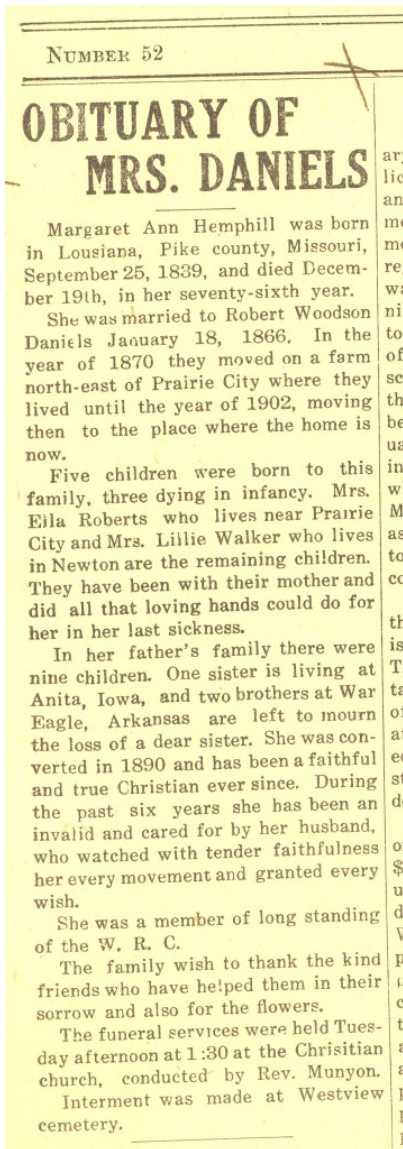


# Funeral Card Friday: Margaret Ann Hemphill Daniel



*1915\_1223 Margaret Ann Hemphill Daniel- Obituary. Prairie City News, Prairie City, Iowa, 23 Dec 1915. (Click to enlarge.)*

Actually, the title of this post is a misnomer, as we do not have a funeral card for Margaret Ann Hemphill Daniel. We do, however, have an obituary, which is even better. And I wanted this to get posted to the Geneabloggers Pinterest site so am using the prompt, to help others find this information.

The small county of Pike, along the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, must have been a wild and beautiful place in 1839,

when Margaret Ann Hemphill was born. Prairie, bluff, and the eternal river that provided food, transportation of crops and goods, as well as people, would have been a part of everyday life for the Hemphill family.

Margaret was the third of ten children of Elizabeth Carson Turner (1811-1882) and David Houston Hemphill (1810-1882). David was a native of South Carolina, and Elizabeth had been born in Illinois, so they may have met during David's migration or in Missouri. Their first child, Rebecca Jane, was born in Missouri per most references, so they were in Pike County by May of 1836. By 1850, ten year-old Margaret Ann's father was listed in the US Federal Census as a farmer with \$3200 in real estate (more than many adjoining farmers); many others on that census page were from South Carolina too.

In the 1860 US Federal census, Margaret was twenty-one and still living with her parents and siblings. Interestingly, Margaret and her older brother Joseph and younger brother John are listed as having some personal estate: Joseph, a farm laborer, has \$140, Margaret noted as a Domestic (like her mother) has \$125, and John, also a farm laborer, has \$100- could this be an inheritance, as the younger children did not have any values listed? Their father was again listed as a farmer, but with \$800 in personal value, nothing listed for real estate.

The Civil War was particularly hard on those who lived in Missouri- it was a border state and sympathies could be found for both sides. Many battles and skirmishes took place in Missouri, and family farms were raided for whatever foods, blankets, and other comforts the troops from either side could grab, leaving less for the citizens of the area.

Meanwhile, Robert Woodson "R.W." Daniel, a native of Rockbridge County, Virginia who had been born 26 May 1843, had migrated to Pike County with his parents when just two years old. In 1862, he enlisted in Co. C., 3rd Regiment, Missouri

State Military Cavalry for a term of 3 years. (More about RW in another post.) Less than a year after being discharged, RW and Margaret married on 16 Jan 1866 in Pike County, Missouri.

Their first daughter, Ella V. Daniel, was born in October of that year.

Soon after their marriage they migrated to Warren County, Illinois, along with his parents, Charles M. Daniel (1819-1875) and Elizabeth Thomas (1817-1885). Their first daughter, Ella V. Daniel, was born in October of that year, in Young America, Warren County, Illinois. Two sons were born: John W. Daniel, in 1868, Charles H. Daniel in 1869, plus another child of unknown sex born about 1870; all three died in infancy.

