

James A. Reser's (1845 TN - 1911 KS) and his Wife Sophronia J. Reser Married 20 December 1888, Maryville, Tennessee; Moved to Saline County, Kansas in 1889

The Resers are Miller cousins, descendants of Peter Miller Sr., d aft 1824 in Washington County, Tennessee. His parents were Washington Fain Reser and Chilnissa Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller Sr, b 1779, Va., and granddaughter of Peter Miller Sr., d aft 1824, Washington Co., Tennessee. Reser was a state senator in Kansas in 1896-97.

Early-Day Settler Is 90



Mrs. Sophronia Reser, who came to Kansas as a bride in 1889, celebrated her 90th birthday on last Friday, August 19. She was married to James A. Reser, December 20, 1888, in Maryville, Tenn., and came to Kansas, settling on a 160-acre farm southwest of Salina, which Mr. Reser had homesteaded. Mr. Reser served in the legislature as State Senator in 1896 and 1897. He died in 1911. At Mrs. Reser's birthday last Friday, her children held "open house" for relatives at Mrs. Reser's home at 824 South Ninth

Saline County Pioneer Observes 90th Birthday

Mrs. Sophronia J. Reser, 824 South Ninth street, who came to Saline county as a bride in 1889, observed her 90th birthday Friday, with an open house for relatives. A more elaborate observance was not held because Mrs. Reser has not been in good health since a fall last January.

Mrs. Reser and her husband, the late James A. Reser, were married December 20, 1888, in Maryville, Tenn., and started housekeeping on a 160-acre farm, southwest of Salina, which Mr. Reser had homesteaded. Three years later, they moved to the farm four miles south of the Wesleyan addition, upon which the oldest son, Jim Reser, has lived practically all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Reser had five children: Jim Reser, Mary Miller, Sarah Schindler of Salina; Roy Reser of Wichita; and Fannie Miller of Manhattan.

During the years 1896-97, Mrs. Reser, with the help of her husband's nephews operated the farm while Mr. Reser served as a State Senator.

After her husband's death in 1911, Mrs. Reser lived on the home place for four years. She bought her present home on Ninth street then, and has lived there since.

Mrs. Reser had the misfortune to fall last January, and has not been strong since. On her birthday, she received more cards than her years of age, and many beautiful flowers, for which she is very grateful. She was much pleased to receive a letter of congratulation from Governor Frank Carlson.

Nancy Reser Jones, d 1951, daughter of James and Sophronia Reser

Mrs. Nora Jones Dies Of Heart Attack

Mrs. Nora Blanche Jones, 71, passed away at 5:30 Friday morning at her home. Death was caused by a heart attack. The family residence is at 323 South Tenth street.

Mrs. Jones was born June 14, 1879 in Salina and had spent her entire life in this community. She was the daughter of the late Senator James A. Reser who died in 1911. She was a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Jones also belonged to the Eastern Star, Ladies Benefit Association, and the Native Daughters of Kansas.

Survivors are her husband Willam D. Jones, her mother, Mrs. S. J. Reser, Salina, and two daughters, Mrs. LaDonna Moden, Hutchinson and Mrs. Dorothy Ross, Kansas City, Mo. Phyllis and Noel Moden and Frank and Donna Kay Ross are grandchildren.

Others surviving are two brothers James H. Reser, Mentor, and Dr. Raymond Reser, Wichita. Also three sisters, Mrs. Mary Miller, Salina, Mrs. Sarah Schindler, Salina, and Mrs. Fannie Miller, Manhattan.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church. The body was taken to the Guy R. Ryan and Sons Mortuary and remained there until the hour of the service. Interment was in Hillcrest Mausoleum, Gypsum Hill cemetery.

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