

SADIE DILLON

Sarah "Sadie" E. (Stapleton) Ferris Dillon
Project Consultant – Finney County



Newspaper obituary photograph

SARAH "SADIE" E. STAPLETON, daughter of John B. Stapleton (1850-1909) and Cynthia Isabelle Maupin (1853-1923), was born on 19 Mar 1874 in Missouri. In 1886, she went to Garden City, Kansas, in a covered wagon, during a giant blizzard, from Denver, Worth County, Missouri, with her parents, three brothers, and two sisters. By the year 1900, they had moved on to Stafford, Stafford County, Kansas. There she married **ORVILLE GRANT FERRIS**, son of Decoliar Fernando Ferris (1850-1932) and Sarah Wilkens Boyce (1855-1883), on 14 May 1900. Orville was born on 13 Mar 1880 in Stafford, Kansas.

After Sadie and Orville were married, they moved to Colorado, making their home in Denver and Holyoke. They later moved to Halstead, Harvey County, Kansas, where Orville passed away on 27 Aug 1930. In September of that same year, Sadie and her two daughters moved to Garden City, where she had lived once before.

Their two daughters were:

LILLIAN MAE FERRIS was born on 4 Apr 1904 in Oklahoma. She was first married to Harold D. Cooper on 25 Dec 1919 in Denver, Colorado. They were divorced in about 1927. She later married Mark J. Elmo in about 1942. Mark was born on 11 May 1893. Lillian passed away on 21 Feb 1956 in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Mark died there on 17 Jun 1956. Burial for both was at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, San Mateo County, California.

SADIEBELLE FERRIS was born in 1905. She was married to Carl Leo Jochim on 12 Apr 1928 in Denver, Colorado and they divorced there on 19 Jun 1936. Her second marriage was to Leo Tom Hendrix. He was born on 25 Aug 1915 in Bluejacket, Craig County, Oklahoma. Sadiebelle passed away on 18 Feb 1960 and buried at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. Leo died on 14 Oct 1977 and buried at the Oakdale Memorial Park Cemetery in Glendora, Los Angeles County, California.

In 1933, Sarah "Sadie" (Stapleton) Ferris married **GEORGE ELLSWORTH DILLON**, son of John Abner Dillon (1834-1902) and Elizabeth Rebecca Parrill (1838-1904). George was born on 2 Apr 1876 in Vermillion County, Illinois. (See *George Dillion, Project Consultant – Finney County.*)

In 1956, George & Sadie Dillon made their home on 3rd Street in Garden City. George died on 20 Feb 1959 in Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas.

Sadie passed away on 2 May 1970. Burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

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ORVILLE GRANT FERRIS

Husband of Sarah "Sadie" E. (Stapleton) Ferris Dillon

Garden City (Kansas) Telegram – 4 Sep 1930

Orville G. Ferris was born in Stafford, KS on 13 Mar 1880, and passed away at Halstead, Kansas on Aug 27, 1930 at the age of 50 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

He was married to Sadie Stapleton on 14 May 1900 at Stafford, Kansas. Two children were born to them, Lillian Mae, now Mrs. Harold Cooper, of San Francisco, California and Sadiebelle Jochim of Denver, Colorado.

At the age of 21, he moved with his wife to Colorado & since then has made his home at Denver and Holyoke.

Mr. Ferris had been in failing health for the past three years. Two weeks ago, the family moved from Hartman, Colorado to Garden City, Kansas.

Following a major operation at Halstead, Mr. Ferris passed away. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Mrs. Sadie Ferris & his two daughters mentioned earlier, his father, D. R. Ferris of Hartman, Colorado; an aunt, Mrs. Charles Hacker & family of Garden City; and one grandson.

Other relatives here for the funeral were Mrs. Lille Higgins of Stafford, Kansas, Carl Jochim of Denver, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Stapleton & son of Sublette and Willard Stapleton of Garden City.

Interment was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City.

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LILLIAN (FERRIS) COOPER ELMO

Daughter of Orville G. Ferris & Sarah "Sadie" E. (Stapleton) Ferris Dillon

The San Francisco (California) Examiner – 24 Feb 1956, page 44

LILLIAN C. ELMO COSMETICS FIRM OWNER, DIES

It was learned last night, that Lillian Cooper Elmo, wife of Mark Elmo, retired president of a national wholesale cosmetics firm, was found dead at a local hotel on Tuesday.

Although a toxicology report will not be completed for several days, Deputy Coroner James Alleeson said Mrs. Elmo had received a prescription for barbiturates the night before her body was found in her room at the Travelers Hotel, 225 O'Farrell Street. Exact cause of death has not been determined.

