

MRS. SARAH EDNA RITCHIE

Sarah Edna (Durfee) Ritchie Altenburg
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SARAH EDNA DURFEE, daughter of John Durfee and Elizabeth Matilda Lester*, was born on 19 Dec 1889 in Syracuse, Hamilton County, Kansas. She married **PAUL FRANKLIN RITCHIE**, son of William Ritchie and Sarah Olive Tillery, on 23 Oct 1909 in Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Paul was born on 19 Aug 1890 in California, Moniteau County, Missouri. Paul and Sarah divorced between 1920 and 1928. Paul then married Mabel L. Wilcox. He died on 11 Jan 1960 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Paul and Sarah had three children:

PAULINE RITCHIE was born in about 1911. She was married to Melvin G. Ellison in about 1925. Their two children were Marcella Ellison and Edward Ellison.

LUCILLE EDNA RITCHIE was born on 1 Sep 1914. She died on 7 Apr 1940 and was buried at the Lake City Cemetery in Lake City, Barber County, Kansas

LAURENCE DURFEE RITCHIE was born on 27 Feb 1916 and died on 20 Jun 1991.

Next, Sarah married **HOWARD EUGENE ALTENBURG**, the son of Frank Altenburg and Adaline Rohrbaugh, on 17 Oct 1945. Howard was born on 5 Aug 1892 in Kendall, Hamilton County, Kansas. He was first married to Ida Westerman on 14 Aug 1916. Ida died of pneumonia two years later, in November 1918.

Howard passed away on 12 Nov 1973 in Syracuse, Hamilton County, Kansas. Sarah died there on 31 Aug 1975. Their burial was at the Syracuse Cemetery.

** See more details about Elizabeth Matilda (Lester) Durfee and family in the Hamilton County Story, INTERESTING OLD SETTLES OF HAMILTON COUNTY*



SYRACUSE CEMETERY
Syracuse, Hamilton County, Kansas
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