

## CHARLES ALBRIGHT

Charles Albright was born on July 28, 1853 in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio as recorded on his death certificate, Find A Grave Record and his obituary. One of his obituaries (there is a notice in three different newspapers) states that he was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, and another states New Philadelphia, Ohio. As the census shortly after his birth shows the family living in Tuscarawas County, Ohio which includes New Philadelphia, the Bowling Green reference is likely incorrect as Bowling Green is in present day Wood County, and the two counties were never joined. I believe that Charles is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 11 children born to Joseph Albright and Catherine Kinsey. It appears that Joseph was also married before Catherine to Elizabeth Harris. There are three or possibly four children that were born to Joseph and Elizabeth which would mean that Charles also had some half siblings.

The first government record we see for Charles is the 1860 Federal Census. At this point he and his family are in Goshen, Tuscarawas, Ohio. In this census his father Joseph lists his occupation as a farmer.

The 1870 Federal Census shows Charles living with his family in Franklin, DeKalb, Indiana. His father Joseph continues to list his occupation as farmer, and Charles is listed as farm labor.

Charles married Helen Clutter on May 16, 1875 in Dekalb County, Indiana.

Charles and Helen moved to Michigan in about 1878 as referenced in a newspaper clipping for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in the 1880 Federal Census we see them in 103, Washington, Gratiot, Michigan. Charles is farming. Charles's obituary states that they lived in Michigan for 10 years and came to Nebraska in 1880. The newspaper clipping for their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary states that they came to Nebraska in 1890 which makes more sense, but the clipping for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary states that they came to Nebraska in 1888. It's safe to say that sometime around 1890 the family arrived in Nebraska.

In an interview with Lavona Butcher Schommer, a granddaughter of Charles and Helen's daughter Mabel, she remembered being told that Charles and Helen came from Michigan to Nebraska in a covered wagon.

The next record I have for the family is the 1900 Federal Census. At this point Charles and his family are listed in District 0134, Clarksville, Merrick, Nebraska. Charles is farming and notes that he owns his farm. Helen notes that she has born 4 children with three living.

In the 1910 Federal Census, Charles and Helen are in District 0146, Clarksville, Merrick, Nebraska. Charles continues to report owning and working on a farm.

In 1920, Charles and Helen continue farming and are now listed in District 0156, Clarksville, Merrick, Nebraska. I believe that while the census districts have changed, the

family's location is still the same but that may require a bit more research. Charles's obituary states that they lived on a farm near Silver Creek and later near Clarks until 1927 at which point they moved to Big Springs, Nebraska and their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary clipping only includes a mention of Clarks.

Thanks to a County Land Ownership Map from Merrick County in 1917 we know that Charles had his farm at Township 14N, Range 5W, Section 6, the E ½ of the SE ¼. This is close to Clarks, NE, not far from present day Highway 30 and the Platte River.



By 1930 Charles and Helen are recorded in the Federal Census in District 0001, Big Springs, Deuel, Nebraska. They are living in town, and no longer farming. Charles lists his home value as \$2500 which is comparable to other homes on the page, and they do not report owning a radio set.

In the 1935 newspaper clipping for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary it is stated that “Mr and Mrs Albright have been married the longest of any present residents of this community”.

In the 1940 Federal Census, Charles is living alone and recorded at 25-1, Big Springs, Deuel, Nebraska. He reports owning his home and values it at \$1500. I am not sure if he moved, or just listed the home with a different value. He does report that he was living in the same home in 1935.

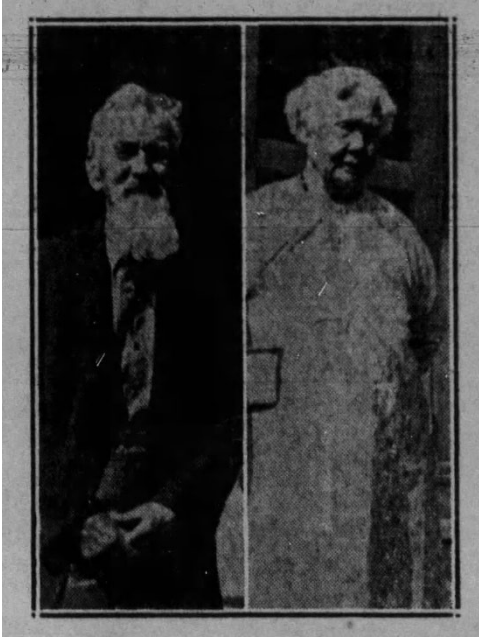
Charles died on February 22, 1948 in Alliance, Nebraska as recorded on his death certificate, his obituary and his Find A Grave Record. Lavona Butcher Schommer a granddaughter of Charles and Helen's daughter Mabel recounted in a phone conversation that Mabel cared for Charles at her home the last two years of his life, and as he was unable to reliably control his bowels he would tell her every day that “maybe tomorrow you won't have to do this”.

Charles is buried in the Big Springs, Nebraska Cemetery.

Charles Albright is recognized with the Nebraska State Genealogical Society as a Nebraska Century Family.

Charles and Helen had four children, three who survived to adulthood.

- **Ada Blanche Albright (1876-1955)**
- **Son Albright (1877-1879)**
- **Mabel Mae Albright (1881-1956)**
- **Imogene Albright (1883-1975)**



*From Deuel County Herald Newspaper printed with article for their 61st Wedding Anniversary*



*Believed to be Helen Clutter Albright*



*Charles Albright with daughter Mae Albright Ives*

## **HELEN MAY CLUTTER**

Helen Clutter was born on May 14, 1857 in Bowling Green, Ohio as recorded on her death certificate and in her obituary. Helen is the second of 5 children born to George Washington Clutter and Mary Amanda Kimble.

In the 1860 Federal Census we see her with her parents in Center, Wood, Ohio. George is listed as a Day Laborer.

In the 1870 census, the family has moved to Indiana. They are listed in Union, Dekalb, Indiana where George is now working as a farmer.

Nearly everything else I know about Helen has been recounted with Charles. I can add that her obituary states that she joined the United Brethren church when a young girl, and that her funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Big Springs, Nebraska. The Big Springs Methodist Church Q125 celebration book does not include the Albrights as members.

Helen died on April 16, 1939 at their home in Big Springs as reported on her death certificate, her obituary and her Find A Grave Record. Helen is buried in the Big Springs, Nebraska cemetery.