The family lived in Warren County for about five years, where they met the John S. Roberts family. The Robertses, including John's wife Elizabeth Ann Murrell Roberts, came to visit after daughter Ella was born, and brought their five year-old son, George A. Roberts (1861-1939). George would marry their daughter Ella V. years later, in 1885.

A number of Warren County families decided to migrate to Jasper County, Iowa, including the Roberts and Daniel families. The Roberts family migrated about 1868; it is unknown if the families migrated together, but RW and Margaret Ann Daniel were in Jasper County by the 05 Aug 1870 US Federal Census.

Margaret had one more child, Lily G. Daniel, in 1872. Lily thankfully survived into adulthood, married, and had two daughters. (Winnie V. Walker, called "Cousin Winnie" by Edith Roberts, and Hilma L. Walker.)

RW and Margaret lived on the farm and worked the land through 1900, and then moved to Des Moines, Iowa, by the 1910 Census. They apparently moved back to Prairie City in 1915, due to Margaret's illness and need for family to help nurse her.

Margaret died 19 Dec 1915 at age 76.

The sympathy of our neighborhood has gone out to Grandma Daniel in her affliction. The Daniel's have a place in the hearts of our people.

*Margaret Ann Hemphill Daniel- illness mentioned in Prairie City News, 23 Dec 1915, Vol. 41, No 52, Page 1, Column 1.*

Their daughter Ella V. Daniel Roberts passed away 17 Jan 1922 at the young age of 55. Robert Woodson Daniel died just five months later, on 20 Jun 1922 at age 79.

### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) Margaret Ann Hemphill Daniel- Obituary. Prairie City News, Prairie City, Iowa, 23 Dec 1915. Volume 41, Number 52, Page 1, Column 1. Original newspaper- the whole paper!- in author's possession. This scan is from long ago- hence not optimal quality, sorry. I need to put a rescan on my list of Genealogy To-Do items.

2) Beautiful old map of 1836 Missouri, 3 years before Margaret Ann was born: [http://www.mapofus.org/\\_maps/atlas/1836-MO.html](http://www.mapofus.org/_maps/atlas/1836-MO.html)

3) Margaret's obit states that she was a member of the "W.R.C." This was the 'Woman's Relief Corps' which was a group that was formed to help Civil War veterans and their widows and children.

4) Interestingly, the Missouri marriage records state Margaret's name as "Mrs. Margaret E. Hemphill." Entries for other brides, though in a different hand, are very clearly "Miss" so it is unknown if Margaret was previously married to a Hemphill, instead of that being her maiden name, or if it was a clerical error. (Hopefully the latter or a lot of researchers have wrong information.) Margaret A. Hemphill is listed in the family of David H. Hemphill and Elizabeth C.

Turner, so hopefully it was just an error. Adding to Genealogy To-Do list...

5) [Margaret Ann Hemphill Daniel Find A Grave Memorial #76668654](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSvcid=210058&GRid=76668654)– [http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSvcid=210058&GRid=76668654&](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSvcid=210058&GRid=76668654)

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**Friday's Faces from the Past:  
Ruth N. Alexander and  
Wilhemina Schoor**



*Ruth Nadine Alexander and her mother, Wilhemina (Schoor) Alexander at Lake Taneycomo, Missouri, about 1928.*

Since many folks will be heading off to lakes and beaches or just a picnic pavilion in a park this first big weekend of summer, here is a picture of two of our Lee ancestors relaxing at the lake. The place was Lake Taneycomo in southern Missouri, and the time was probably about 1928.

Ruth Nadine Alexander, on the left, was born 01 Feb 1906 in Missouri to George Harrington Alexander (1879-1951) and Wilhemina Schoor (1882-1942), on the right. Ruth was the second of six children, and lived in Missouri all her life.

On 27 Jul 1929, Ruth married Lloyd Eugene "Gene" Lee in Marshfield, Missouri. Their only child, Robert Eugene Lee, was born in 1932.

Sadly, Ruth died at the young age of 46 on 1 Dec 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri.

#### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) Family oral history, records, photos, and ephemera.

