

CHAPTER TWO – MARTHA MCGEE FAMILY

Generation No. 2

1. MARTHA J.² MCGEE (*JOHN*¹) was born August 1830 in Butler County, Ohio, and died aft. 1900 probably in Phillips County, Kansas. She married **JACOB DODSON** January 09, 1851 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, son of WILLIAM DODSON and MARGARET WHITING. He was born December 1827 in the state of Ohio, and died aft. 1900, probably in Phillips County, Kansas.

Notes for JACOB DODSON:

Martha McGee and her sister, Elizabeth, married brothers, Jacob and John Dodson, sons of William Dodson and Margaret Whiting. The Dodson family had come to Tippecanoe County, Indiana in 1838 from Montgomery County, Ohio. In late 1859 or early 1860, some nine years after their marriage, Jacob and Martha Dodson left Tippecanoe County and moved to West Township, McLean County, Illinois. They were accompanied by Martha's brother, William McGee and his family. By this time their mother, Jane (Cassel) McGee had died, and their father, John McGee was living in the household of their sister, Elizabeth McGee, and her husband, John Dodson, who still lived in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

Martha and Jacob Dodson resided in McLean County, Illinois until the early 1870's at which time they traveled westward into Iowa and then on to Norton County, Kansas. In 1874, they built their homestead four miles northwest of the town of Norton and lived there for almost twenty years. In 1893, they moved for the final time to Phillips County, Kansas and are believed to be buried at that location.

*The 1860 U.S. Census for Leroy post office, West Township, McLean County, Illinois lists Jacob Dodson, age 35, a farmer, b. in Ohio; his wife, **Martha**, age 30, b. in Ohio; a daughter, Margeret A., age 8, b. in Indiana; a daughter, Samantha, age 6, b. in Indiana; and a son, Gilbert, age 4, b. in Indiana. Real estate was valued at \$1000 and personal property at \$300. The family lived immediately next door to Martha Dodson's brother, William McGee, and his family.*

*The 1870 U.S. Census for Farmer City post office, West Township, McLean County, Illinois lists Jacob Dodson, age 42, a farmer, b. in Ohio; his wife, **Martha**, age 40, b. in Ohio; a daughter, Margaret, age 18, b. in Indiana; a daughter, Samantha, age 18, b. in Indiana; a son, Gilbert, age 14, b. in Indiana; a daughter, Elizabeth, age 9, b. in Illinois; a daughter, Melinda, age 7, b. in Illinois; and a son, James, age 6, b. in Illinois. Real estate was valued at \$3200 and personal property at \$940. Living immediately next door was Martha's brother, William McGee, and his family.*

Sometime between 1872 and 1875, the Jacob Dodson family left Illinois and moved to Norton County, Kansas:

The 1875 Kansas State Census for Almena town, Norton County, Kansas lists Jacob Dodson, age

47, a farmer, b. in Ohio; his wife, **Martha**, age 45, b. in Ohio; a son, Gilbert, age 21, b. in Indiana; a daughter, M. A., age 23, b. in Indiana; a daughter, E., age 14, b. in Illinois; a daughter, M. M., age 12, b. in Illinois; a son, James, age 11, b. in Illinois; and a daughter, Ada, age 3, b. in Illinois. The value of the family's personal property was rated at \$232.00

The 1880 U.S. Census for Almena, Norton County, Kansas lists Jacob Dodson, age 52, a farmer, b. in Ohio, father b. in Va.; his wife, **Martha**, age 50, keeping house, b. in Ohio, father b. in PA, mother b. in S.C.; a daughter, Margaret, age 28, b. in Indiana; a daughter, Elizabeth, age 18, b. in Illinois; a daughter, Miranda, age 17, b. in Illinois; a son, James, age 16, at school, b. in Illinois; and a daughter, Adda, age 7, b. in Illinois.

The 1885 Kansas State Census for Emmett Township, Norton County, Kansas lists Jacob Dodson, age 56, a farmer; his wife, **Martha**, age 54, keeping house; a daughter, M., age 33, keeping house; a son, James Dodson, age 21, a farmer; and a daughter, A., age 12.

The 1895 Kansas State Census for Marvin Post Office, Deer Creek, Phillips County, Kansas lists Jacob Dodson, age 67; his wife, **Martha J.**, age 65; and a daughter, Ada, age 22.

The 1900 U.S. Census for Glenwood Township, Phillips County, Kansas lists Jacob Dodson, age 72, a farmer, b. in Ohio, parents b. in VA; and his wife, **Martha**, age 69, b. in Ohio, father b. in PA, mother b. in S.C. The couple had been married for approximately 49 years, and five of their eight children were still living.

