

Children of Adam and Harriett (Farrell) Simpson

Medolph W. Simpson (82 yrs)

Born: December 25, 1864**

At: Elora, Canada

Died: December 29, 1945**

Buried: Washington Twp. Cemetery

Clara E. Beers (91 yrs)

Born: December 8, 1874

At: Benton Harbor, Michigan

Died: February 19, 1966

Buried: Washington Twp. Cemetery

**Information from John and Louisa Simpson family bible states Medolph was born on December 25, 1863 and his death was December 29, 1945. Information given to me from the family history prepared by Bernard Simpson states Medolph was born on December 25, 1865 and his death was April 5, 1946. The 1880 census shows he was born on December 25, 1864 and the Cemetery stone shows the year of birth as 1863 and his death as 1945. In Clara's obituary it is stated her husband died in 1945. We are not sure which is correct.

We have seen the name of Medolph listed as Medolph, Medoph, Meddie, Mettie, Medum and Meddum. The cemetery stone lists it as Medolph.

Medolph and Clara lived in Duncombe, Iowa where they and Medolph's brother Albert (Bert) J. operated the Simpson Hardware and Variety Store. After Medolph died, Clara continued to operate the store for several years. In 1949 she married Albert (Bert) J. Simpson and they lived in Duncombe, Iowa until his death in 1958 and then she moved to Fort Dodge. She was a member of the Duncombe, Church for over 50 years.

Married: September 8, 1892 to Medolph at Webster City, Iowa
2nd September 15, 1949 to Albert (Bert) J. Simpson at
Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Children:

Cleva

Born: November 3, 1893

Married: J. T. (Jack) Kaveny

Step Children are listed under Albert (Bert) J. Simpson

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Parents – Medoph and Clara (Beers) Simpson

J. T. (Jack) Kaveny (90 yrs)

Born: 1889

At: Grand Junction, Iowa

Died: July 15, 1979

Buried: Memorial Park Cemetery
Fort Dodge, Ia.

Cleva Simpson (84 yrs)

Born: November 18, 1893

At: Duncombe, Iowa

Died: October 18, 1978

Buried: Memorial Park Cemetery
Fort Dodge, Ia.

Jack and Cleva lived in Duncombe, Iowa for a short time. He taught in a country school in Greene County. He was named superintendent of schools at Duncombe in 1911 and attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa during his first three summers there. After they were married he took the superintendency at Rembrandt and then returned to Duncombe as superintendent of the school. In 1916 he left the field of education and came to Fort Dodge and bought into the Upper River Ice Commission. In 1920 he purchased the Crystal Ice Company and consolidated the operation. From the time of the merger in 1921 until 1927 the company was known as the Crystal Ice and Storage Company and the Company later became the Fort Dodge Ice Company. He retired in 1967. They were members of the First United Methodist Church and he was a charter member and past president of the Fort Dodge Kiwanis Club, a longtime member of the Fort Dodge YMCA and was honored by having the Y's annual volleyball tournament named for him. He had played volleyball for years at the Y.

Married: July 29, 1914 at Duncombe, Iowa

Children:

Richard S.

Born: July 27, 1924 in Fort Dodge, Iowa

Married: no

Died: March 25, 1971 – age 46. Buried in the Memorial Park
in Fort Dodge.

Richard attended the Duncombe Elementary, Junior High and graduated from Senior High School in the class of 1945. He also graduated from the Fort Dodge Junior College in 1947. He completed Junior and Senior High School and Junior College by taking classes by remote control facilities due to a swimming accident during his Junior High School days which confined him to a wheel chair. He was on the swimming team while attending school and later a member of the Elks club, the Toastmasters Club and was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a prolific writer and edited the Elks Club bulletin.

Harriett

Born:

Married: C. W. Wright

Parents – J. T. (Jack) and Cleva (Simpson) Kaveny

C. W. Wright

Born:

At:

Died:

Buried:

Harriett Kaveny

Born:

At:

Died: May , 1970

Buried:

The Wrights resided in Waterloo.

Married:

Children:

Whit Jr.

Born:

Married:

Resided in Waterloo, Iowa

Richard

Born:

Married:

Resided in Marshalltown, Ia.

We know that Whit Jr. has a daughter named Marjorie residing in Waterloo, Ia.