

**MRS. GEORGE H. TATE, JR.**

(Lenora Victoria Boylan)

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Lenora Victoria (Boylan) Tate & George Henry Tate Jr.

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**LENORA “LENA” VICTORIA BOYLAN**, daughter of Alonzo Boylan\* (1842-1918) and Castella Walter (1851-1922), was born 29 Jun 1872 in Belle Plaine, Scott County, Minnesota. Lenora was one of the first to graduate from the Lakin, Kansas High School. Colorado County Marriage Records show that she was married to **GEORGE HENRY TATE, JR.**, son of George Henry Tate, Sr. (1838-1917) and Susannah Morrison (1842-1908), on 28 Jun 1894 in Monument, Pueblo County, Colorado. (*Lenora’s newspaper obituary gives married in Nepesta, Pueblo County, Colorado.*) George was born 13 Nov 1869 in Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

George and Lenora made their home in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. There, in 1886, George owned a shoe store, which later became a general merchandise retail store. By 1930, he owned a retail grocery store in Lakin.

George Tate passed away on 23 May 1944 in Lakin, Kansas, and Lenora died there on 21 Sep 1970 at the Lakin Manor Nursing Home. Both were buried at the Lakin Cemetery.

Five children were born into their marriage:

**JAMES NOELL TATE** was born on 26 Jan 1897. He became ill with influenza and died of pneumonia on 28 Oct 1918. (*See story; The Lakin Cemetery, Kearny County, Kansas*)

**VICTOR BOYLAN TATE** was born on 4 Dec 1899 in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. He married Marion Lois (Howard) Ready, daughter of Ulysses B. Howard and Cora A. Tandy, on 12 Jul 1930 in Yuma, Arizona. Marion was born on 3 Sep 1902 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Victor was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and in the Navy for 30 years. He was a World War II Veteran. Victor died on 17 Nov 1972, and Marion died on 21 Feb 1973. Both died in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and were buried at the Lakin Cemetery in Lakin, Kansas.

**CECIL ALAN TATE** was born on 13 Jul 1902 in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. He married Maude L. Edson, daughter of John Henry and Mary Jane Edson, on 16 Jun 1934. Maude was born on 13 Nov 1895 in Chillicothe, Livingston County, Missouri. One son was born to their marriage, Bradner Tate. (*Maude was first married to George Tunnell in 1913. There were two children born in their marriage; Glen and Peggy.*) Cecil Tate spent his entire life in Kearny County, except for a few years in Hamilton County. He graduated from Lakin High School and attended Kansas University. He passed away on 2 Jan 1964 in Garden city, Kansas, and Maude died on 17 Apr 1977 in Lakin, Kansas. They were both buried at the Lakin Cemetery in Lakin, Kansas.

**ROLAND HENRY TATE**, born on 13 Nov 1906 in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. He married Violet Mae Kisner, daughter of Jess N. Kisner and Elsie R. Ward, on 13 Nov 1938. Violet was born on 8 Jan 1914 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. Roland Tate was a District Court Judge in Garden city. He presided over the murder trial of Perry Smith and Richard Hickock, whose killings of the Clutter family were chronicled in Truman Capote's book and movie "In Cold Blood." Mr. Tate died on 9 Nov 1963 in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Violet died on 6 Dec 1989 in Garden City. Both were buried at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

**SUSANNAH FLORENCE TATE** was born on 11 Oct 1908 in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. She attended nursing school at Cornell University in the state of New York. After Susannah graduated, she worked for Dr. Hastings in Lakin. She married Murray J. Fletcher on 5 Jan 1938 in Lakin, and he was born on 4 Jul 1909 in Dodson, Phillips County, Montana. One son and five daughters were born to this marriage; Walter, Joyce Anne, Elizabeth Lenora, Vivian, Blythe, and Sherrill. Murray and Susannah were longtime residents of Kearny County, Kansas, where Murray was a farmer and rancher, and Susannah partnered as secretary and bookkeeper. He died on 18 Mar 1975 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City of an apparent heart attack. Susannah died on 11 Mar 2010 at the Kearny County Hospital in Lakin, Kansas, at the age of 101. Both were buried at the Lakin Cemetery in Lakin, Kansas.

\* *Alonzo Boylan... See Kearny County story, "The First Settlers of Kearny County"*