2) [Find A Grave Memorial# 57013395 for Ruth Nadine Alexander](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=LEE&GSpartial=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=26&GSctry=4&GSsr=4601&GRi): <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=LEE&GSpartial=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=26&GSctry=4&GSsr=4601&GRi>

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## **Tombstone Tuesday: Matilda (Mac Elvey) Beerbower**



*Matilda L. (MacElvey) Beerbower-Headstone in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana. Posted with permission of photographer.*

Matilda Louise MacElvey (or Matilda L. McKelvey) was born possibly in Massachusetts or more probably in Missouri on 27 Jan 1823 to unknown parents. At age 16 she married Eleazer John Beerbower (or John Eleazer Beerbower- German folks used their two names interchangeably throughout their lives, and he also was known as E.J. Beerbower); he was 23. They married 07 Mar 1839, and one year later, at age 17, she became the mother of twins on 01 Apr 1840. Son Polaski only lived 10 days, but his twin Caspar, named after Eleazer's father and grandfather, survived longer, though only to 9 months and 25 days. The twins were buried in Dovel Memorial Cemetery, Pickerington, Fairfield, Ohio, so probably were also born in the area.

In 1842 the family was still living in Ohio where son Samuel T. Beerbower was born on 10 Nov 1842. He may have been named in honor of his paternal uncle, Samuel Beerbower (1824-1890). In August of 1844, at age 21, Matilda gave birth to son George who only survived 3 days; he also is buried in Dovel Memorial Cemetery. How sad it must have been to lose three precious children so early in life!

Healthy children, thankfully, then followed every few years to join their sibling Samuel T. Beerbower: Stephen Russell Beerbower was born in 1845 in Ohio; James M. Beerbower on 02 Mar 1848 in Ohio; Edgar P. Beerbower was born 28 Jun 1849 in Pinkerington, Fairfield County, Ohio. (He is your ancestor if you are descended from Anna May Beerbower Helbling; he was sometimes called Edward P. Beerbower instead of Edgar.)

In 1849, the family moved to Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio; in 1850, they uprooted again and moved to Marion County, Ohio. Eleazer was a saddle and harness maker there, a trade he had learned as a young man.

A daughter was finally born into the family: Mary Emma Beerbower, born 10 Mar 1852 in Marion, Ohio, followed by another son, Eleazer John Beerbower, named after his father, on 10 May 1858, also in Marion County, Ohio. Matilda had



given birth to a child every 1-3 years previously, before this six year gap. Matilda was just 35 when their ninth child was born.

In 1866, John (Eleazer John Sr.) moved to Indianapolis for a new job, but Matilda and the family stayed in Marion for one year before joining him. We have been unable to find a record of the family in the 1870 US Federal Census in Indianapolis, but the indexing of the name has some pretty creative spelling; hopefully they will turn up one of these days. They were found again in the Indianapolis 1880 census, with John working in the upholstery business.

Matilda's husband John died at age 67 in Indianapolis on 24 Oct 1882.

The biography of son Samuel T. Beerbower states his widowed mother was living in Indianapolis in 1883. The Indianapolis City Directory of 1885 lists Matilda as the widow of Eleazer J., living at 5 Vine St.

Matilda is found again in the 1900 US Federal Census taken 9 June 1900. She was the head of household and living at 605 East Pratt St. in Indianapolis with her divorced son, Edgar Peter Beerbower (our ancestor- they got back together though and remarried- a story for another day). The census also notes that Matilda was born in June 1828, had 9 children, 6 still living, and that her parents were born in Maryland.

#### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. Matilda Beerbower, an Old Resident of the City.

Mrs. Matilda Beerbower, seventy-seven years old, living at 605 East Pratt street, was found dead in bed by her housekeeper yesterday morning. Mrs. Beerbower was subject to heart trouble, and for three years had not been in good health. Tuesday night, when she went to bed, nothing unusual was noticed, and the housekeeper talked to her until 11 o'clock. Yesterday morning the housekeeper got up, said something to Mrs. Beerbower and went into the kitchen. The old lady was in the habit of getting up early, and, not appearing within a reasonable length of time, the housekeeper went to her room to see what was the matter. She found that Mrs. Beerbower was dead. Her death was expected at any time, the family said.

Mrs. Beerbower was an old resident of Indianapolis, having lived here for thirty-five years, and was one of the pioneer members of Roberts Park Church. Her husband died eighteen years ago, since which time she had lived at the family residence with a housekeeper and her son, Edward Beerbower. Four other sons and one daughter survive her, of whom Stephen R. Beerbower lives in this city. The other children are in different parts of the country and have been called home.