The following excerpt was taken from "The History of the Early Settlement of Norton County, Kansas," by Hon. F. M. Lockard, published in 1894:

Jacob Dodson came here from Fremont county, Iowa, in the spring of 1874 and took land four miles northeast of Norton. He remained here until the spring of 1893 when he sold his farm to George W. Blaine and moved to Gretna, Phillips County.

His eldest son Gilbert lives in Garfield Township.

Children of MARTHA MCGEE and JACOB DODSON are:

- i. **MARGARET A.² DODSON**, b. abt. 1852, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.
- ii. **SAMANTHA DODSON**, b. abt. 1854, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.
2. iii. **GILBERT DODSON**, b. October 1855, Tippecanoe County, Indiana; d. Aft. 1930, prob. Comanche County, Oklahoma.
- iv. **ELIZABETH DODSON**, b. abt. 1861, McLean County, Illinois.
- v. **MELINDA DODSON**, b. abt. 1863, McLean County, Illinois.
- vi. **JAMES DODSON**, b. abt. 1864, McLean County, Illinois.
3. vii. **ADDIE DODSON**, b. September 1871, McLean County, Illinois.

Generation No. 3

2. GILBERT³ DODSON (*MARTHA J.² MCGEE, JOHN¹*) was born October 1855 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and died aft. 1930 probably in Comanche County, Oklahoma. He married **CARRIE ?** abt. 1880. She was born April 1860 in the state of New York, and died bet. 1920 - 1930 probably in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

Notes for GILBERT DODSON:

*The 1880 U.S. Census for West Township, McLean County, Illinois lists **G. L. Dodson**, age 24, a farmer, b. in Indiana, both parents b. in Ohio; and his wife, C. S., age 19, keeping house, b. in New York, both parents b. in New York.*

*The 1900 U.S. Census for Burton's Bend, Furnas County, Nebraska lists **Gill Dodson**, age 44, b. in Indiana, a farmer; his wife, Currie, age 39, b. in New York; a daughter, Fannie, age 17, b. in Illinois; and a son, Fred, age 15, b. in Illinois.*

Shortly after 1900, the Gilbert Dodson family left Nebraska and moved south to Comanche County, Oklahoma. Their daughter, Fannie, was married in Lawton, Oklahoma on May 1, 1902.

*The 1910 U.S. Census for Lawton Township, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists **Gilbert L. Dodson**, age 54, a teamster; his wife, Carrie S., age 49; and a son, Fred, age 25, single, employed as a house carpenter. The couple had been married for 31 years, and both of their children were still living. Their daughter, Fannie Simmons, and her family lived immediately next door.*

*The 1920 U.S. Census for Lawton Township, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists **Gilbert L. Dodson**, age 65, a teamster, b. in Ohio; and his wife, Carrie, age 59, b. in New York.*

*The 1930 U.S. Census for Lawton City, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists **Gilbert L. Dodson**, age 75, a widower, a teamster, b. in Indiana; his son, James F., age 45, a house carpenter, b. in Illinois; his daughter-in-law, Katherine, age 39, b. in Kansas; a grandson, James F., age 13, b. in Oklahoma; a granddaughter, Theresa, age 11, b. in Oklahoma; a grandson, Jodie, age 10, b. in Oklahoma; and a grandson, Christie, age 6, b. in Oklahoma. James F. Dodson and Katherine had been married for 15 years.*

Children of GILBERT DODSON and CARRIE ? are:

4. i. **FRANCES "FANNIE"⁴ DODSON**, b. July 1882, state of Illinois.
5. ii. **JAMES FRED DODSON**, b. March 1885, state of Illinois.

3. ADDIE³ DODSON (*MARTHA J.² MCGEE, JOHN¹*) was born September 1871 in McLean County, Illinois. She married **FRANK M. HALEY** March 02, 1898 in Phillips County, Kansas. He was born April 1871 in the state of Wisconsin, and died bet. 1912 - 1920 in Phillips County, Kansas.

Notes for FRANK M. HALEY:

*The 1900 U.S. Census for Glenwood Township, Phillips County, Kansas lists Frank M. Haley, age 29, a farmer, b. in Wisconsin; his wife, **Addie**, age 28, b. in Illinois, both parents b. in Ohio; and a daughter, Cerine, age 3 months. The Haley family lived immediately next door to Addie's parents, Jacob and Martha Dodson.*

*The 1910 U.S. Census for Glenwood Township, Phillips County, Kansas lists Frank M. Haley, age 38, a farmer; his wife, **Addie**, age 37; a daughter, Thelma C., age 10; a daughter, Martha*

E., age 9; a daughter, Winnie P., age 7; a daughter, Aletha, age 5; a son, Eugene G., age 3; and a son, James, age 1. The couple had been married for twelve years, and all six of their children were still living.

Notes for ADDIE DODSON:

Addie's husband died between 1910 and 1920 leaving her a widow with seven children still living at home.

