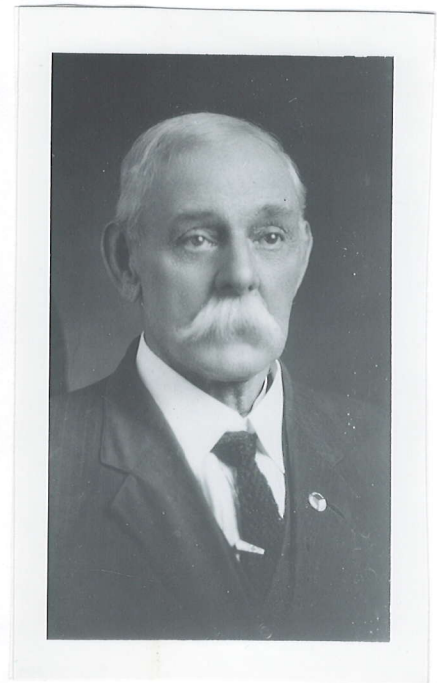


Life Story
of
Mary
Malinda
Covey,



and



Owen Augustine
Slaughter

Thomas Frank
Watkins

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

We are putting these booklets together on our ancestors, not for the purpose of aiding in any genealogical research, although there might be that possibility for some readers. We are not making an effort to include all the names, dates, and places we might discover if we searched. We do not want to take that much time because of the magnitude of our task.

Our intention is to preserve the life stories of our ancestors as completely as we can. The family traditions, anecdotes, and accomplishments that might be lost to our posterity if we don't record them. There are also mementoes, certificates, photographs, especially photographs, that might be forever lost if we don't find a way to share them. This is our effort to do so.

We feel it is not an accident that so many family records have ended up in our hands from both sides of our families. We feel we have them because we **will** take care of them and share them. We are getting old and we realize that if we die without doing something about these family treasures, they will probably not be preserved for future generations. We're not sure how to share them but preparing these books and booklets is at least the first step. Our children or grandchildren may have to take it from there and we trust that they will.

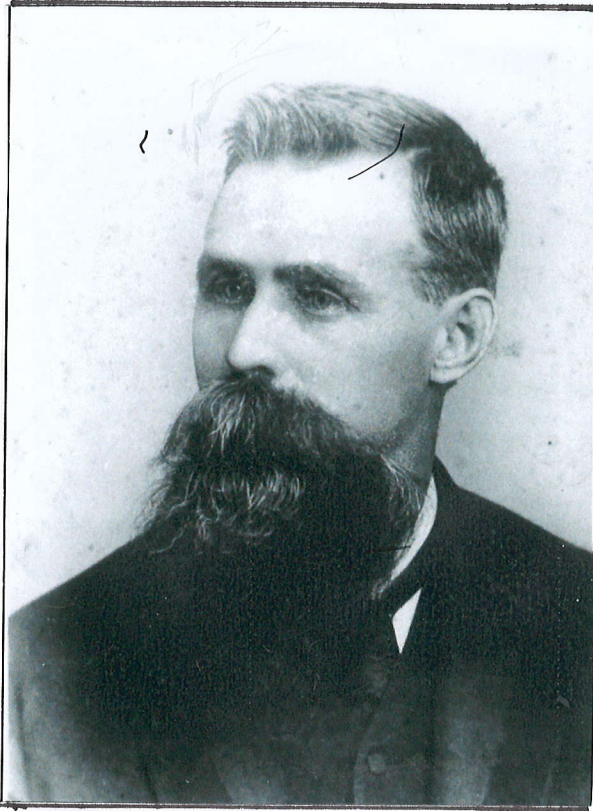
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Orren Augustine Slafter

(1849 - 1900)

Mary Malinda Covey Slafter

(1852 - 1932)



Mary Malinda Covey was the 3rd child of Smith Covey and Charlotte Sheffield. She was born at McHenry, Illinois on September 16th, 1852. Her parents were well off and she received a fine education including studying piano and voice. She was a faithful worker in the Christian Church.

She Married The Miller

On October 30th, 1869 Mary Malinda married Orren Augustine Slafter. Orren was born on January 11th, 1849 at Greenwood, McHenry County, Illinois. His parents were Elijah Dexter Slafter and Maria Lucretia Lilly. Orren was a miller by trade and owned his own flour mills at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The mills burned down and instead of rebuilding them, he prepared for the ministry and moved his family to western Nebraska. This was about 1888.

The Sod House

They settled about 30 miles from the town of Alliance and settled into a sod house. Malinda wrote that the walls were 3 feet thick and there were 4 large rooms. They packed the soil of the floor firmly and covered it with a thick layer of straw. Over this was stretched the 80 yards of carpeting she had made herself in preparation for the move. Pegs were used to fasten it along the walls. It was very satisfactory.

Ministering The Gospel On The Prairie

Orren drove his buggy the long distance to Gering many times and organized the Christian Church. He held services all over the area, often in private homes. Mary Malinda's voice and musical knowledge and ability were greatly helpful to her husband's ministry. They also raised crops of corn and potatoes.

Malinda, Nebraska

Orren had a U.S. Post Office established halfway between Gering and Alliance, Nebraska. It was on the Slafter property so was legally named Malinda, honoring Mary Malinda Covey Slafter.

There were crop failures and meager pay for his preaching, so the Slaters regretfully sold their place and moved on, spending time in Minatare, Nebraska and then Mitchell Valley. Wherever they went, Malinda's grand piano went too. The legs would be removed and it would be placed across the wagon. It was made of solid mahogany.

Farther West To Wyoming

Orren was offered a pastorate and they moved to Wheatland, Wyoming. Two years later he was offered the position of pastor to the Christian Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming and settled there permanently.

During this moving around they had been raising their 8 children, including Leila Malinda, through whom we descend. Mary was the church chorister and Leila the organist.

Widow Returning To Nebraska

Reverend Orren Augustine Slafter passed away July 19th, 1900, leaving his wife with two young children to raise. He was buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, Cheyenne, Wyoming. In April, 1902, Mary Malinda took her two children, Elmer and Viola and moved to Gering, Nebraska. They rented a home next door to the property she later purchased. She paid \$3.20 a month for a total of \$420.00 and kept the property for many years.

It was here that she put her earlier training to use. She opened a millinery store that had living quarters in the back. Her piano was still with her and she gave piano and voice lessons. The hats were nearly all completely made by hand. There is a wonderful picture of the inside of this store.

Re-Marriage

Mary Malinda finished raising her last two children in Gering, Nebraska, and then, after many years of widowhood, remarried to Thomas F. Watkins. He was a wonderful man and happily welcomed by her family. Everybody liked "Uncle Tom Watkins." He passed away in 1928 and she lived on until the age of 80 and died in 1932. She is buried beside her first husband, Reverend O. A. Slafter in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Family Bible Record of the

Orren Augustine Slafter/ Mary Malinda Covey

Family

Orren Augustine Slafter was born at Greenwood, Co. of Mc Henry. State of Ills.,
Jan. 11th, A.D. 1847.

Mary Malinda Covey was born in Mc Henry, Co. of Mc Henry, State of Ills.,
Sept. 16th, A.D. 1852.

Married

Orren Augustine Slafter married **Mary Malinda Covey** in Mc Henry, Co. of Mc Henry,
State of Ills. Oct. 30th A. D., 1867.
By W. S. Marsh, Minister of the Gospel.

Births

Cora Mary Slafter was born in Mc Henry, Co. of Mc Henry, State of Ills.,
Jan. 13th, A..D. 1871.

Ray Augustine Slafter was born in Mc Henry, Co. of Mc Henfry, State of Ills.,
Jan. 27th A.D. 1873.

Orren Herbert Slafter was born Feb. 15th in the year of our Lord 1877 at Princeton
Mills, Lacs Co., Minn.

