

FRANK GILLESPIE

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FRANK ARTHUR GILLESPIE, SR., son of John E. Gillespie (1829-1908) and Lydia Hedrick (1834-1907), was born on 31 Aug 1863 in Wapello County, Iowa. He married **NELLIE EUGENIA GERBERICH**, daughter of John P. Gerberich (1832-1887) and Elizabeth Shoener (1832-1900), on 9 Oct 1888 in Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa. Nellie was born on 20 Oct 1867 in Hennepin, Putnam County, Illinois. Frank and Nellie lived in Colorado until 1907, when they moved to Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. In 1910, Frank was working as a Manager for the Sugar Beet Factory in Garden City. The 1920 census reveals he was acting treasurer of the same factory, and by 1930, he was the factory's secretary. He was also one of the irrigation developers in the state of Kansas.

Nellie died on 6 Feb 1936, and Frank died on 22 Apr 1939. The Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas was their burial place.

Frank and Nellie had three children:

LOUISE GILLESPIE was born 4 Apr 1891 in Colorado. She married John Stanley McCombs, son of Henry H. McCombs (1854-1929) and Margaret Fickers (1860-1919). John was born on 6 Mar 1882 in Pueblo County, Colorado. They were living in Seminole, Gaines County, Texas, at the time of John's death, 11 Dec 1949. Louise passed away on 7 Jul 1985, in Garden City, Kansas. Both were buried there at the Valley View Cemetery. They had two daughters, Margaret (1914-1996) and Amy (1915-2001).

AMY GILLESPIE was born on 29 Apr 1893 in Denver, Colorado. She retired as a bookkeeper and secretary for the Garden City Sugar Company. Amy had one daughter named Ruth Gillespie. Ruth was born on 2 Nov 1935. Ruth married Buster "Dayton" Cox on 26 May 1957. They had two sons, James and Jason. Ruth was a retired St. Catherine's Hospital nurse's aide in Garden City, Kansas. Ruth died on 4 Feb 1991 in Garden City, and her husband, Dayton Cox, died on 17 Oct 2012.

Amy Gillespie died on 26 Aug 1976 in Garden City. Amy, Ruth, and Dayton were all buried at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

FRANK ARTHUR GILLESPIE, JR. was born on 29 Jun 1901 in Florence, Fremont County, Colorado. Frank married twice, once to Wilhelmine T. Menzel, daughter of William Godfrey Menzel (1862-1938) and Leah Ella Josephine Jarvis (1878-1946), on 4 Jan 1930 in Cook County, Illinois. Wilhelmine was born on 5 Aug 1908 in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, and died on 27 May 1932 in Salt Lake County, Utah

On 29 Jun 1935, Frank married again to Lucy "Carolyn" Wolfe, in Nez Perce County, Idaho. Carolyn was the daughter of Albert D. Wolfe (1872-1919) and Kathryn C. Robb (1885-1967). She was born on 11 Jun 1911 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

After they were married, they lived a short time in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. By 1940, they had moved to Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho. At the time of his death on 25 Aug 1979, Frank was living in Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming. Carolyn died on 19 Jun 1991 in Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska.

Cemetery Headstones

VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY
Garden City, Finney County, Kansas



FRANK & NELLIE (GERBERICH) GILLESPIE



JOHN & LOUISE (GILLESPIE) MCCOMBS
(Daughter of Frank Arthur Gillespie & Nellie Eugenia Gerberich)



AMY GILLESPIE
(Daughter of Frank Arthur Gillespie & Nellie Eugenia Gerberich)



Amy's daughter,
RUTH (GILLESPIE) COX, & SON-IN-LAW, DAYTON COX