*The 1920 U.S. Census for Glenwood, Phillips County, Kansas lists **Addie Haley**, age 47, head, a widow, b. in Illinois, both parents b. in Ohio; a daughter, Martha E., age 18; a daughter, Winnie P., age 17; a daughter, Aletha G., age 14; a son, Eugene, age 13; a son, James, age 11; a son, Joe, age 8; and a daughter, Susie, age 7. All children b. in Kansas.*

More About FRANK M. HALEY:

Occupation: Farmer

Children of ADDIE DODSON and FRANK HALEY are:

- i. **THELMA CERINE⁴ HALEY**, b. February 1900, Phillips County, Kansas.
- ii. **MARTHA E. HALEY**, b. abt. 1901, Phillips County, Kansas.
- iii. **WINNIE P. HALEY**, b. abt. 1903, Phillips County, Kansas.
- iv. **ALTHEA HALEY**, b. abt. 1905, Phillips County, Kansas.
- v. **EUGENE G. HALEY**, b. abt. 1907, Phillips County, Kansas.
- vi. **JAMES HALEY**, b. abt. 1909, Phillips County, Kansas.
- vii. **JOSEPH HALEY**, b. abt. 1911, Phillips County, Kansas.
- viii. **SUSAN HALEY**, b. abt. 1913, Phillips County, Kansas.

Generation No. 4

4. FRANCES "FANNIE"⁴ DODSON (*GILBERT³, MARTHA J.² MCGEE, JOHN¹*) was born July 1882 in the state of Illinois. She married **EARL C. SIMMONS** May 01, 1902 in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma. He was born abt. 1879 in the state of Indiana.

Notes for EARL C. SIMMONS:

*The 1910 census for Lawton Township, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists Earl C. Simmons, age 32, carpenter, b. in Indiana; his wife, **Fannie M.**, age 28, b. in Illinois; a son, Clifford W., age 6, b. in Oklahoma; a daughter, Maudie, M., age 4, b. in Oklahoma; and a daughter, Eva F., age 2, b. in Oklahoma. The couple had been married for seven years, and all three of their children were still living. The family lived immediately next door to Fannie's parents, Gilbert L. and Carrie Dodson.*

*The 1920 census for Lawton Township, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists Earl C. Simmons, age 42, a carpenter; his wife, **Fanny**, age 36; a son, Clifford, age 16; a daughter, Maude, age 14; a daughter, Eva, age 12; a son, Frankie, age 7; a daughter, Nettie, age 4; and a son, Robert, age 1 year, 4 months. All children b. in Oklahoma.*

*The 1930 census for Lawton City, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists Earl C. Simmons, age 51, a house carpenter; his wife, **Fannie**, age 47; a son, Clifford, age 27, a laborer; a daughter, Nettie,*

age 15; and a son, Robert, age 11. The family rented their home which was located on Park Avenue.

More About EARL C. SIMMONS:

Occupation: House Carpenter

Children of FRANCES DODSON and EARL SIMMONS are:

- i. **CLIFFORD W.⁵ SIMMONS**, b. abt. 1904, Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma.
- ii. **MAUDE M. SIMMONS**, b. abt. 1906, Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma.
- iii. **EVA F. SIMMONS**, b. abt. 1908, Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma.
- iv. **FRANK SIMMONS**, b. abt. 1913, Comanche County, Oklahoma.
- v. **NETTIE SIMMONS**, b. abt. 1915, Comanche County, Oklahoma.
- vi. **ROBERT SIMMONS**, b. abt. 1919, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

5. JAMES FRED⁴ DODSON (*GILBERT³, MARTHA J.² MCGEE, JOHN¹*) was born March 1885 in the state of Illinois. He married **KATHERINE ?** abt. 1915. She was born abt. 1891 in the state of Kansas.

Notes for JAMES FRED DODSON:

*The 1930 census for Lawton City, Comanche County, Oklahoma lists Gilbert L. Dotson, age 75, a widower, occupation of teamster, b. in Indiana; his son, **James F.**, age 45, a house carpenter, b. in Illinois; his daughter-in-law, Katherine, age 39, b. in Kansas; a grandson, James F., age 13; a granddaughter, Theresa, age 11; a grandson, Jodie, age 10; and a grandson, Christie, age 6. All children b. in Oklahoma. James and Katherine had been married for 15 years.*

More About JAMES FRED DODSON:

Occupation: House Carpenter

Children of JAMES DODSON and KATHERINE ? are:

- i. **JAMES F.⁵ DODSON**, b. abt. 1917, state of Oklahoma.
- ii. **THERESA DODSON**, b. abt. 1919, state of Oklahoma.
- iii. **JODIE DODSON**, b. abt. 1920, state of Oklahoma.
- iv. **CHRISTIE DODSON**, b. abt. 1924, state of Oklahoma.