*Matilda L. (MacElvey) Beerbower- Death Notice in The Indianapolis Journal. (Click to enlarge.)*

Matilda (McKelvey) Beerbower died about 5 weeks after the census, on 18 Jul 1900, at the age of 77. She had suffered from heart trouble for a number of years. (Understandable with the loss of so many loved ones!) She was laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery, Section 32, Lot 202, on 21 Jul 1900. Two of her dear sons, Edgar Peter and Stephen Russell, were later buried in the same lot.

#### Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Polaski Beerbower Memorial on Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=42557087>

2) Caspar Beerbower Memorial on Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Beerbower&GSiman=1&GRid=42557101&>

3) Samuel T. Beerbower on Find A Grave, which includes a bio of his parents. Have been unable to yet find the source of the FAG info. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=88>

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4) 1860 US Federal Census: **Source Citation:** Year: 1860; Census Place: Marion, Marion, Ohio; Roll: M653\_1006; Page: 326; Image: 123; Family History Library Film: 805006.

5) 1880 US Federal census: **Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana; Roll: 295; Family History Film: 1254295; Page: 227B; Enumeration District: 113; Image: 0156.

6) 1900 US Federal census: **Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana; Roll: 387; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 0044; FHL microfilm: 1240387.

7) US City Directory for Indianapolis, Indiana: **Source Information:** Ancestry.com. *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

8) Matilda L. MacElvey Beerbower Memorial on Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=BE&GSpartial=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=17&GSctry=4&GSsr=2641&GRid=45869801&>

9) "Found Dead in Bed, Mrs. Matilda Beerbower, an Old Resident of the City," in *The Indianapolis Journal*, July 19, 1900, Vol 50, Number 200, Page 8, Column 1. <https://newspapers.library.in.gov/cgi-bin/indiana?a=d&d=IJ19000719.1.8&srpos=11&e=---en-20-1-txt-txIN-+Beerbower--#>. Indiana newspapers may also be found on the Chronicling America website.

10) *The History of Marion County, Ohio*...Leggett, Conaway, & Co., Chicago, 1883, pages 531, 555-6: <https://archive.org/stream/historyofmarionc00legg#page/n5/mode/2up>

11) See our [Beerbower Family Tree Page](#) by clicking this link.

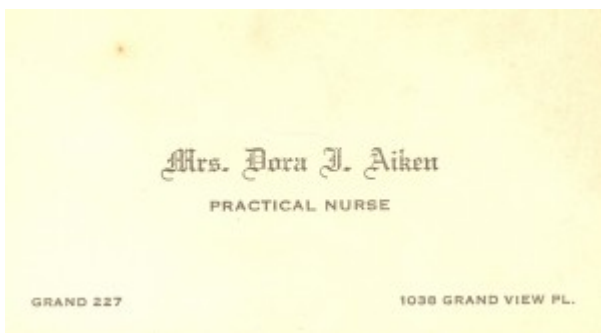
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## **Workday      Wednesday -      Dora Russell      Aiken**



*Dora J. Russell Aiken-Business Card (Click to enlarge.)*

Dora J. RUSSELL was born to David S. RUSSELL (1833-1897) and Rebecca Ann LUTZ (1841-1916) on 05 April 1862 in Flora, Clay County, Illinois (per death certificate) or Lorraine Village, Black River Township, Lorain, Ohio. (I think the latter, though some family researchers insist on Flora, IL, and her daughter listed Flora as Dora's birthplace on the death certificate.) Dora had an older sister named Cora, so in the

family they were affectionately known as "Cora and Dora from Flora." There were two brothers as well: George Franklin Russell (1870-1927) and Claude Elmer Russell (1875-1942).

We have been unable to find the family in any 1870 census, but in 1877, Dora, just 13, was working in Caledonia Twp., Michigan as a domestic servant in the home of William and Mina Tick. Dora is then found in 1880 in Black River Twp., Lorain Co., Ohio with her family, where she was working as a milliner at age 16.

Dora married William H. AIKEN about 1883 and their first child, Dorothy Adele AIKEN(1884-1953), was born in Black River, Lorain, Ohio. The family lived in Amherst, Lorain, OH in 1885. Their son Claude Frank AKEN (or Frank Claude AIKEN) (1887,88, or 89?-1944), was also born in Lorain Co., Ohio.

