



Amelia Augusta RUSSELL HARRIS

Amelia Augusta RUSSELL, the second child of Sarah Etta RARRICK and Augustus Palmer RUSSELL, was born in Sutter Co., California January 24, 1863 according to family and Bible records. She was listed in the 1870 Federal Census of Sutter Co. as "Lomelia" [sic] the 6-year old daughter of A.P. Russell. The 1880 Federal Census lists her as Amelia, 17 in the household of Augustus Russell in Sutter Township, Sutter Co., CA. During the next decade, she married J.W. HARRIS, had several children and died in Washington, probably in either Lincoln or Spokane County.

Appearing in the Sutter County Farmer April 30, 1886, was the following article:

"A.P. Russell, of South Butte, was in our office Monday and informed us of the sad death of his little grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris, formerly of this county, but now of Spokane, W.T. Little Henry was an unusually bright, promising child and a great favorite of his parents and relatives. Mr. Russell left them some three weeks ago, when the child was well and hearty, but shortly after his arrival home he received the sad news. Oscar Lybecker, who left here a few weeks ago with wife and two children, is visiting the family of Mr. Harris, where, shortly after his arrival, his children with those Mrs. H.'s were stricken with that dreadful disease, scarlet fever, which resulted in the death of little Henry. Mr. Russell informs us that at last accounts Mr. Lybecker's children were improving slowly, but were still dangerously ill. We sympathize with the parents, and trust the worst is over."

Photographs of half sisters (their mothers were sisters, wives of A.P. Russell) at Amelia's gravesite (identified as Sedalia, Wash.,) record the following:

Amelia A. Harris
Beloved Wiffe of
J.W. Harris
BORN
Jan 24 1863
DIED
April 14 1890(or 1899)

Alpha A
dau of
J.W .and A.A.
HARRIS
BORN
____ 30 1883(or 85)
_____ 1898

It is not known if there were other children born to this union besides Henry and Alpha at this time.

Amelia's brother Edward L. RUSSELL and sister Ella RUSSELL LYBECKER lived in the vicinity in Spokane and Lincoln Cos. At this time there is very little pieced together on this young women's life. J.W. HARRIS was found living in Spokane Co., WA in the 1800 Federal census. He was 24 years of age, born ca 1856 in Iowa, and a farm laborer. Mr. Harris' father was born in Ohio, and his mother was born in Indiana. He may have been establishing himself and preparing for a place to settle. (Hopefully more of Amelia's story will unfold as family members meet and correspond.)



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