

WALTER EDGAR STORER



Walter Edgar Storer was born on October 4, 1885 at Henderson in Mills County Iowa. This information is stated in his obituary, his headstone and on his WWI Draft Card. Walter is the first of nine children I know of that were born to Robert Preston Storer and Sarah Belle Robinson. The 1910 census asks the number of children born and Robert and Sarah as 10, so further research may uncover another child that died young. However that same census states that there were 6 children living. There are six children living at home in that census, and we know that Walter and his next brother Loran are no longer living at home in 1910 and are still living. If the number of children living is known to be incorrect the other number may be as well.

The Storer family moved a few times as is evidenced by Walter's obituary and the census records show that. The obituary states that the family moved to Kearney, Nebraska in 1907, in 1917 the family moved to Western Nebraska near Madrid. However, we find that Walter filled out his draft card for WWI listing Hugo, Lincoln County, Colorado as his residence on September 12, 1918, so there is an addition brief stop in Colorado. By 1920 in the census Walter and his family are in Perkins County, Nebraska.

When we search for the family in the census records here is what we find.

In the Iowa State Census of 1895, Walter is listed in Macedonid, Pottawattamie County, Iowa at 9 years of age. I believe this should be Macedonia and not Macedonid as a map search only finds Macedonia.

The 1900 Federal Census shows Walter with his parents and siblings in Pottawattamie, Silver Creek, District 0154 and listed as farming. The record lists Walter with the number Four for attended school, and his next two siblings with the number 9. This may represent the number of months in school. All of the school age children are listed as able to read and write. The record also shows that Robert Storer is renting his current farm.

Iowa did a state census in 1905 which lists Walter as Edgar W Starer, a 19 year old single man living in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The record does not include other people in the household and I assume that he is still living with his family as Robert and the rest of the family show the same location.

In the 1906 City Directory for Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, Walter P Storer is listed on 123 E 22nd and working as a Painter. I'm not 100% sure that this is the correct Walter

Storer, but a search of the 1910 census for Buffalo County, NE has no other “Storer” variants listed.

In 1910, Walter is now listed in the Federal Census in Buffalo County, Center Township District 0032 in Nebraska. He is living with his wife Susie and his brother Loran. Walter is listed as a Farmer and as Renting his current farm.

As previously mentioned, when Walter fills out the WWI draft card in 1918 we find that he is living in Hugo, Lincoln County, Colorado. Here also he lists his occupation as farmer. I don’t believe Walter ever served in WWI, and am not certain of exactly the reason why, but am assuming it was because he was farming and had two young children.

In the 1920 census we find Walter and his family living in Nebraska, Madrid, Perkins County, District 0175. Walter is farming and listed as renting the farm.

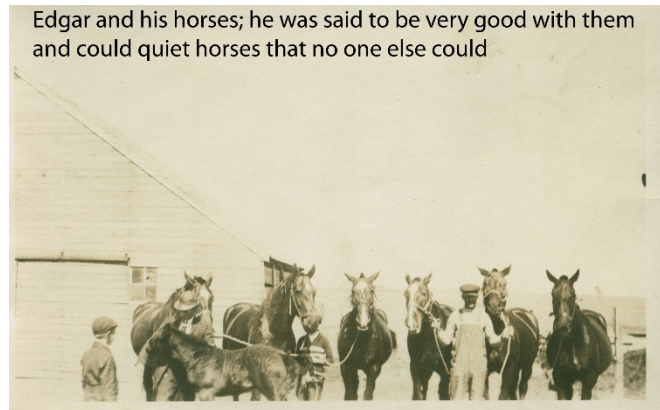
The final census that we see Walter in is the 1930 census. He is in Nebraska, Madrid, Perkins County, District 0009. Now in addition to Eunice and Lavern, the family has a boarder, Verda Clark living with them. Walter is still farming

and is renting the farm. The family reports not owning a Radio Set. Changes in census district do not indicate a physical move, and these two census records are the same location.

Walter married Susie Williams on March 15, 1910 at her parents’ home in Kearney, Nebraska as seen by a copy of their marriage certificate (a church copy) and by the Nebraska Marriages database in FamilySearch.



Kearney Home – notes on picture say Lavern was born here



Edgar and his horses; he was said to be very good with them and could quiet horses that no one else could

Walter’s obituary states that he entered the Christian life at the age of 16, and later joined the Methodist church of Madrid.

The Madrid Herald, on April 20, 1922, Page 4 states that “W.E. Storer, who had his left hand crushed in the gears of a windmill a couple weeks ago was compelled to have the middle finger amputated.”

Walter died on December 21, 1930 after a bout of acute appendicitis



Madrid Home

according to his obituary. He is buried in the Kearney, Nebraska cemetery according to his Find A Grave record.



Notes on picture say taken in Dec 1930, just before Walter died



Walter and Susie

Walter and Susie had two children

- **Eunyce E Storer (1912 – 2003)**
- **Lavern Edgar Storer (1914 – 1998)**



Walter Susie and Eunyce



Eunyce, Lavern and Susie



Lavern Susie Walter and Eunyce

SUSIE JANE WILLIAMS

Susie Jane Williams was born on August 20, 1885 in Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska as recorded on her Find a Grave Record and her Social Security Death Index. Suzie was the fourth of five children born to Owen Williams and Margrette Jane Owens. Both Owen and Margrette are of Welsh birth.



Picture notes that Susie is in the center with two of her sisters. Not sure which two sisters

Prior to her marriage to Walter, Susie and her family are found in Kearney, Nebraska. In 1900 the family is listed as famers in Buffalo County, Center Township, District 0024. Her father Owen states that he owns his farm.

From the 1910 through the 1930 census Susie is listed with Edgar.

In the 1940 census, Susie is listed in

Perkins County, Madrid, district 68-9. At this point she is listed as the head of the household and a widow. Lavern is living at home with her and lists his occupation as farming, with the recording that the farm is rented. Susie reports that she worked 52 weeks in 1939, but that she is not employed for pay, nor is she seeking work. She also states that the highest grade of school completed is High School, 1st year.

Federal Census records are not yet available more recently than 1940, but Susie's obituary states that she lived in Madrid until 1946 when she moved to Wallace, Nebraska. She stayed in Wallace until 1957 and then moved to North Platte, Nebraska.

Susie died on August 16, 1962 in North Platte, Nebraska and is buried in Kearney with Walter.

My notes from Donna Hahn say that Susie never seemed to smile much after Edgar passed away. There are also family notes that her father Owen was a strict man and Susie would not talk about it much. One would hope that Susie's life with Edgar was a happy time.