Leila Malinda Slafter was born May 8th, A.D. 1881. State of Minnesota, City of
Minneapolis.

Mary Viola Slafter was born June 28th, A.D. 1889, State of Nebraska. Box Butte Co.,
Malinda.

Elmer Smith Slafter was born in Mitchell, Scott's Bluff County. Nov. 12th, 1893. Nebr.

Life Story of Orren Augustine Slafter & Mary Malinda Covey

[There are accounts of this family: A very abbreviated account that precedes this, one written by Mary Malinda that ends with Orren's death, and one mainly memories of their descendants. They will be recorded here, with duplications deleted and headings added.]

Story of The Early Days, Written By Mrs. Malinda Slafter for the Transcript.

Husband a Pioneer Minister in This Community

Came to Alliance On First Train To Enter That City – Malinda Post Office Named For Writer

Expected to See a Small Town. By request I will write of the life of O. A. Slafter and family in the early days in Nebraska, beginning about April 15, 1888. His first experience coming west was to look over the country with a view of locating. About February 15th, together with several officials of the B. & M. Railroad, they started west to the terminus of the road, Alliance. Mr. Slafter was greatly pleased with the exhilarating air of the west. He expected to see a small town but not a house could be seen. A few tents and a small livery barn made with rough boards constituted the city of Alliance.

Railroad Strike – As Mr. Slafter could always discern the beautiful in nature, he believed this country would soon blossom as the rose. As that was the year of the big railroad strike (1888) the engineer decided he would not move the train back east. So to return home was a problem for the passengers. Engineers were not numerous in the west at that time.

After talking the matter over, one of the officials of the road decided he might, with care, run the train back east far enough to employ an engineer. After bidding a few goodbyes, they left for the East and arrived safely home without any accident.

A Serious Matter – Mr. Slafter was very anxious to move west at once. Having never lived in the country, it was a serious matter for me to say, "Yes, we will go." At that time our family consisted of four children. Cora, 16, Leila, 8; two boys, one 14 and one 10 years old. To take them away from school, church and Sunday school privileges seemed a very serious matter, but we decided it was best to go. With a brave heart and a determined mind we began to prepare for the West.

We chartered a railroad car, put all our belongings in it, which consisted of team, wagon, ..., cow and one dozen chickens. Mr. Slafter had been informed while west that a sod house could easily be built. So we decided to bring our furniture from seven rooms, also a square Hallet & Davis piano

My Heart Sank Within Me – When we landed in Alliance with our carload of goods, my heart sank within me. I said to Mr. Slafter, “We have certainly come to the jumping off place.” I will never forget that day. I sat down beside the livery barn, no shelter from the burning sun and had a good cry. Please do not call me weak, but there was nothing to be seen but a bleak prairie as far as the eye could reach.

Cora said to me, “Mamma, don’t cry. We are here and will have to make the best of it.” A carload of goods, flour and provisions enough to last the family a year, with no shelter from the sun or rain, was far beyond my expectation.

Built a Lean on the Side of the Livery Barn – Mr. Slafter finally purchased a few feet of lumber and built a lean on the side of the livery barn, as the proprietor kindly advised him to do. As soon as our little mansion was completed, our goods were packed into this room and we were glad and rejoiced to have this shelter.

Mr. Slafter had expected to go into business in Alliance. But lots had advanced so in price while he was away for the family that he decided we had better locate on a pre-emption until we could make proof, and then decide what would be best to do. About May first we filed on a piece of land 31 miles west of Alliance, following the grading that had been done west 21 miles, believing we would soon have a railroad near us and perhaps a good town in the near future.

Coyotes, Snakes & Flies For Neighbors – We packed in our wagon the things we would have to have and started for our land. We arrived there about noon, May 3, and at once they began setting in long poss. (?) We had a corral or a room 16 feet square with a rag carpet drawn around it. One door was a strip of carpet. We had no roof for several days, but later Mr. Slafter purchased enough pitch pine boards, that had been hauled from Pine Ridge, to put a single layer of roof on our first house.

As our neighbors consisted only of coyotes, rattle snakes and flies, we drove some stakes in the ground and fastened the canvas on them. This was one bed. Then they went to work with a will, determined to raise all the crops possible that year. We succeeded in breaking out about 20 acres. That was planted mostly to corn and enough potatoes were planted for one winter’s use. At digging time, our potatoes far exceeded our expectations. We had 100 bushels of fine potatoes.

Prairie Fire! – The grass was fine until a prairie fire came upon us from the west. Fire breaks were plowed in great haste, for we could see this fire coming for miles and miles before it reached us. All the neighbor boys came to our assistance, as we knew nothing about such a fire. We could not realize how terrible it was, until the wind began to blow. Large bunches of grass on fire would leap in the air far ahead of the burning grass, setting new fires until everything was a mass of flames.

All began whipping the fire with sacks, wet from the barrels of water just hauled, until all were completely exhausted. At last the fire passed us and we were very thankful that we had saved 40 acres of grass for our horses and cow, as well as for all the neighbors. Everything was fed on this grass.

The Wood & Water Question – It was very discouraging for us to look over the country, black as far as the eye could reach. We soon had a nice rain, grass began to grow and everything looked beautiful again. We had an abundance of rain. Wild flowers were beautiful everywhere. The blossoms of the different varieties of cactus were fine. The wood and water question was the most serious then. We had to haul all the water we used 5 to 7 miles and wood was hauled 50 miles. What would our young people think if they had such laborious tasks now?

Bridges Were Unknown – We had to ford the river near Dan Keeler's old place, for bridges were unknown in those days. For wood, we had to go to the hills, where wood was plentiful. It was nothing to see them return home with one lone tree of solid pitch, so large that they had been compelled to remove the wheels on one side of the wagon, while with skids they would work the tree on the wagon, so large that it would, with care, go between the standards.

Saving of the Wood – Will you believe me when I tell you that I was so saving of that wood that I would sweep up everything that looked like a chip and burn it? Modesty forbids my writing the fuel we gathered on the prairie to burn (buffalo chips?), putting some with our wood that it might last as long as possible. Could you blame me? We became so worn and tired of hauling our water from 5 to 7 miles, that Mr. Slafter began to dig a well, not knowing the great depth he would be required to dig before reaching water.

Putting Down A Well – Large rocks were numerous, some so large they could not be taken out only by drilling. He would cut through one only to find another larger. A young man by the name of J. J. Anthony, a graduate of the Iowa State University, had come west with us, taking a claim adjoining ours. As he owed Mr. Slafter quite a sum of money, he decided he would put down this well. It took him two months to cut the rock and dig the well. At last water was reached, at a depth of 104 feet, between two rocks. Pure, soft water was in abundance. It was never pulled dry and no better water was ever drank.

Abundant Good Water – We purchased a rope and felt rich as far as water was concerned. It was hard work but we were glad to get it at home. Everyone had water; no one was ever refused. I have seen 40 head of cattle watered at that well.. It was extremely hard to pull water from this deep well for cattle, with only buckets. I have seen parties curse and swear when pulling water for the stock, because the well was so deep. I used to say to them, “If you are not pleased, don’t pull it up.”

Building A Sod House – About July 15th, we began building our sod house. As Mr. Slafter had not been accustomed to such laborious work, building a sod house proved to be more than he could do alone. With the help of the young men that had taken claims near ours, our sod house and barn were soon completed. All decided that this was the largest sod house in Box Butte County at that time. The walls were 3 feet thick and storms were common that year. To protect our windows from hail stones, Mr. Slafter was compelled to nail boards together and cover the windows every time we saw hail stones coming. It was nothing uncommon to see hail stones as large as a good sized teacup, and many were larger.

80 Yards Of Handmade Carpeting – As soon as our sod house was completed, they smoothed the ground floor, put straw over it and then put down a new rag carpet I had completed before coming west. This was drawn tight and pegs of wood were driven around the edges of the carpet. Our front room was 18x18. Two large rooms back of the front room were partitioned off with carpets. I had made 80 yards, so we had plenty of new carpet. Our house was nicely plastered on the inside and we soon began hauling our goods from Alliance and placing them in the home.