In 1900 the family was living in New Madrid, Missouri. By 1910 they had moved to Florence, Fremont Co., Colorado with just son Claude- daughter Dottie had married Samuel J. Lee in 1906 and they were living in St. Louis, Missouri at the 1910 census.

Dora and her husband split up sometime between the 1910 census and the 1917 St. Louis City Directory that lists her as a widow and working as a nurse. (Thus the above business card is probably from that era.) She may have lived with her son Claude Aiken and his wife around 1915 in Chicago and again (still?) in 1917, as Claude's World War I Draft Registration of 05 June 1917 in Oakville, St. Louis Co., Missouri notes that his mother and his wife are both dependents.

Dora Russell Aiken is found in the 1920 US Federal Census in St. Louis, Missouri with her daughter Dorothy "Dottie" (Aiken) Lee and Dottie's husband Samuel J. Lee. At the 1930 census, the household consisted of her son-in-law, Samuel J. Lee, his wife Dorothy (Aiken) Lee, their son Lloyd Eugene "Gene" and his wife Ruth Nadine (Alexander) Lee, and their young son

Robert Eugene Lee, Dora's great-grandson. She lived the remainder of her life with her daughter and son-in-law.



*Four generations of Aikens: Dora (Russell) Aiken sitting, her daughter Dorothy "Dottie" Adele (Aiken) Lee standing behind her, Dottie's son Lloyd Eugene "Gene" Lee, and Gene's son Robert Eugene Lee sitting on his great-grandmother's lap. Taken about 1933 at the house on Alamo in St. Louis, Missouri. (Click to enlarge.)*

Dora (Russell) Aiken died on 7 Apr 1935, and is buried with her daughter Dorothy and son-in-law Samuel Lee in Memorial Park, MO. Her son Claude Frank Aiken is buried nearby.

### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) My Find A Grave Memorial# 57013339 for Dora Aiken Lee: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Aiken&GSiman=1&GScid=30159&GRid=57013339&>. Accessed 2/25/14.

2) 1880 US Federal census for David S. Russell: Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Lorain, Lorain, Ohio; Roll: 1042; Family History Film: 1255042; Page: 345B; Enumeration District: 163; Image: 0040. Accessed at Ancestry.com 2/25/14.

3) 1900 US Federal Census for William H. Aiken: Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: West, New Madrid,

*Missouri*; Roll: 877; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 0078; FHL microfilm: 1240877. Accessed 2/26/14.

4) 1910 US Federal Census for William H. Aiken: Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: *Florence Ward 3, Fremont, Colorado*; Roll: T624\_119; Page: 30B; Enumeration District: 0069; FHL microfilm: 1374132. Accessed 2/26/14.

5) 1917 City Directory- St.. Louis, MO: Ancestry.com. *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011. Accessed 2/26/14.

6) 1917 US Draft Registration for Claud F Aiken: Source Citation: Registration State: *Missouri*; Registration County: *St Louis*; Roll: 1683865; Draft Board: 3. Accessed 2/26/14.

7) 1920 US Federal Census for Samuel J. Lee: Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: *St Louis Ward 24, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri*; Roll: T625\_960; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 468; Image: 245. Accessed 2/26/14.

8) 1930 US federal census for Samuel J. Lee: Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: *St Louis, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri*; Roll: 1245; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0239; Image: 830.0; FHL microfilm: 2340980. Accessed 2/26/14.

9) Family ephemera and photographs- treasures all.

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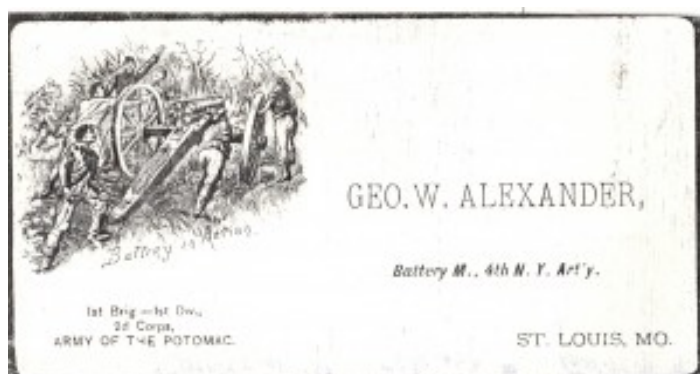
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## **Wordless Wednesday- George W. Alexander**



*George W. ALEXANDER-Army of the Potomoc Business Card, St. Louis, Missouri (Click to enlarge.)*

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1) Family artifact.

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