

Descendants of Nathaniel Kelton Adkins

Courtesy of Frazier Farmstead Museum

*Our goal is to research the pioneers that came into the Walla Walla Valley Area,
as a starter for those doing their family genealogy; we are not related.*

Researcher: Sarah Olsen

Generation No. 1

1. Nathaniel Kelton¹ Adkins was born Abt. 1845 in Missouri. He married Nancy Margaret Redfern 16 Oct 1870 in Newton, Missouri, daughter of John Redfern and Catherine Biggs. She was born 12 Oct 1852 in Newton, Missouri, and died 7 Jul 1935.

Notes for Nathaniel Kelton Adkins:

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More About Nathaniel Kelton Adkins:

Burial: Mt View Cem. Walla Walla, WA

Notes for Nancy Margaret Redfern:

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More About Nancy Margaret Redfern:

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Marriage Notes for Nathaniel Adkins and Nancy Redfern:

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More About Nathaniel Adkins and Nancy Redfern:

Marriage: 16 Oct 1870, Newton, Missouri

Children of Nathaniel Adkins and Nancy Redfern are:

2 i. Samuel Houston² Adkins, born 2 Nov 1865 in Grandbury, , Texas; died 5 Mar 1956 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA.

Notes for Samuel Houston Adkins:

OBITUARY - Well Known Resident Sam Atkins Dies.

Samuel Houston Atkins, much respected and loved resident of Milton-Freewater for 72 years, died on Monday, March 5, (1956) at a Walla Walla hospital at the age of 90.

Mr. Atkins was born on Nov. 2, 1865, in Granbury, Tex. and came to Milton at the age of 19 with his late uncle, A.M. Elam. He worked for Elam on his ranch for many years, returning to Texas only once for a very brief visit.

He spent his younger years breaking saddle horses in this and surrounding communities. He was a excellent horseman and could gentle the roughest colt, never allowing it to buck, although he used to relate that some of them would "run a little".

His favorite pastime was dancing, and he was a familiar figure at community dances. Until the past two months he regularly attended dances of the Stateling Grange and Pioneer Posse.

Atkins was a charter member of Hercules Lodge No. 51, Knights of Pythias, and very active in that organization, regularly attending meetings, dinners and dances.

Very interested in Milton-Freewater affairs, Mr. Atkins had an outstanding memory and kept many clippings of activities here. He had an uncanny memory of dates and places.

He is survived by two nieces, Mrs Audrey Lee Seachriest; Mrs. Hattie Lusk of Clebourne, Tex. and several grand nieces and nephews. Also surviving are several cousins in Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater. Atkins never married.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church on Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Donald Campbell officiating. Mrs Donald Campbell and Mrs Melvin Bennett sang "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Beautiful Isle" accompanied by organist, Mrs. Fred Etling.

Honorary pallbearers were Everett Miller, Earl Frazier, Lyle Frazier, Morris Frazier, Arthur Coe and Roy Frazier. Active pallbearers were W.S. Caverhill, Robert Walden, Robert Lee, Wayne Brinker, Jasper Sams and Ray Kaser.

Ritualistic services were conducted by Hercules Lodge No. 51, Knights of Pythias and interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

More About Samuel Houston Adkins:

Burial: 7 Mar 1956, IOOF Cem. Milton-Freewater, OR

Emigration: 1884, To Oregon with uncle, A.M. Elam

3 ii. Clara Adkins, born 20 Oct 1871 in McDonald, Missouri.

Notes for Clara Adkins:

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4 iii. Mary Adkins, born 30 Jul 1873 in Newton, Missouri.

Notes for Mary Adkins:

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5 iv. Charles E. Adkins, born 27 Aug 1877 in , Lane, Oregon.

Notes for Charles E. Adkins:

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+ 6 v. John William Adkins, born 2 Sep 1880 in Rathdrum, Kootenai, Idaho; died 5 Jun 1969 in Aberdeen, Gray's Harbor, WA.

+ 7 vi. Ida Ruth Adkins, born 13 Mar 1894 in Kootenia, Idaho.

Generation No. 2

6. John William² Adkins (Nathaniel Kelton¹) was born 2 Sep 1880 in Rathdrum, Kootenai, Idaho, and died 5 Jun 1969 in Aberdeen, Gray's Harbor, WA. He married Allie May Fleming 10 Jun 1908 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. She was born Abt. 1884 in Baker, Baker, Oregon, and died 1964 in Idaho City, Boise, Idaho.

Notes for John William Adkins:

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Notes for Allie May Fleming:

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More About John Adkins and Allie Fleming:

Marriage: 10 Jun 1908, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington

Children of John Adkins and Allie Fleming are:

8 i. Living³ Adkins.

9 ii. Living Adkins.

10 iii. Living Adkins.

11 iv. Harold William Adkins, born 3 Jul 1910 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA; died 5 Jun 1976 in Kuna, Ada, Idaho.

Notes for Harold William Adkins:

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7. Ida Ruth² Adkins (Nathaniel Kelton¹) was born 13 Mar 1894 in Kootenia, Idaho. She married Carl Burggraff.

Notes for Ida Ruth Adkins:

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Children of Ida Adkins and Carl Burggraff are:

+ 12 i. Robert C.3 Burggraff, born 17 Aug 1923 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA; died 5 Aug 1991 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA.

13 ii. Eleanor Burggraff. She married ? Williams.

Generation No. 3

12. Robert C.3 Burggraff (Ida Ruth² Adkins, Nathaniel Kelton¹) was born 17 Aug 1923 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA, and died 5 Aug 1991 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA. He married Berniece Kilburn 10 Oct 1942 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA.

Notes for Robert C. Burggraff:

OBITUARY - Robert C. Burggraff, 67 of Route 2 died Aug 5, 1991, at St Mary Medical Center. The private graveside service was held today in Milton-Freewater Cemetery. A private memorial mass for family only will be at the Burggraff home Thursday. Father C.H. Gillen will officiate. The Burggraff family will then greet friends at their home from 1 to 4 pm Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church or Frazier Farmstead Museum through Muselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

Mr. Burggraff was born Aug. 17, 1923, in Walla Walla to Carl and Ida Atkins Burggraff. He grew up at Stateline and attended Valley Chapel School. He graduated from Umipine High School and attended Whitman College.

He married Berniece Kilburn in Walla Walla on Oct. 10, 1942. He had worked for Prestige Premiums in Walla Walla in precious metals and coins. He purchased the family ranch on Stateline Road and farmed all his life, raising row crops, wheat, hay and cattle. After Mr. Burggraff retired, he continued to work with precious coins and collectible antiques.

He served as master at the Marcus Whitman Grange for several years. He was involved with Frazier Farmstead Museum and Milton-Freewater Historical Society. He enjoyed fishing and had a lifetime license issued to him in 1988. One of his greatest joys was watching his grandchildren play basketball.

Survivors include his wife, at home; a son, Robert Burggraff of Milton-Freewater; a daughter, Marcia Schmerer of Milton-Freewater; a sister, Eleanor Williams of Tigard, OR; and four grandchildren.

More About Robert C. Burggraff:

Burial: IOOF Cemetery, Milton-Freewater, OR

More About Robert Burggraff and Berniece Kilburn:

Marriage: 10 Oct 1942, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA

Children of Robert Burggraff and Berniece Kilburn are:

14 i. Robert⁴ Burggraff.

15 ii. Marcia Burggraff. She married ? Schmerer.