My Wonderful Piano – Our piano was the center of attraction, it being the only one in the west at that time. I call to mind a little incident that was rather amusing to us. Soon after we had moved our piano out home, a young man about 18 years of age, astride a broncho, rode up to our door. To all appearances, we judged him to be a cowboy, as the neighbors had described them.

He looked to us as though he had been born and raised on the range, without water, soap or comb. As he advanced, he jumped off his horse, saying in a loud voice, “Is this the place where the folks have got a piamer? I want to see one of the critters they talk so much about. What kind of a brand has it got on it?” Cora invited him in to look at it. He said, “That’s a dandy looker. What do you do with it?” My daughter replied that we played on it. He told her he wanted to hear it play. After listening to one piece he said, “That’s good, Cora, play some more.” That was too much. She replied, “Miss Slafter if you please.”

An Antelope For a Drink of Water – Cowboys would often call and ask for a drink of water. One day a cowboy rode up to the house with a small antelope fastened to his saddle. He told my daughter he would give her the antelope for a drink of water. She was delighted. He won out and she received the antelope. After that we became more acquainted with the cowboys and they were always gentlemen in every respect at our home.

A Sunday School – After our house was completed, Mr. Slafter organized a Sunday School. People came from every direction to attend and it was nothing uncommon to have 40 or 50 of all ages. We used to wonder where they all came from.

Malinda Post Office – Mr. Slafter began, late in the fall of 1888, to try and secure a Post Office at our pre-emption. He succeeded about March, 1889. I had the honor of giving this office my name, “Malinda.” All travelers now passed by our door. No one was turned away that wanted to stop at Malinda for water, food, or shelter.

A Light In The Distance – In the winter, Mr. Vickery of Gering was driving through to Alliance, expecting to get to our house before dark. Snow had been falling and the ground was covered. Mr. Vickery did not make our place as he had expected to, before dark, and he was very much worried, as he could not keep to the road. Mr. Slafter took the lantern and started out to the barn before retiring, as usual, so that he would know that the stock was all right.

Mr. Vickery had about given up, believing he was doomed to a night on the prairie, when he saw a light at a distance. He began to call “Hello.” We heard some one coming at full speed, yelling at every breath. He drove in, running over our cave and saying, “I am glad to see you, whether you are to see me or not.” After that, Mr. Slafter put up a pole and always hung a lantern high at night so that travelers might find shelter.

Organizing the Christian Church – Mr. Slafter drove to Gering many times to preach during the fall and winter of 1888 and organized a Christian Church there. In the spring of 1889 Mr. Slafter again planted a crop. **On June 27, 1889** our youngest daughter, **Viola**, came to brighten our home. We were getting comfortably situated and began to enjoy the life in the west.

As we had so little rain, we could but think our crop would be a failure. Mr. Slafter began to feel he was neglecting the Lord’s word in this western country, so began to hold services at different places. About July 1st he began preaching in Bayard. All were very anxious to have a Sunday School organized. His efforts were not in vain, for everyone seemed greatly pleased with his work, and a Sunday School was organized. All were poor and he did not expect a salary of \$1,000.00 per year; it was strictly missionary.

The Photograph – A few dollars were gathered together from time to time to help the work. Our only conveyance at that time was a lumber wagon. In October, 1889, I decided to come to Bayard with him and visit the little Sunday School that all had been enjoying. After services and Sunday School were over, we all went out in front of the store building where we had been holding services and had our picture taken by a Mr. Gray. Mr. Slafter was very proud of our baby, Viola, so he held her up very high that she might be plainly seen in the picture. (It's probably that picture in the newspaper article but it's not discernable) We returned home, delighted with the nice Sunday School.

Crop Failure – Our crop on the pre-emption in 1889, was a failure. No rain at all had fallen until the grass was brown. Mr. Slafter felt he could not remain on the claim, as we had nothing to depend on for the winter. We were so comfortable then that to leave all was very hard to do. Mr. Slafter could not haul wood 50 miles, because he was not able. We decided to move nearer to wood as that would lighten our burden so much. We engaged Mr. Albert Wildy to move into our house and take the Post Office during the winter.

Mitchell Valley – We then moved into Bud Chamber's house near Minatare. Mr. Slafter driving to Gering and preaching there during the winter. In the spring of 1890, we moved on a homestead in Mitchell Valley and lived there 4 years, enduring the hardships not uncommon with others in the winter of 1890. The snow was very deep. No flour could be had because it was impossible for men with teams to haul in flour and provisions to supply the demand. We had plenty of wheat and used to dry it in the oven, then grind it very fine in a coffee mill. We made bread and griddle cakes until flour could be had. It was very palatable, as well as healthy. Try it.

Wheatland, Wyoming – We then went to Wheatland, Wyo., where Mr. Slafter preached for two years. About the middle of March Mr. Slafter held a protracted meeting in Cheyenne and at the close he was engaged to preach for the church there for one year. We moved to Cheyenne, remaining there until **his death July 23, 1900, age 52 years, 6 months, 10 days**. Mr. Slafter was chaplain of the I.O.O.F. in Cheyenne until his death. He was buried by the order on July 23rd. A neat tombstone marks his resting place in the beautiful I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Cheyenne.

Closes the Life of a Good Man – This closes the life of a good man, loved and respected by all that ever knew him.-- **Mrs. Mary M. Slafter**

Life Story Mary Malinda Covey

And Family

Written & Compiled by Grand Daughter, Savilla Long Walton

Mary Malinda Covey was born on September 16, 1852, at Mc Henry, Illinois. It was her good fortune to be able to attend school and obtain a good education. She also learned how to do all manner of fine needlework, tailoring, millinery work and cutting and sewing fur, besides the usual homemaking arts. She studied piano and voice and was a faithful worker in the Christian Church.

Marriage – Mary Malinda Covey was wed October 30, 1869, to Orren Augustine Slafter. He was a fine, gentle natured, compassionate man. Everyone loved him. We have met many people who knew him and they always said the same fine things about him. He was a light complexioned, blue eyed man. Three of their children were light and three were dark. He was a miller by trade before joining the ministry. He owned his own flour mills at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The family kept a flour sack with his name and company stamped on it. His granddaughter, Nellie Long Gamage did own it but we do not know who has it now.

FIRE! – The mills burned down and Orren decided **not** to rebuild. He completed his preparations for the ministry and investigated the opportunities in western Nebraska. He took the train there by himself and checked things out. He liked it and went home to make preparations to move with his wife and family of four children.

But The Railroad Never Came Through – They moved in July of 1888 and found that many changes had taken place just since Orren had been there. Promoters had moved in when they thought the railroad was coming through and land had reached much higher prices than they had expected. They decided not to go into business, as originally planned, but filed on a pre-emption about 31 miles from Alliance. They were given reason to believe the new Railroad would come through the area. Definite plans had been made for their future, relying on the Railroad. But in the meantime other forces had been at work and the Railroad did not come through as expected.

All The Comforts – Grandma Slafter told us often about the large sod house they built, with the aid of nearby young men and their own two sons. It was said to be one of the largest sod houses in the west.

The walls were three feet thick. There were four large rooms and a barn. When Grandmother knew that she would share the great responsibility of moving west, she prepared as best she could. One of her major projects was the making of 80 yards of carpeting. She told of them packing the soil firmly, then covering it with a thick layer of straw. Over this was stretched the carpet and pegs were used to fasten it along the wall. It was very satisfactory. She often stated that no one who ever passed their door was turned away for want of water, food, or a place to sleep.

Thirsty Cowboys – After a deep well was finally dug, the information that water was available was soon widespread. Also that besides plenty of cool water, there was a lovely young lady there. Cora was 16 years old, a high school graduate, and well educated in music. Consequently, there were many thirsty young cowboys around.

