

## ROBERT PRESTON STORER



*Back of this photo states: The Way Grandpa Storer came courting. I am assuming this is RP Storer as the photo would have been from Eunice Storer Flaming*

Robert Preston Storer was born on March 3, 1859 in Athens County, Ohio. This information is presented on his death record and his obituary. To the best of my knowledge Robert is the oldest of four children born to Edward Storer and Mary Anne Edward. Edward was married once before Mary Anne. Edward and Eunice James had four children. Eunice and their youngest child both died in 1857. Elisha, the youngest child born to Eunice, was around 3 when he and his mother died, so childbirth was not an immediate cause.

Robert's obituary states that he was born in Ohio, moved to Iowa, went

to Colorado, back to Iowa, to Kearney, Nebraska and finally to Ogallala, Nebraska. There are records that validate these moves and when you consider that this was all done in the late 1800's and early 1900's the travel was much harder than it would be today.

The 1860 Federal Census shows Robert very young with his parents in Trimble, Athens, Ohio. The 1870 Federal Census shows Robert again with his mother in Trimble, Athens, Ohio. Most researchers believe that Robert's father Edward died in 1864, but I haven't yet uncovered the record that validates that – regardless, he is not in the 1870 census and doesn't seem to have a Civil War service record that I have found.

In the 1880 census we see Robert with his mother again, this time in District 012, Hockinghort, Athens County, Ohio.

Sometime between 1880 and 1884 Robert moves to Iowa. We find the Iowa Marriage Records recording that he was married to Sarah Belle Robinson on December 25, 1884 in Mills County, Iowa.

The Iowa State Census in 1885 reports a Robert Storer and Sallie Storer in Anderson Township, Mills, Iowa. This includes the location of Township 73, Range 40, Section 4 and the notes SE SE. I don't know if that means the SE ¼ or something different with the text

duplicated. In the 1895 Iowa Census we see Preston Storer in Macedonid, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

There is a cash sale entry listed for Robert P Storer in Kit Carson County, Colorado dated February 11, 1891. This is for Township 7S, Range 42W, Section 30. With a missing 1890 Federal census, it is necessary to make some assumptions, but a guess would be that Robert left Iowa sometime after 1885, and was back, in a different location, for the 1895 census.

The 1900 Federal Census shows Robert (listed as Preston R) in District 0154, Silver Creek, Pottawattamie, Iowa. In this census he and Sallie list that they have had 6 children and that 6 are living. Based on family records, we know that the number of children born and living is not correct as stated in this census. Robert is listed as a farmer, renting his farm and that he was not employed for 3 months of the last year.

Various Council Bluffs, Iowa City Directories from 1901 – 1909 show Robert listed in Macedonia, Iowa area.

The 1905 Iowa State Census lists RP Stores in Pottawattamie, Iowa.



*Robert and Sarah - Unknown Date*

The 1910 Federal Census shows Robert and Sallie in District 0032, Center, Buffalo, Nebraska. In this census they list that they have had 10 children, with 6 living. These numbers don't quite make sense, as we know that 8 of their children were living, just not at home. It's also possible that the 10 is incorrect. Robert is listed as Farming and reports that he owns his home. All the children at home of school age are reported as attending school.

In the 1920 Federal Census we see Robert in District 0169, East Ogallala, Keith, Nebraska. They report owning their home, and that Robert is now in manufacturing at an Ice Plant.

A Keith County News paper clipping from "Sixty-Five Years Ago" for April 1, 1926 has the note that "RP Storer has retired from active business in Ogallala for the present at least, having sold his Artificial Ice plant, business and building to AJ Hailey of Campbell."

Robert died on November 7, 1927 in North Platte, Nebraska according to his death certificate and obituary. He is buried in the Kearney, Nebraska Cemetery.

Robert's obituary states the following about his personality: "The quiet, unobtrusive man with his ready wit and good humor made himself quite popular as his business widened

throughout the country. No one could find fault with his open handed honesty and genial disposition. He made an entire success of the enterprise he had founded and stayed with it until the demise of his wife two years ago. Her death seemed to be a blow he could not endure."

Robert and Sarah had 9 children that I have records of, but Sarah's obituary states that there were 10 children born, two that died in infancy. Notes from Donna Hahn state that they lost two babies, a boy and a girl who are buried at Henderson, Iowa.

- **Walter Edgar Storer (1885-1930)**
- **Loran E Storer (1886-1954)**
- **Opal Estella Storer (1888-1961)**
- **Robert Storer (1891-1891)**
- **Mary Ann Storer (1892-1967)**
- **Mae Sarah Storer (1896-1984)**
- **Uriel P Storer (1899-1918)**
- **Veryl E Storer (1903-1968)**
- **Willis Clarence Storer (1906 - 1945)**



*Back: Mary, Loren, Edgar, Opal, Uriel Front: Robert, Veryl, Mae, Willis, Sallie*

As an aside: Veryl and Willis Storer owned a jewelry store in Ogallala, Nebraska. Cory and Nicole had their wedding registry at the store, and Cory bought Nicole's wedding ring there. Though Veryl had been gone for a while, the store was still Edgars Jewelers. Another interesting note from Donna Hahn on the back of a photo from Uriel's funeral service says that "His mother said she would rather see him dead instead of where he was headed. He must have been a wild one!" I haven't investigated any details on his passing, there may be an obituary or other newspaper items that provide some details.

## SARAH BELLE ROBISON/ROBINSON



*Sallie with Grandson Glenn Giesert*

Sarah was born on December 7, 1886 in Rock Island, Illinois as listed on her death certificate. Sarah, who went by Sallie Bell, was the 5<sup>th</sup> of I believe 7 children born to Robert Robison and Sarah Ann Bell. There are five children listed in Sarah Ann Robison's obituary, and in the 1910 census she lists that she had 7 children with 5 living. Records from the Rock Island, IL Historical Society I believe located the 7<sup>th</sup> child who died young and one daughter died as a young lady which accounts for all 7 children and 6 siblings for Sarah Belle.

In the 1870 and 1880 Federal Census we see Sarah with her parents in Edgington, Rock Island, Illinois. Her obituary states that the family moved to Iowa in about 1880. In 1884 Sarah married Robert Storer and in 1885 her family is recorded in Anderson, Mills, Iowa.

Most of what we know about Sarah is contained with the information on Robert. Her obituary notes her strong Christian character and that she connected with the Christian Church early in her married life. It also states that she and her family were active in the Ogallala Methodist church.

Sarah's maiden name is alternatively listed as Robinson or Robison. In the history of Rock Island County, IL where her parents lived and are buried the name is Robison. On many of Sarah's records we see Robinson.



*Sallie with daughters Mae and Mary*