

Lee, Adolph Oliver

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Adolph Oliver Lee homesteaded range 6E, twp.32N, section 7. He had a tin smith shop in Chester. Adolph was born 6 Jan 1874 in Vernon County, Wisconsin to Ole Torsten^{sen} Lee and Andrina Matilde Matisdatter, both born in Norway. Adolph was a middle child in a family of eleven children. Ole Lee died 12 August 1885 in Traill County, North Dakota. Adolph Lee married 5 June 1905 in Traill county North Dakota to Tena Olson, born about 1878 in North Dakota. Her parents were Ben and Ingiborg Olson from Norway. Tena's given name may have been Bertina. She also came from a large family of twelve children. Adolph and Tena had two children in Hillsboro, North Dakota, Alice Rose on 8th of Sept 1906 and Rueben Oliver on 14 May 1908. By 13 Nov 1910 Halvor Benson was born in Chester and he was followed by Tallard Axel Lee on 30 March 1912. On the 4th of April 1912, Tena died at age 35 and was buried in the Chester Cemetery.

Tallard was adopted as a baby by James and Agnes Cady of Joplin. His name was changed to J. Elwin Cady. Another family wanted him, but they were moving to California. Elwin married 24 September 1938 to Verna Lucille Wolf of Joplin, MT. They raised their two sons, Gary, 1940, and James, 1942, on the Cady farm north of Joplin. Elwin died 30 November 1981 in Chester. He is buried in the Joplin Cemetery.

Alice remained with her father until her marriage in 1924 to Robert W. Green, a farmer from Big Sandy, MT. They raised their two children, Betty, 1925, and Robert, 1927, in Big Sandy. Alice was a self taught piano player, learning to play from music in later years. Alice Green died 7 May 2004 in Big Sandy.

Rueben was sent to North Dakota to be a family member, but returned to be with his Dad in Big Sandy, MT by 1920. In 1928 Rueben married Eunice Walley of Chouteau, Montana. Their son, Oliver, was born in 1929 in Havre, followed by Harold in 1934 in Chouteau. They moved to Idaho. Rueben died 17 June 1962 in Osborn, Idaho.

Halvor lived with his mother's brother Henry Olson in Wisconsin. Henry's wife, Molla

Lee, was a cousin to Adolph. Halvor was with his father in 1930. Halvor married in 1937 to Margareite Stevens in San Mateo, California, where they raised their two daughters, Christine, 1940, and Sydney, 1942. Rueben was the only one of

the children to learn to speak Norwegian. Halvor died 19 November 1999 Pleasanton,

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Alice and Rueben had a housekeeper to take care of them. She was not an easy person

to live with. Adolph was an electrician for the electric company while in Big Sandy, MT.

On 17 October 1925 Adolph married Emma May Bremer Hagan in Great Falls, MT. The couple

spent their elder years in Couer-d-Alene, Idaho. Emma died 27 Feb 1946 at age 68.

Adolph died 12 May 1944 at age 70. Both are buried in Couer-d-Alene.