Needed Supplies Scarce – As there was little wood or other heating material about, the family would go out and bring in cow chips by the wagon loads. They would stack them carefully to keep them dry. There were also a lot of buffalo, and they would sometimes be fortunate enough to find a bedding down place with lots of chips. These burned nicely and were a big help in heating their home.

Preaching – Grandpa drove the long distance to Gering, Nebraska, many times that first year and organized the Christian Church there. He held private services all over, mostly in private homes. They were always well attended. Grandma's voice and musical talents were greatly helpful to her husband's missionary endeavors.

Too Strenuous – The travel for preaching and work around the place was hard on Orren. He was edging past middle age and had never been used to this strenuous type of labor. However, being a minister, and having such a strong missionary urge within his heart, he struggled on. It was through all this that the strong, determined nature of his loving wife was truly a blessing. She too, had the missionary zeal.

Stage Coach Stop and Post Office – Late in the fall of 1888, Orren tried to have a United States Post Office established at his pre-emption. This was accomplished in March of 1889 and the Post Office was located half way between Gering and Alliance, Nebraska. It also served as a Stage Coach stop for many years. The Post Office was officially named "**Malinda**" – honoring **Mary Malinda Covey Slafter**.

Another Daughter For The Family – They loved their home on the prairie and truly had every comfort they could desire. **Mary Viola** was born while they lived there, increasing their family to five children. Due to the crop failure because of the lack of rain, and lack of much pay for preaching, the Slafter Family regretfully sold their place and moved to a place near Minatare, Nebraska. However, Orren still preached in Gering that winter.

Moving The Piano – People thought Mary Malinda was crazy because she always insisted that one wagon be used to carry her grand piano with them when they moved. The legs would be removed and the piano would be placed across the wagon. It was made of solid mahogany. Many years later, her youngest daughter's husband, who was a fine wood worker and carpenter, made tables from the wood. In the spring they would move to Mitchell Valley and spend four years there, where another son, **Elmer Smith Slafter**, was born.

Move To Wyoming – Then they were offered a pastorate at Wheatland, Wyoming. Again Mary Malinda rose to the responsibility of preparing a pioneer home for her family. She still assisted her husband with his duties, which were increasing daily.

Two years later Orren was offered the position of pastor of the Christian Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Again the intelligence and determination of Mary came to the foreground. By this time her children were older and needed better clothing. For this was a better position. She was a church chorister and their daughter, Leila, was the organist. More entertaining became necessary. Due to her early cultural training and abilities, she was able to carry them through honorably.

Cora's Wedding – (newspaper clipping) On Tuesday Feb. 21, 1894, Mr. William N. Ashford wed to Miss Cora M. Slafter at Mitchell, Nebraska. Service conducted by Rev. O. A. Slafter. Ceremony took place at home of the bride's parents at Mitchell, Nebraska. Being a very quiet affair, the service conducted by the bride's father. The bride is an accomplished and estimable young lady, and has been in educational work in this and adjoining counties. Mr. Ashford is one of Banner County's best known citizens, the original founder of the town of Ashford. The Courier extends it's congratulations and hopes they may live long and be happy.

Leila's Wedding – (newspaper clipping) On Thursday Eve, Feb 22, 1900, Mr. Thomas A. Foster to Miss Leila M. Slafter. A very pretty and quiet wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Slafter. The impressive ceremony was pronounced by the bride's father. The bride is well known in Cheyenne, being highly esteemed by her many friends. Mr. Foster is a promising young man from Illinois. He belongs to the U. S. Calvary. Mr. and Mrs. Foster will remain in Cheyenne for the present.

Ray's Wedding – (newspaper clipping) Another thing which has caused considerable gossip is the fact that our disciple Minister has suddenly cast aside his former single blessedness and allowed himself to be carried away by one of Harrisville's most prominent and promising young ladies. To the extent that they were married the morning of Feb. 2nd at 6:30 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Render.

Rev. C. A. Cleeburger, M. A. (State Evangelist of the Disciples of Christ) officiating minister. The bride, Miss Mattie Render, was neatly attired in blue brocade satin, trimmed with black depointe lace and wore gray pearl kid gloves. The groom, Rev. Ray A. Slafter, was attired in a black Prince Albert suit with white tie. After refreshments were served, they took a short trip, after which they will return and take up the usual routine of life. May happiness and prosperity attend them all the days of their life.

Orren's Too Early Death – Reverend Orren Augustine Slafter died on July 19th, 1900, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, leaving Mary Malinda with two young children to raise. Although he was quite young, we have found no mention of the cause of his death. He was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Newspaper Obituary for Orren – “The funeral for the late Rev. O. A. Slafter of this city, took place at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Lodge No. 1. Sunday at 2 p.m. Rev. Morgan of the Church of Christ preached the funeral discourse. The remains were interred in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

The deceased was well known and respected in this city and was well known through out the surrounding country generally. He was born in Mc Henry County, Illinois on January ..., 1849. He was married to Mary M. Covey of Mc Henry County, October 30, 1869.

His widow and 6 children survive him. Three of the children reside with their mother in this city: Mrs. T. A. Foster, Mary Viola, and Elmer Smith. The other three are widely separated. His eldest daughter, Mrs. William Ashford of Ashford, Nebraska; Rev. Ray A. Slafter of ...erlingville, New York, and Orren Herbert Slafter of Cleveland, Ohio. He also leaves two sisters who survive him: one in Minnesota, the other in West Virginia.

His son, Rev. Ray A. Slafter with his wife and two children, arrived on the train Sunday evening from the East, the interment having taken place six hours before his arrival. That was to their sorrow and disappointment, for, owing to errors in telegraphing, they did not know his father was dead.

The other son, Orren Herbert, of Cleveland, Ohio, was unable to leave his home.

WIDOWHOOD – Mary Malinda Covey Slafter spent time with her two married daughters after the death of her husband. In April of 1902, she took her two children, Elmer and Viola, and moved to Gering, Nebraska. They rented a home next door to the property she later purchased. She paid \$3.20 a month until a total of \$420.00 had been paid for the property she kept for many years. It was here that she completed raising her children.

Misfortune for Leila and Cora – Leila's husband abandoned her and her baby, Nellie. And Cora's husband died in 1901. Leila remarried to Clark Long and they settled in Gering, Nebraska where Mary and children lived with them for a time. When Cora was widowed, Mary left Viola with Clark and Leila and went to stay with Cora for a time.

The Millinery Shop – Under the need to support herself and her family, Mary gave both piano and voice lessons. But her larger, and successful endeavor was to open a millinery shop where she used her best skills in making beautiful hats for ladies. We are fortunate that two pictures were taken of the inside of the shop, which see. Also, there are pictures of her daughters wearing very beautiful and extravagant hats, which their mother surely made for them.

An independent and successful business woman she was – ahead of her time!

Remarriage – After many years of widowhood, Mary Malinda married again. Two notices in local papers resulted:

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Newspaper Obituary: UNCLE TOM WATKINS DIES TUESDAY, FEB. 16

Old Timer Comes to Journey's End Following Years of Failing Strength

Again we have been called upon to bid farewell to one of the pioneer settlers of this community in the passing of Uncle Thomas Watkins. He was taken suddenly ill at midnight Sunday with pneumonia and became unconscious shortly afterward. The higher call to life came to him quietly and peaceably on Thursday afternoon at 2:15, February 9, 1928.

Thomas F. Watkins, son of Thomas and Mary Davis Watkins, was born at Swansea, Wales on May 27, 1848, thus attained the age of 79 years 8 months and 13 days. When an infant, he came to America with his parents, locating in Monroe County, Iowa. On December 31, 1877 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Turner. To this marriage were born three children: Ira H., of San Bernardino, Calif.; Roy, of California; the other dying in infancy and the mother followed in death soon afterward.

