

Alletha Missouri *Smith* Cameron Biographical Sketch (Sister to Nathaniel Jasper Smith, Rosa Delephine “Della” Waggoner’s Aunt)

Alletha¹ Missouri was born in Indiana² in 1837. She was the oldest of 11 children³ born to Thomas and Nancy *Vice* Smith. She was the sister of Nathaniel Jasper Smith, father of Della Waggoner.

After the first four children were born the family moved to northeastern Missouri circa 1845⁴. They eventually settled in northeastern Johnson Township, which is in the northeast corner of Scotland County, Missouri. The 1850 census shows her and her parents residing there.

She later married Samuel Cameron⁵ but we don’t know exactly when. We do know he was single at age 25 when he enlisted in Union Army to fight in the Civil War. They were married either during or after the war. At some point Samuel and Alletha moved to Rice County, Kansas, more than likely homesteading there⁶.



We do not have a record of their children, but the cemetery records at the Sterling Cemetery show that at least 2 of their children evidently preceded them in death; an unnamed infant and a child, Etta Lull Cameron. Their date and age of death are unknown. Also, a small marker is set leaning against theirs with the initials J.S.C.



Alletha died in 1914 and was buried next to her husband in the Sterling Cemetery, which is in the northeast part of the town of Sterling, Rice County, Kansas

¹Alternate spelling: Eletha <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dsb&id=I33408>

² According to wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com

³ To see a list of the 11 children [Click Here](#).

⁴ This date is arrived from the list of the children's birth dates and places.
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⁵ To see a biographical sketch of Samuel Cameron [Click Here](#).

⁶ There is reason to believe that the Cameron's move to Kansas was related to Nathaniel and Mary Smith's move. They were in the same Company (H) of the Missouri 21st Infantry during the Civil War. They also lived close together in Missouri and they moved to adjacent counties in Kansas (Rice and McPherson) probably settling less that 10-15 miles apart.