

Sherman Ulysses Smith Biographical Sketch (Oldest brother of Rosa Delphine “Della” Waggoner)

Sherman Ulysses Smith was born January 30, 1870^{1,2} in Memphis, Scotland County, Missouri. He was the oldest son of Nathaniel Jasper Smith and Mary Elizabeth *Gleason* Smith's seven children³. We know very little about his younger years, however in 1875 when **Sherman** was 5 years old⁴, his family moved to Kansas in a covered wagon, more than likely traveling on the Santa Fe trail⁵. It is believed that they homesteaded in Sharps Creek (Marquette) Township, McPherson County, southwest of the town of Marquette.

He was married on his 24th birthday, January 30, 1894, to 18 year old Dora Lucy Titus in Kansas. A note of interest, Sherman's younger sister, Maggie Bell married Dora Titus's younger brother, Anson Titus, though several years later. Dora's and Anson's father, Henry Titus⁶ was a leading citizen in early Rice County, Kansas.

Sherman was a farmer, farming first in McPherson County, Kansas and then in Sumner County, Kansas.

To Sherman and Dora were born 9 children⁷:

- Sylva M. Smith born December 1894 in South Sharps Creek Township, McPherson County, Kansas
- Lloyd Orcenith Smith born on July 3, 1897 in Windom, McPherson County, Kansas.
- Leo Adolphus Smith born on October 24, 1899 in Kansas.
- Leona F. Smith born about 1902 in South Sharps Creek Township, McPherson County, Kansas
- Leverne B. Smith born about 1904 in South Sharps Creek Township, McPherson Co, Kansas
- Laurel S. Smith born about 1908 in Kansas
- Quinten Marvin Smith born November 10, 1910 in Downs Township, Sumner Co, Kansas
- Juanita Vina Blanche Marie *Smith* Showalter born September 24, 1912 in Corbin, Sumner County, Kansas
- Theo Ray Smith born on September 16, 1915 in Downs Township, Sumner Co, Kansas

U.S. Census records show them living in McPherson County, Kansas through 1905⁷. The 1905 census shows his father, Nathaniel Jasper Smith, living with them⁸. Sometime between 1905 and 1910 they moved to Sumner County, Kansas where it appears Sherman and Dora lived for the rest of their lives.

Sherman died December 1, 1934 in Corbin, Sumner County, Kansas, 3 years and 9 days before his wife Dora. They are buried in the Corzine Cemetery, Sumner County, Kansas.



¹ Taken from Berdie Randles Jacob's Book of Remembrances found at <http://www.13waggoners.com/genealogy.pdf> or in the menu of this website. Go to "Family Records" then "Berdie Jacob's (Edna) 1978 Book of Remembrances".

² This date agrees with his headstone and info found in Find a Grave at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=smith&GSiman=1&GScid=92240&GRid=50114128&>

³The 7 children of Nathaniel Jasper and Mary Elizabeth *Gleason* Smith are as follows:

Etta Eudora (twin) born August 8, 1867

Effie Elnora (twin) born August 8, 1867

Sherman Ulysses born Jan. 30, 1870

Warren Wallace born Aug. 10, 1871

Rosie Delaphine "Della" born June 6, 1875

Maggie Bell born Sept. 22, 1885

Clarence E born May 4, 1886

(from Book of Remembrances¹, p.14. and

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dsb&id=I33389>)

⁴ This was taken from letters written to Ralph Waggoner by a relative whose family traveled with them and settled in Rice County, Kansas, adjacent to McPherson County on the west.

⁵ Unless they had a reason to travel to southern Missouri, the Santa Fe trail would be the logical route to take since it began in northern Missouri and crossed through the center of McPherson County.

⁶ From: [A Biographical History of Central Kansas\(1902\) Vol. I, p. 697](#) An excerpt can be found at: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=35558602>

⁷ <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dsb&id=I33376>

⁸ <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dsb&id=I33389>