On May 24, 1886 he was married to Jennie S. Iles. To this union were born four children, who died in infancy. On August 24, 1889 this happy union was broken when she passed away at their home at Lucas, Ia., a victim of typhoid fever.

In 1890 he located in Alliance, Nebraska. Six years later, August 12, 1896 he was again united in marriage to Mary Nebraska Dual, who had the distinction of being the first white woman born in Nebraska City, Nebraska. They lived happily together for 24 years, when this union was broken up by her death in 1920.

Nearly 5 years ago, on May 17, 1923, he was married to Mary M. Slafter, who had been the wife of one of our deceased pioneer Christian ministers and who is left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband.

Mr. Watkins came to Bayard in 1910, purchasing and operating the Commercial Hotel. He had been active in the business and social life in the community until his health began to fail. In the death of Tom Watkins, another man who has lived for a good many years in this community has passed over the divide, and those who knew him best will mourn the departure as his kindly disposition and bigness of heart towards those less fortunate than himself, made for him many friends.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Sunday under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge, conducted by Rev. Carter, pastor of the Church of Christ, was one of the largest ever held in this city and gave mute testimony of the high esteem felt for the deceased and his worthy family.

Another Newspaper Note On Mary – Mrs. T. F. Watkins, of Bayard, who is spending a period of convalescence at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clark Long, was not able to come down to register, but she proudly wore her 1888 Old Settler's Badge all day, and her name has been added to the list. She is the widow of one of the pioneer ministers of this section, O. A. Slafter, the first Christian preacher to hold services in the valley, – Gering Courier.

Mary's Death – Mary Malinda lived until November, 1932, and was buried beside her first husband, Reverend Orren Augustine Slafter, in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She was 80 years of age when she died.



Mary Malinda Covey
Age 16 years

The Slafter Girls ~

Leila
Malinda



Mary
Viola

Mary
Malinda
(the mom)

Cora
Mae



2 Pictures of Leila Malinda

Slater Family Bible Page

Husband - Wife Page

FAMILY RECORD.

Born

Orrin Augustine Slater
was Born at Greenwood Co
of Mc Henry. State of Ills
Jan 11th A.D. 1849

Mary Malinda Covey
was Born in Mc Henry Co.
of Mc Henry State of Ills
Sept 16th A.D. 1852

Married

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Mc Henry State of Ills
Oct 30th A.D. 1869

By W. S. Marsh
Minister of the Gospel

Slafter Family Bible

Children Pages

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Births

Cora. Mary. Slafter was
Born in McHenry Co of McHenry
State of Ill. Jan. 13th A. D.
~~1871~~ 1871

Ray, Augustine Slafter
was Born in McHenry Co
of McHenry. State of Ill.
Jan 27th A. D. 1873,

Oren. Herbert. Slafter
was born Feb 15th in the year
of our Lord 1877 at Princeton
Mills Ia. Co. Mo.

FAMILY RECORD.

Births

Leila. Malinda. Slafter
was born May 8th A. D. 1881
State of Minnesota
City of Minneapolis

Mary. Viola Slafter
was born June 28th A. D.
1889. State of Nebraska
Box Butte Co. Malinda

Elmer Smith-Slafter
Born in Mitchell Scotts Bluff
County. Nov 12th 1893 Mo.



*Mary Malinda Covey Slaughter in
Her Millinery Shop in Gering, Neb.*





Leila

Cora



Viola

It's Easy To Be Stylish
When Your Mom Owns The
Hat Shop



Viola



Dolly
(Cora's
Daughter)

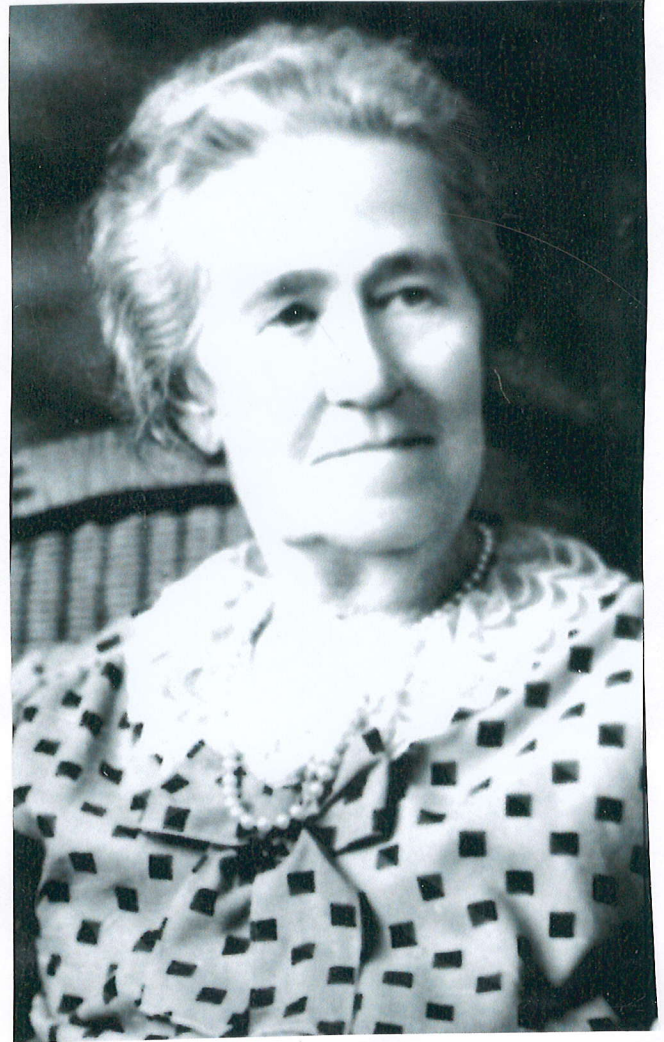


Leila

Thomas F. Watkins



Mary Malinda Slafter



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Apr. 3d 1916.

Miss Savilla Long Gering Mbr.

My Dear Niece:

Your lovely letter came
just as I was leaving
for Canada and I did not
have time to reply before
I left.

The pictures you enclosed
were very nice indeed
and I shall treasure them
carefully. I showed them to
several of my friends who
remarked that I had a very
handsome "niece".

I enjoyed my short visit to
your home and your day
at Mitchell Fair. I hope to come
again and go duck hunting.

I leave tonight for Boston
then to New York City then to
Philadelphia and home.

The following two weeks
I shall visit Chicago then
to Minneapolis, Kansas City,
St. Louis and home for
Thanksgiving.

You can see from the
above that I have a lot
of travelling to do.

Give my love to your Mother
and family but keep a
good shanty for yourself
from

Uncle Herb
3230 Cedarbrook Rd
Cleveland Heights
Ohio

Letter From Lillai Brother, O. Herbert Slayter, To her dau.



*Cora Mae
Slafter*



Cora Mae Slafter Haggne



The Haggne Children



Labeled on Back:
"Aunt Cora and Uncle
Haggis and 2 Children,
Dolly and Wilson or
Dewey"



Orran Herbert (Herb)
Slafra and Wife.
Madge

Winona



Glen and Herbert



Children of Herb and
Madge Slaughter



Madeline
Iris
Vivian



Madeline



Glen + Herbert

Uncle Herb To The Rescue

HERBERT S. COVEY
3230 CEDARBROOK ROAD
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

Cleveland .O. Mar. 31-1930

My Dear Niece:-

Just received your letter
and realize that you and Husband
are temporarily up against it
and so I am sending a N.Y.
draft for \$100.⁰⁰ as a loan.

You can send me your Note
to cover at 6% (not 10%) as you
prefer it that way.
I will not of course say anything

to members of your family at
Gering or elsewhere as I know
you are proud and would feel
hurt. You of course know that
I have spent a great deal of
money on your Grandma and
also have to help my Grandson
who has a family of six children
as well as a daughter to support
so you can readily see how
I am placed - I hope this loan
will tide you over and that
things may improve - so cheer up.