ON BUSINESS TRIP...

Mrs. Elmo had come to San Francisco, Sunday, on a business trip in connection with the Lillian Cooper Cosmetic Company that she operated in Los Angeles.

Both she and her husband, who headed their own cosmetic firms, were prominent in San Francisco social circles before moving to Los Angeles in 1952.

HUSBAND IN EAST...

Elmo, wealthy retired president of Elmo, Inc, a national cosmetic manufacturing house, was in Philadelphia at the firm's headquarters at the time of his wife's death.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Elmo is survived by a step-son, Mark A. Elmo, of Palo Alto; her mother, Mrs. George Dillon; and a sister, Sadie Hendrix.

Private funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, at the San Francisco Funeral Service Mortuary, 1 Church Street. Interment will be at the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

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SADIEBELLE (FERRIS) JOCHIM HENDRIX

Daughter of Orville G. Ferris & Sarah "Sadie" E. (Stapleton) Ferris Dillon

Garden City (Kansas) Telegram – 19 Feb 1960, Friday

Funeral services for Sadiebelle Hendrix, 54 year-old Garden City resident who died of a heart attack here on Monday while shoveling snow, were to be held here today at Garnand Chapel.

The Rev. A. F. Fleming was to officiate at the funeral. Burial scheduled for Valley View Cemetery.

Newspaper Article

SADIE (STAPLETON) FERRIS DILLON

Garden City (Kansas) Telegram – 22 Mar 1965

MRS. DILLON, 91, LEADS ACTIVE LIFE

SHE OBSERVED HER 91ST BIRTHDAY ON FRIDAY IN HER HOME AT APT. 164, LAND D, IN GARDENDALE. SHE HAS BEEN A SCHOOL TEACHER IN STAFFORD COUNTY, MANAGER OF A CREAMERY, PAST NOBLE GRAND OF REBEKAH LODGE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SHE STILL READS HER BIBLE EVERY DAY.

Written by Cheryl Walker

Sadie Dillon, 91 on Friday, was sprightly and gay in a red dress with pearl earrings, a pearl necklace, and neatly coiffed white hair.

"I still do my own housework and cooking every day." She remarked. *"I read my Bible every day and watch TV. I like Westerns the best."*

Mrs. Dillon, born 19 Mar 1874, came to Garden City during the big blizzard of 1886 from Denver, (Worth County) Missouri, in a covered wagon with three brothers and two sisters. She said that her father brought the first load of lumber to Cimarron.

She joined the Christian Church in 1890 and used to sing in the choir. She was instrumental in organizing a Christian Endeavor Society for the young people at the church and taught Sunday school.

When the first lights came to Garden City, the first telephone, and the first bicycle, Mrs. Dillon was living here, and she says it was inspiring. She ran a cream station for Fairmont for several years.

She attended Central Normal College in Great Bend and taught school in Stafford County for several years as Miss Sadie Stapleton. She married Orval Grant Ferris, and they had two daughters who are no longer living. She has a grandson, Orval Grant Ferris, whom she raised

from the time he was 12 years old. She has five great-grandsons and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mr. Ferris died in 1930, and in 1933, she was married to George Dillion.

Mrs. Dillon has belonged to the Rebekah Lodge since 1936 and has held every office, including the Noble Grand chair, for two terms. She has belonged to the Neighborly Ten Quilting Club and has made numerous amounts of quilts. *"I have always tried to help others, in lodge, school, in church, and my community,"* said Mrs. Dillon.

Cemetery Headstone

SADIE (STAPLETON) FERRIS DILLON

Sadie Dillion, buried next to her daughter, Sadiebelle (Ferris) Hendrix



VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY
Garden City, Finney County, Kansas

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SADIE (STAPLETON) FERRIS DILLON

Garden City (Kansas) Telegram – 4 May 1970

Mrs. Sadie E. Dillon, 96, a Garden City resident since 1886, died Saturday at her home, 612 Jones Ave. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was born on 19 Mar 1874, in Denver, Missouri, and moved to Garden City in a covered wagon during the big blizzard of 1886.

In 1899, Mrs. Dillon married Orval Ferris in Stafford, Kansas. He died in 1930. She married George Dillon in Garden City in 1932, and he died in 1959.

She attended Central Normal College at Great Bend and taught school in Stafford County for several years. She also ran a cream station for Fairmont Company here for several years.

Mrs. Dillon was a member of the Bible Christian Church, a past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge, and a Neighborly Ten Quilting Club member.

Survivors include grandson Orval Ferris, five great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Garnand Chapel, with the Rev. Raymond Rasar of the Christian Church of Scott City officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery.