

FRANK F. KILLION

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FRANK FENIMORE KILLION, son of John Vandiveer Killion (1848-1929) and Louisa N. Rucker (1851-1926), was born on 7 Jan 1873 in Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa. That same year, Frank's parents moved the family to Pleasant, Butler County, Kansas. In 1889, Frank's father, opened the Killion Grocery and Notion Store in Eminence, Garfield County, Kansas (*In 1892, Garfield County changed to Finney County*). His father also served one term as a probate judge for Garfield County. From 1895 to 1901, he was the commissioner of Finney County and again in 1912. He resigned as commissioner to become the receiver of the land office in Dodge City.

While the family was living in Eminence, Kansas, Frank F. Killion met **ANNA M. GENTRY**, daughter of Lemuel Arnold Gentry (1845-1906) and Rebecca Jennie Sherfey (1848-1905). Anna was born in Indiana in 1876. Her family brought the family to Kansas in 1885. On 25 Nov 1897, Frank and Anna were married at her parents' home in northeast Finney County. After they were married, Frank and Anna lived in Eminence, where their two children were born, CARL LESLIE KILLION and JENNIE "VEDA" KILLION.

From 1900 to 1915, Frank and Anna made their home in Garfield, Finney County, Kansas. They moved to Garden City, Kansas, where Frank and Anna both taught school, and Frank continued to farm. Later, Frank worked as a rural mail carrier. The 1918 United States World War 1 draft registration card reveals that Frank was blind in one eye. In 1923, Anna accepted a job as a newspaper reporter for the Garden City Telegram.

The 1940 census shows they continued to live in Garden City, but they eventually moved to Harper, Harper County, Kansas, where their son Carl had moved with his family. Frank died on 11 Jan 1959, and Anna passed away on 21 Nov 1966. Both died in Harper, Kansas, and buried at the Harper Cemetery.

Details about their children:

CARL LESLIE KILLION was born in Eminence, Finney County, Kansas, on 9 Jan 1898. He married Beulah Fern Francis on 30 Oct 1927 in Florence, Fremont County, Colorado. One daughter, Joyce, was born into their marriage. Before Carl and Beulah moved to Harper, Kansas, in 1937, Carl operated a mobile bulk wagon in Garden City, Kansas. He later retired as a deliveryman for the Railway Express. Beulah died on 1 May 1969, and Carl passed away on 10 Aug 1975. Burial was at the Harper Cemetery.

JENNIE "VEDA" KILLION was born on 23 Sep 1899 in Eminence. She was married to Levi "Lee" Martin Wooden on 11 Feb 1916 in Garden City, Kansas. To their union, one

daughter was born, Juanita Helen Wooden (1916-1958). Veda died early in life on 6 Mar 1919, at the age of 19, after a four-week illness. Burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. (*Headstone has incorrect spelling of her first name*)

Cemetery Headstones



FRANK & ANNA (GENTRY) KILLION

HARPER CEMETERY
Harper, Harper County, Kansas
Photographs provided by Shirley Hause

CARL & BEULAH FERN (FRANCIS) KILLION



VEDA (KILLION) WOODEN

VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY
Garden City, Finney County, Kansas
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