With love Uncle Herb

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To _____

MR. _____

Dear Sister.

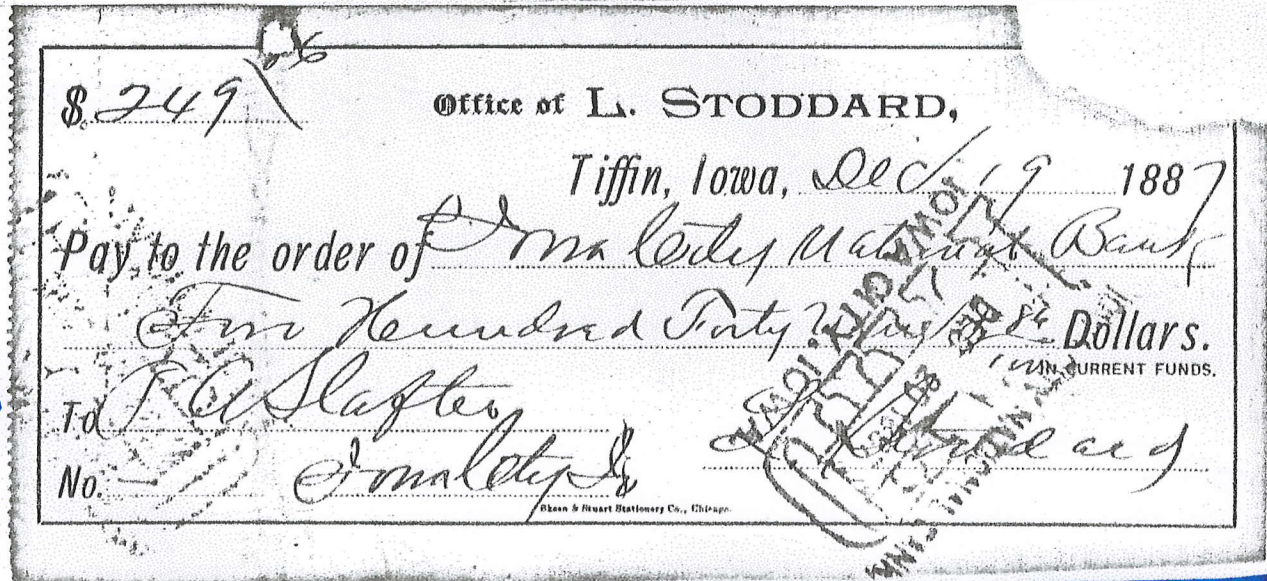
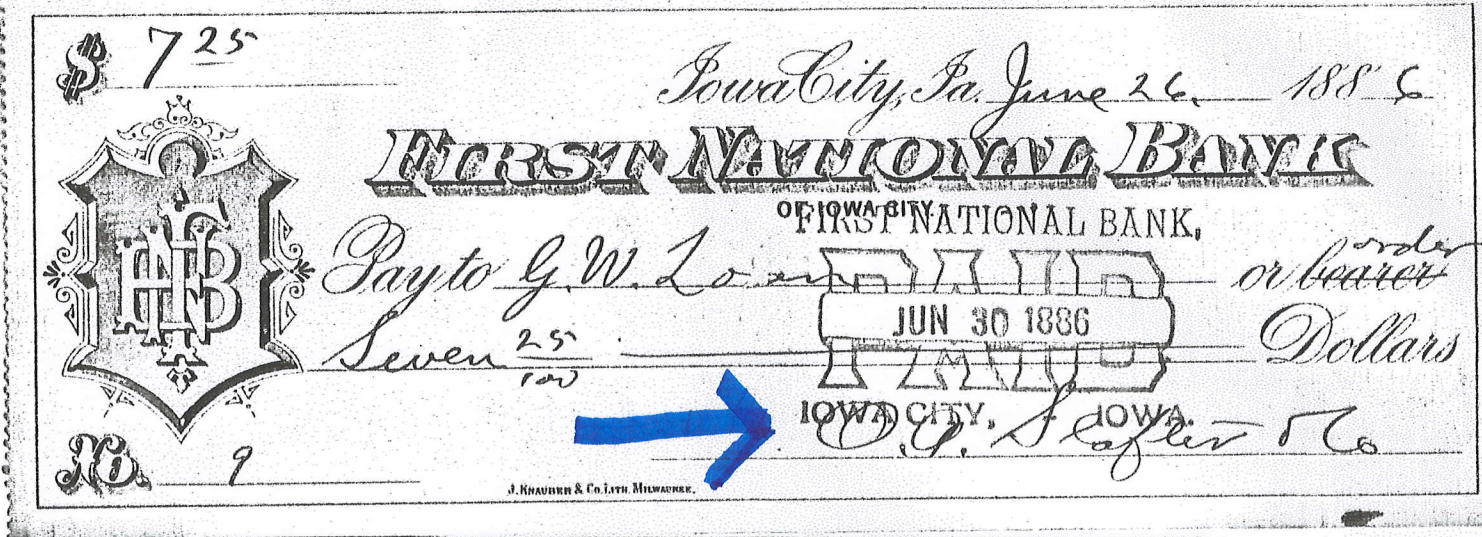
I am sending you a little Christmas greeting, I hope that it does not dissappoint you, and if I may, I would like to suggest that you do not part with it unless you are compelled to do so as its actual value is as indicated on its face and by 1922 if not sooner it will be double its indicated value.

I am somewhat pressed for time just now and I must ask you not feel hurt if I do not write a very long letter this time I will do more as soon as I can,

Loveingly your Bro.

Herbert P.

*This would
probably have been
his sister Leila.*



BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FR

**EARLY RESIDENT OF
VALLEY DECEASED**

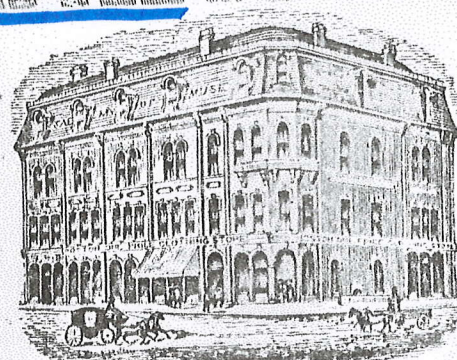
Information is received here of the death of O. H. Slafter recently at Los Angeles. He was a son of Rev. O. A. Slafter, one of the pioneer ministers of this section, and of Mrs. Mary Slafter Watkins, and a brother of Mrs. W. N. Onstott and Mrs. Clark Long, and of Elmer S. Slafter, all of Gering. For a number of years he made his home in this valley, and will be remembered by numbers of old timers. Mr. Slafter was about 55 years of age and leaves a widow and four children. He visited here about two years ago at a time when his mother was critically ill.

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MINN.

Orren Herbert (Uncle Herb), like his
Father, Orren Augustine Slafter, died
quite Young.



Thomas Watkins and Mary
Malinda Covey Slaughter had
only 5 years together. But
after long years of loneliness,
They were Happy Years



Mary Viola Slafter



*William Onstott
With Bride
Viola
Slafter*

ONSTOTT Mary V. Onstott,
86, of 1365 West 29th St.,
Mother of Elton, Harrisburg,
Nebr.; Merle, Lincoln, Nebr.;
Darrell, Gering, Nebr.;
Carroll, Rapid City, S.D.;
Adelbert, Scott Valley, Calif.;
Mrs. Leona LeBoeuf,
Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs.
Wilma Dean, Gering, Nebr.;
Mrs. Adelia Henderson, Santa
Rosa, Calif.; Mrs. Mayme
Doremus, Bayard, Nebr.;
Mrs. Marjorie Batchelor,
Loveland, Colo.; and Mrs.
Coral Kay, Buena Vista, Colo.
Sister of Elmer Slafter,
Gering, Nebr. Grandmother of
26. Great Grandmother of 62.
Gret-great Grandmother of 4.
Services and interment
Gering, Nebraska, in care of
the Boley-Dennis Mortuary.

