

JOHN PHILLIP PERLETTE



John and Hannah - Assumed Wedding

John Phillip Perlette was born on Nov 22, 1887 in Little York, Warren County, Illinois as listed in his Social Security Death Index, his obituary, his headstone and on his WWI Draft Card. He is also listed in the Illinois Births and Christenings, 1825-1940 in FamilySearch where his middle name is listed as "Peter", but that is the only place that I have ever seen Peter listed. John is the third of three children born to Phillip Henry Perlette and Anna Amanda Shughart.

In the 1900 Federal Census John is listed with his family in Sumner, Warren County, IL district 0097. Phillip lists his occupation as "Restaurant Prop".

John's obituary states that the family moved to Denver when he was 9, so that would most likely be sometime in 1906. In 1908 I see Phillip Perlette listed in the Denver, CO City Directory.

In the 1910 Federal Census we see John and his parents listed in Denver Colorado, Ward 3, District 0062. John's older two siblings have moved into their own homes. Phillip lists his occupation now as a produce sorter and packer. He rents his home. John is 12 years old and is in school.

We next see John in the 1913 and 1915 Denver, CO City Directories. He is listed as a clerk for HJ Ott and Son and shares the same street address as his parents.

In John's obituary and backed up by his WWI Draft Card we know that in 1917 he moved to Perkins County, Nebraska and listed Grant, NE as his home address on Sept 12, 1918 when he filled out the draft card. At this time, John listed his occupation as a Farmer.

I do not believe that he was called to serve in WWI and do not currently know the reason why.

On October 10, 1919 John married Hannah Rose Hastings in Grant, Nebraska according to the Nebraska Marriages 1855-1995 database in FamilySearch. Interestingly, the Perkins County papers, don't seem to have a reference to this marriage printed in the paper. It is possible they applied for a license in Perkins County, and were married elsewhere, but unusual there was no mention in the local paper. However, we do find that John and Hannah are married Oct 10, 1919 and their first daughter Dorothy was born June 22, 1920.

To date, I have not been able to find a listing of the Perlette Family or the Hastings Family in Perkins County, NE in the 1920 census. It seems odd that all three families are missing,

John and Hannah as a new family, and both sets of parents have not yet been found. The census appears to have been taken in Feb and Mar 1920.

In the 1930 Federal Census, John and Hannah and their family are listed in Perkins, Valley, District 0013 where John is listed as a farmer and owning his property. The family also reports not owning a radio set.

In the 1940 Federal Census John and Hannah and their family are listed in Perkins, Valley, District 68-13. They own their home and are listed as a Farmer. In this census Dorothy is listed as a maid and Geneva is listed as teaching school. We see that John has completed school through the 8th grade and that Hannah and the two older girls have completed school through four years of High School. Keep in mind that a change in census district does not mean a physical move as the family location did not change.

There are no other Federal Census available yet, but the obituary of John states that in 1965 he and Hannah moved from the farm into Grant, NE.

John was a member of the United Methodist Church

John died on October 18, 1972 at his home as reported by the newspaper obituary, his Find A Grave record, the Social Security Death Index and the headstone in the Fairview Cemetery in Grant, NE.



John and Hannah 1944



John and Hannah had three children:

- **Dorothy Marie Perlette (1920 - 2020)**
- **Geneva Louise Perlette (1923 - 1996)**
- **Shirley Ann Perlette (1935 -)**



John, Hannah, Shirley, Geneva, Dorothy

HANNAH ROSE HASTINGS

Hannah Rose Hastings was born on June 17, 1898 on the family farm near Grant, NE as stated in her obituary, her social security death index listing and her headstone at the cemetery. Hannah was the third of five children born to Frank Willis Hastings and Susan Lillian Neff.

Prior to her marriage to John we see Hannah in the 1900 Federal Census with her family in Perkins County, Liberty, District 0141. Frank lists his occupation as a Farmer who owns his home.

In the 1910 Federal Census Hannah and her parents are listed in Perkins County, Liberty, District 0170. Frank again lists his occupation as a farmer while Susan is listed as the Assistant County Treasurer. We also see Hannah's Cousin Helen living with the family as the County School Superintendent.

In addition to the information presented above on John we learn a few additional details from Hannah's obituary. It states that she was active in the community and enjoyed the Texas Trail Club, the Grant Women's Club, the HHM Extension Club and was for many years the Sunday School teacher when the neighborhood met at the rural schoolhouse. We also learn that in 1977 Hannah was honored by the Grant Chamber of Commerce and selected Perkins County Mother of the Year.

The Grant Tribune Sentinel Paper dedicated an entire page to letter written in to recommend Hannah for the Mother of the Year that was printed on May 9, 1977. The letter from her daughter Geneva was included and reads as follows:

"I very sincerely feel my mother, Hannah Perlette, qualified to be named Mother of the Year. It would be a great reward to her as she is nearing the age of 79 years, with still lots of faith and courage as each day comes. She has been a wonderful companion and mother to our family and 12 great-grandchildren, plus the sons-in-law.



Mother always looks at the bright side of life, never sitting around feeling sorry for herself. Her motto has always been – if I get a little depressed, I just get busy at something and work it off! She shows her love for us by writing to us, visiting us and helping out whenever needed.

She loves working in her yard, even the mowing – plus helping her brother with his year. .

Mother enjoys working with the activities of the church and community and is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever needed. She is so happy to attend church every Sunday with her grand-daughter, Eva and family.

She delights in making cinnamon rolls and cookies to have on hand to serve or to take to the family or neighbors.

Mother always welcomes us all at her home for family gatherings. It has always meant so much to her to have us all come home.



Hannah Hastings Perlette

I have always had great respect and love for mother as she gave us good religious training and the basic fundamentals of life to do unto others as you would have others do to you. She didn't have a lot of money to give us things that money could buy, but she gave us love and understanding plus doing a lot of hard work through the years.

These are just a few of the reasons why I think my mother deserves "Mother of the Year".

Thank you, Mrs Geneva Storer, Lewellen, NE"

Hannah died on February 19, 1987 according to her obituary, her Social Security Death Index and her headstone at the Fairview Cemetery in Grant, NE.