

PROPERTY

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1--Philip, whose last name I do not recall and who was the oldest of the children and a half brother of the others. Philip was hard of hearing and never married. He lived with Grandma Iott until the time of her death in about the year 1905. He played the violin very well and often played the "fiddle", as we called it in those days, at dances and other entertainments I attended as a boy and young man.

2--Marie, like my mother, was called "Molly". I was never as well acquainted with her as with the other children for, soon after the arrival of the family, she went to live and thereafter made her home with Mrs. Julia Draper, an Episcopal Missionary lady. Molly later married J. O. Aplan and was the mother of Marie Aplan Smaha, now of Custer, South Dakota, and Frank F. Aplan of Rushville, Nebraska.

3--George. I knew him but not well for soon after Grandma Iott settled on White Clay Creek, George returned to Valentine, Nebraska, then the end of the railroad, and lived in Valentine the remainder of his life. George married and had two children, a son "Delbert" and a daughter, "Cherie".

4--Jess. I knew him intimately both as a boy and later as a man. He was a good cow hand and I worked on many a roundup wagon with him. He married a woman of Indian blood and had several children by her. He was living near Carter, South Dakota, at the time of his death which occurred, as I remember it, in about the year 1930.

5--Ben. Like Jess, I knew Ben intimately. He was also a good cowboy and I worked with him handling cattle many, many times. He lived about three miles north of Allen, South Dakota, and died there in the year 1960. Ben had two Indian wives, divorcing the first, then marrying the second who still lives on the place where she and Ben resided for a very long time. Ben never had children of his own but he and his second wife did adopt several orphaned children, providing them with a good home and education. He treated these children equally as well as though they were his own. Ben, to the best of my knowledge, was the last survivor of the seven children. *BEN HAD 2 STRAY
BEN & WILMA*

6--Susie. Known to me but not too well. After she was grown she married a man by the name of Gallineaux who lived near White River, South Dakota. She had several children but I do not know their names. She died many years ago as the result of burns incurred by her when the family home was destroyed by fire.

7--Frank. The youngest of the seven children and well known to me throughout his entire life. He was a baby when I first saw him in Grandma Iott's arms. Frank was noted for his ability as a horseman and for being able to train and develop outstanding cow horses. He never married. Frank owned a small ranch on White River southeast of Kadoka, South Dakota, and died in the fall of the year 1929 while standing by the scales at the stockyards in Kadoka. At the time of his death he was weighing cattle which he had driven to the stockyards for shipment to market.

I have reason to remember Grandma Iott for another unforgettable circumstance. She was one of the most generous and thoughtful persons I have ever been privileged to know. She was always ready, in case of sickness or death, to be of help to her friends and neighbors. I well remember and will never forget one occasion, which extended for a period of more than a month, when my own wife, to whom I have been married for almost 68 years, was very seriously ill and almost lost her life. Although Grandma Iott had previously frequently visited at our home and at the home of my parents before I was married, bringing the children with her, and we, in turn, at her home, her being at my home this time was much more than an ordinary visit. She nursed my wife back to good health, did all the cooking and housework, and looked after her own grandchildren as well as the children in our family.

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