McCAREY Laurel B. "Pat"
McCarey of Estes Park,
Colo. Private services were
held Wednesday. Friends may
make memorial gifts to the
American Heart Ass'n.



Mary Viola Slaughter,
William Onstott
and
Their Family



William & Viola Onstott

*Elton &
Lena*



*The
Elders
Onstott
Children*



This Photograph is not Labeled .
However, We Can identify at left,
Thomas Watkins, with Mary Malinda
at his Side. One of the women next
to them is surely Daughter, Mary
Viola. Then her husband, William
Onstott. The Others We Cannot
Even Guess At.

July 30th 1937.
 Received from Leila Long \$16.⁰⁰ my
 share of the \$96.49 Viola had on
 hand, left from the Estate of
 Mary Slafter-Hatkins That Viola
 left to hand to Elmer Slafter.

Elmer Slafter

Mildred M.
 Slafter

OBITUARY

Mildred M. Slafter was born Nov. 21, 1898, married to Elmer S. Slafter April 15, 1917, died Jan. 18, 1938, at Portland, Oregon, aged 39 years, 1 month and 28 days. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Elmer S. Slafter of Mitchell valley; seven children: Mrs. Virginia Weinbender of Scottsbluff, Nebr.; Orren, Roger, Dolly, Alta Jean, Jerry and Bert of Mitchell valley. Bobby, now deceased; one grandchild, David Weinbender, Scottsbluff; her mother, Mrs. Jennie Neeley of Gering; three brothers, Raymond and Earl Neeley of Gering; and Gladwin Neeley of Scottsbluff; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Her death occurred following an illness which extended over several months. She and her husband had been on the west coast for some time in the hope that a milder climate might prove beneficial. The funeral was held from the Methodist church in Gering, the service being conducted by Rev. L. V. Slocumb of Kimball and Rev. F. C. Friederich of this city. Interment followed in Westlawn cemetery.

We have no other
 information on Elmer
 Smith Slafter, the
 youngest child of Mary
 + Oren Slafter

Mildred became a member of the Methodist church at the age of 12 years. She was a devoted Christian, always sweet, lovable and cheerful. She again renewed her faith in God during her last illness, and was made very happy by the beautiful church music which she loved to hear over the radio at her bedside.

In Memory

A precious one from us has gone
 A voice we loved is stilled,
 A place is vacant in our homes
 Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
 The boon His love had given,
 And though the body is resting
 here,
 Her soul is safe in heaven.

MOTHER.

THE MOST CURRENT RECORD OF LATEST KNOWN COVEY ANCESTORS

Walter Covey Sr., b. 1750, of Fredrickstown, Dutchess Co., New York, d. 17 Jan, 1834, at Venice, Cayuga Co., New York. His will admitted to probate, 16 May 1834. He md. (1) Sarah Hatch, she was born about 1755, of Fredricks town. She probably died before 1800.

THEIR CHILDREN:

James Covey, b. abt. 1774-5, of Fredrickstown, place of residence unknown in 1834.

Walter Covey Jr., b. 1776, of Fredrickstown, later of Scipio, Cayuga, New York, where he died 14 Aug. 1857. He md. Nancy ___, they had 9 children.

Edward Covey, b. 25 Dec. 1782, of Fredrickstown, later of Scipio, Cayuga Co., New York, later of Orange, Ohio, Portage Co., Ohio, and Bloomington, Ill., and died at Farmer City, DeWitt Co., Ill. 28 Nov. 1854. He md. Hannah Northrup and had 16 children, 9 of whom are known at present.

Jonathan Covey, b. abt. 1784, of Fredrickstown, later of Orange, Ohio. He md. Eunice ___, abt. 1803. His only known son, Jonathan Jr. was married in Cleveland, Ohio, 4 Dec. 1826, to Lovina Gardner. Jonathan Sr. is known to have had one more male and two female children.

Mary Covey, b. 1788, of Fredrickstown, later of Scipio. No more known.

Benjamin Covey, b. 9 Mar. 1792, at Fredrickstown, Dutchess Co., New York, d. 15 Mar. 1868, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Md. (1) Sally or Sarah Clark, md. by 7 Nov. 1815. Sally was age 14 when md. Md. (2) Almira Mack, 22 Oct. 1836. Md. (3) Diana Cole, Md. (4) Phebe Cole, Md. (5) Eligabeth Shimer. Had 5 children by Sally, 4 by Almira, 1 by Diana, none by Phebe, 2 sons have been supposed to have been born to he and Elizabeth.

Sally or Salla Covey, b. abt. 1794, of Fredrickstown, wife of David Bagley, of Mentz, Cay Co., New York, later of Ohio. No more known.

Elisha Covey, b. 12 Mar. 1796, Columbia Co., New York. d. 23 Sept. 1887, at Venice, Cayuga Co., New York. He md. Lucy Main and had 12 children.

Daughter Covey, b. before 1790 at Fredrickstown, Dutchess Co., New York.

Daughter Covey, b. " " " " " " " " " "

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No more data on these last three known at this time.

WALTER COVEY SR, md. (2) Mehitable ___. She was born in 1778, of Venice, Cayuga Co., New York.

THEIR CHILDREN

Abigail Covey, b. abt. 1820, Venice, Cayuga Co., New York; she md. Silas Maine. They lived in Philadelphia.

James Covey, b. abt. 1822, Venice, New York. No more known at this time. He could have been the interpreter in the famous trial between the Spanish and American Governments in the "Slave Ship Rebellion". See "American Heritage" Vol. 8, #2, Feb. 1957, pp 104, 105. Trial date was January 1840, New Haven, Courtroom.

In addition to above, Wallace Covey records of 1933 are now being analyzed and incorporated into our records. Descendants of Benjamin Covey and Sally Clark are sending their records to us along with histories. They reside in Texas, and Old Mexico. Descendants from Edward Covey living in Iowa, and Illinois, are also supplying us with data on their families. Their response is most gratifying to us.

Census

1860 Vol.25 page opp.143 PQ O. Ostend, Mc Henry Co, Ill.

Name	age	occupation	property	birthplace
M George Lilly	73	farmer	\$2,000 \$200	Conn.
F Samantha	63			"
In the same Census but with the P.O. Mc Henry were:				
M Jonathan Covey	54	Shoemaker	\$500 \$100	N.Y.
F Cynthia	49			Ohio
next house				
M J.M. Sheffield	59	carpenter		Ohio
F Hennrietta	51			N.Y.
F Lucina	19			Ohio
F Laura	14			Ill.
F Cynthia Dickinson	33			Ohio
M Albert	7			Ill.
M Julius	5			"
F Amelia	4			"

next house living alone

neighbors

F Mary Habbord (?)	72			Conn.
near by				
M Smith Covey	42	Brickmaker	\$2,000 \$1,500	N.Y.
F Charlotte	40			Ohio
M Jonathan	17			Ill. Ohio
F Mary	8			Ill.
M Herbert	3			Ill.
F Lousia Jennett (?)	20	Domestic		N.Y.
near by				
M E.D. Slafter	45	farmer		N.Y.
F Maria	35			Ohio
M Orren	11			Ill.
F Emily	7			Ill.
F Ruba (that's Ruby)	5			Wis.

1880 Census Minneapolis, Hennepin Co. Minn.				born	father b. place	mother b. pl.	
M	Slafter.	Orren A.	31 husband	Miller	Ill.	N.Y.	Ohio
F	"	Mary M.	27 wife		Ill.	N.Y.	Ohio
F	"	Cora M.	9 dau		Ill.	Ill.	Ill.
M	"	Ray A.	7 son		Ill.	Ill.	Ill.
M	"	Orren H.	3 son		Minn.	Ill.	Ill.

