married **ARMENTA LOUELLA “MINNIE” HUFFMAN**, the daughter of Samuel Dana Huffman (1846-1930) and Anna Melinda Hilliard (1851-1886), on 17 Oct 1894 in Syracuse, Hamilton County, Kansas.

Minnie Huffman was born in Sedan, Chautauqua County, Kansas, on 9 Mar 1876 and arrived in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, in 1890.

Ellis and Minnie lived most of their married life in Garden City. They did not have children.

Ellis died on 9 Oct 1945, and Minnie died in April of 1969. Burial for both was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City.

Newspaper Articles

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Garden City (Kansas) Sentinel, 20 Oct 1894, Saturday, Page 1

Miss Minnie Huffman and Ellis Titus were married at Syracuse at about noon on Wednesday. The young couple have taken rooms at the Fairbury house where they will be “at home” to their many friends. We wish them much happiness throughout their married life.

A MINNIE (HUFFMAN) TITUS NEWSPAPER RECIPE

Garden City (Kansas) Telegram, 23 Feb 1967

Yum-Yum Orange Gumdrops are a specialty of Mrs. Ellis B. Titus, who always keeps a cookie jar filled with them, as they are her favorite cookie. At Christmas time this year, she served them to 70 carolers. Mrs. Titus, who has been here since 1890, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in October 1944 and will be 91 on March 9th.

YUM YUM ORANGE GUMDROP COOKIES

Mrs. Ellis B. Titus

5 eggs

2 cups flour

2 cups brown sugar

1 cup orange sliced gumdrops cut into pieces

½ cup nuts (optional)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1-Tablespoon water or orange juice

In a mixer, beat the eggs with the brown sugar. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Sprinkle water or juice over orange pieces and then stir with half of the flour mixture. Add nuts to flour. Mix all together and spread on a buttered cookie sheet or large flat pan. Bake for about 30 minutes in a 300-degree oven.

Let cool to lukewarm, and then frost with the following orange icing.

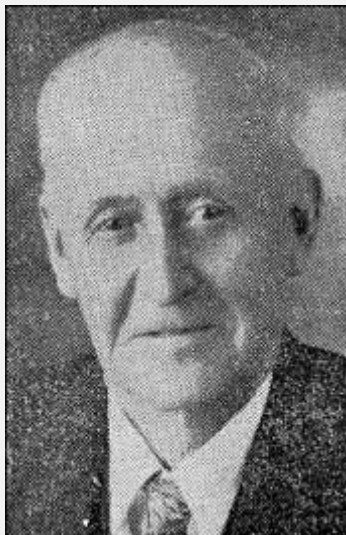
3 tablespoons butter melted
3 tablespoons orange juice
Enough powdered sugar is stirred in to make a thin icing

Cut to the desired shape while still warm.

Newspaper Obituaries

Newspaper obituaries provided by Laurie Oshel, Assistant Director at the Finney County Historical Society Library in Garden City, Kansas

ELLIS BARTON TITUS



Garden City, Kansas Newspaper – Oct 1945

Ellis B. Titus, 75, for 27 years custodian at the junior high school building here in Garden City, died at a local hospital after an illness of two days from a sudden heart attack. The widow survives. Mr. and Mrs. Titus observed their golden wedding anniversary in October 1944.

Ellis B. Titus, a favorite of Garden City High School and Junior College students for the past 27 years, died this morning at 1 o'clock at a local hospital where he had been since a heart attack Saturday. He was the custodian at the schools and was always an honored guest at Junior-senior banquets and other events.

Born in Fairbury, Illinois, Ellis came to Kansas in 1883 with his parents, living first in Barton County and a few years later moving to Garden City, where he attended school. He was in the cattle business for several years and was with the United States Forestry Service for six years before accepting a position with the local school system.

He had lived in the same home, at 505 N. 12th Street from 1894 until his death. Mr. Titus had been a member of the local Methodist Church for 50 years.

There are no children, but a niece, Mrs. Harold Gunn, the former Norma Rowe, was taken into the Titus home after her mother's death and raised by the couple. Surviving also is a brother, L. H. Titus, Mayo Landing, Yukon Territory, Canada, and a sister, Mrs. H. N. Christian, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Raymond W. O. Knowles will conduct services Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Methodist Church, and the burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery. Garnand Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MINNIE (HUFFMAN) TITUS



The Garden City Telegram – Apr 1969

Mrs. Minnie H. Titus, 93, (901 N. 9th), a longtime resident of Garden City, died at St. Catherine Hospital Wednesday afternoon after a lengthy illness.

Minnie Huffman was born on 9 Mar 1876 at Sedan in Chautauqua County and moved to Garden City with her family in the fall of 1890. She married Ellis B. Titus at Syracuse on 17 Oct 1894. He preceded her in death on 1 Jul 1945.

Her father, S. D. Huffman, was an early-day grocer here in Garden City.

Minnie and Ellis celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1944.

Mrs. Titus joined the Methodist Church here at the age of 16 and continued as a member throughout her life. She was a charter member of both the Minerva Sunday School Class and the Priscilla Club.

She also belonged to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Women's Society of Christian Service Unique Study Club, Acorn Club, Rebekah Lodge, and the Women's Relief Corps, an Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Survivors include four sisters; Mrs. Henry Watts of Pittsburg, Kansas, Mrs. A. L. Heflin of Aurora, Colorado, Ruth Huffman of Atascadero, California, and Mrs. William Huch of Lacombe, Oregon; a niece, Mrs. Norma Gunn of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and a nephew, Merrill A. Rowe of Garden City.

The Funeral will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. from the United Methodist Church, Revs. Leonard Clark and Raymond O. Knowles officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery; Garnand Funeral Home is in charge.