Husband Orren Augustine SLAFTER (93)

Born	11 Jan 1849	Place	Greenwood, McHenry, IL	LDS Ordinance dates	Temple
Christened		Place		Baptised	8 Jun 1957
					LANGE
Died	19 Jul 1900	Place	Cheyenne, Laramie, WY	Endowed	5 Dec 1957
					LANGE
Buried	22 Jul 1900	Place	Cheyenne, Laramie, WY	Sealed to Parents	1993
					SDIEG
Married	30 Oct 1869	Place	McHenry, McHenry, IL	Sealed to Spouse	17 Dec 1959
					LANGE
Husband's father Elijah Dexter SLAFTER					
Husband's mother Maria Lucretia LILLY					

Wife Mary Malinda COVEY (94)

Born	16 Sep 1852	Place	McHenry, McHenry, IL	LDS Ordinance dates	Temple
Christened		Place		Baptised	8 Jun 1957
					LANGE
Died	20 Nov 1932	Place	Gering, Scotts Bluff, NE	Endowed	11 Dec 1957
					LANGE
Buried	23 Nov 1932	Place	Cheyenne, Laramie, WY	Sealed to Parents	
Wife's father Smith COVEY					
Wife's mother Charlotte SHEFFIELD					

Children

1

Sex	Name			LDS Ordinance dates	Temple
F	Cora May SLAFTER (95)				
Born	13 Jan 1871	Place	McHenry, McHenry, IL	Baptised	8 Jun 1957
					LANGE
Christened		Place		Endowed	19 Dec 1957
					LANGE
Died	24 Oct 1953	Place		Sealed to parents	17 Dec 1959
					LANGE
Spouse					
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	

2

Sex	Name				
M	Ray Augustine SLAFTER (96)				
Born	27 Jan 1873	Place	McHenry, McHenry, IL	Baptised	8 Jun 1957
					LANGE
Christened		Place		Endowed	4 Jan 1958
					LANGE
Died	14 Sep 1938	Place		Sealed to parents	17 Dec 1959
					LANGE
Spouse					
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	

3

Sex	Name				
M	Orren Herbert SLAFTER (97)				
Born	19 Feb 1877	Place	Princeton, Mille Lacs, MN	Baptised	8 Jun 1957
					LANGE
Christened		Place		Endowed	5 Dec 1957
					LANGE
Died	21 Jan 1932	Place		Sealed to parents	17 Dec 1959
					LANGE
Spouse					
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	

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Relationship

Husband Orren Augustine SLAFTER (93)**Wife** Mary Malinda COVEY (94)**Children** (Continued)

LDS Ordinance dates

Temple

4	Sex	Name		
	F	Leila Malinda SLAFTER (11)		
	Born	Place	Baptised	
	8 May 1881	Minneapolis, Hennepin, MN	8 Jun 1957	LANGE
	Christened	Place	Endowed	
			11 Dec 1957	LANGE
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
		17 Dec 1959	LANGE	
Spouse				
Clark Varnum LONG				
Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
14 Aug 1901	Evanston, Uinta, WY	17 Jul 1965	LANGE	

5	Sex	Name		
	F	Mary Viola SLAFTER (98)		
	Born	Place	Baptised	
	28 Jun 1889	Malinda, Box Butte, NE		
	Christened	Place	Endowed	
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
Spouse				
Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		

6	Sex	Name		
	M	Elmer Smith SLAFTER (99)		
	Born	Place	Baptised	
	12 Nov 1893	Mitchell, Scotts Bluff, NE		
	Christened	Place	Endowed	
	Died	Place	Sealed to parents	
Spouse				
Mildred Maude NEELEY				
Married	Place	Sealed to spouse		
8 Apr 1917	Gering, Scotts Bluff, NE			

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-15

Page 1 of 3

HUSBAND Orren Augustine SLAFTER-93

LDS ORDINANCE DATA

BORN: 11 Jan 1849 PLACE: Greenwood, McHenry, IL
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 19 Jul 1900 PLACE: Cheyenne, Laramie, WY
 BUR.: 22 Jul 1900 PLACE: Cheyenne, Laramie, WY
 MARR: 30 Oct 1869 PLACE: McHenry, McHenry, IL
 FATHER: Elijah Dexter SLAFTER-186
 MOTHER: Maria Lucretia LILLY-187

B: 8 Jun 1957 LANGE
 E: 5 Dec 1957 LANGE
 SP: 1993 SDIEG
 SS: 17 Dec 1959 LANGE

PARENTS' MRIN: 5

WIFE Mary Malinda COVEY-94

BORN: 16 Sep 1852 PLACE: McHenry, McHenry, IL
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 20 Nov 1932 PLACE: Gering, Scotts Bluff, NE
 BUR.: 23 Nov 1932 PLACE: Cheyenne, Laramie, WY
 FATHER: Smith COVEY-2189
 MOTHER: Charlotte SHEFFIELD-2190

B: 8 Jun 1957 LANGE
 E: 11 Dec 1957 LANGE
 SP: Pre-1970

PARENTS' MRIN: 604

other marriages

Thomas Frank Watkins

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Cora May SLAFTER-95

— BORN: 13 Jan 1871 PLACE: McHenry, McHenry, IL
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 24 Oct 1953 PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:
 MARR: PLACE:

B: 8 Jun 1957 LANGE
 E: 19 Dec 1957 LANGE
 SP: 17 Dec 1959 LANGE

SS:

2. NAME: Ray Augustine SLAFTER-96

— BORN: 27 Jan 1873 PLACE: McHenry, McHenry, IL
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 14 Sep 1938 PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:
 MARR: PLACE:

B: 8 Jun 1957 LANGE
 E: 4 Jan 1958 LANGE
 SP: 17 Dec 1959 LANGE

SS:

3. NAME: Orren Herbert SLAFTER-97

— BORN: 19 Feb 1877 PLACE: Princeton, Mille Lacs, MN
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 21 Jan 1932 PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:
 MARR: PLACE:

B: 8 Jun 1957 LANGE
 E: 5 Dec 1957 LANGE
 SP: 17 Dec 1959 LANGE

SS:

4. NAME: Leila Malinda SLAFTER-11

— BORN: 8 May 1881 PLACE: Minneapolis, Hennepin, MN
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 7 Nov 1954 PLACE: Los Alamitos, Orange, CA
 BUR.: 15 Nov 1954 PLACE: Gering, Scotts Bluff, NE
 SPOUSE: Clark Varnum LONG-10
 MARR: 14 Aug 1901 PLACE: Evanston, Uinta, WY

B: 8 Jun 1957 LANGE
 E: 11 Dec 1957 LANGE
 SP: 17 Dec 1959 LANGE

MRIN: 3

SS: 17 Jul 1965 LANGE

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HUSBAND Orren Augustine SLAFTER-93

Yr of Birth 1849

WIFE Mary Malinda COVEY-94

Yr of Birth 1852

CHILDREN (continued)

5.	NAME: Mary Viola SLAFTER-98		
—	BORN: 28 Jun 1889	PLACE: Malinda, Box Butte, NE	B:
F	CHR.:	PLACE:	E:
	DIED:	PLACE:	SP:
	BUR.:	PLACE:	
	SPOUSE:		
	MARR:	PLACE:	SS:
6.	NAME: Elmer Smith SLAFTER-99		
—	BORN: 12 Nov 1893	PLACE: Mitchell, Scotts Bluff, NE	B:
M	CHR.:	PLACE:	E:
	DIED:	PLACE:	SP:
	BUR.:	PLACE:	has other marriage(s)
	SPOUSE: Mildred Maude NEELEY-175		MRIN: 39
	MARR: 8 Apr 1917	PLACE: Gering, Scotts Bluff, NE	SS:



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