

Ernest Griner and Jennie Horton Family

Ernest Richard Griner

Ernest Richard GRINER was born on 12 Jul 1885 in the state of Kansas. He appeared in the census on 16 Apr 1910 in Moscow, Latah, Idaho. Ernest is listed as the son of George W. Griner. He is age 24, single, and not working at this time. He was born in Kansas, his father in Pennsylvania and his mother in Indiana. He appeared in the census on 28 Apr 1910 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. Ernest R. is listed as age 24, born in Kansas, his father born in Pennsylvania and his mother in Arkansas. He is single, a lodger, and working as a tree salesman. His brother, John, is listed next to him.

I assume that he and his brother found work between the 16 of April when they were included in the Moscow census and the 28 of April when the census was taken in Walla Walla. He served in the military on 12 Sep 1918 in Wenatchee, Chelan, Washington. In actuality he served no time in the military he only registered. He was described as medium height, medium build, with gray eyes and light hair on 12 Sep 1918 in Wenatchee, Chelan, Washington. This description is given on his World War I military registration card. He was living on 12 Sep 1918 in 309 King Street, Wenatchee, Chelan, Washington. Between 12 Sep 1918 and 1920 he was an agent buying fruit for Wills and Wade company in Wenatchee, Chelan, Washington. He died in 1955 in Spokane, Spokane, Washington. It is reasonable to assume that Ernest died before reaching 100 years of age. He was buried in 1955 in Pines Cemetery, Spokane, Spokane, Washington. Ernest Richard GRINER and Jennie HORTON were married on 10 Nov 1910 in Moscow, Latah, Idaho. They appeared in the census in 1920 in Cashmere, Chelan, Washington. Ernest R. is listed as age 34, born in Kansas, and able to read and write. He is employed warehousing fruit. His home is owned free of mortgage. His father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother was born in Kansas. His wife, Jennie, is listed as age 32, and able to read and write. She was born in Idaho, her father in Tennessee, and her mother in Arkansas. The children listed in the household are Bernice (age 8), Donald R. (age 5 6/12), Sarah J. (age 2 6/12), and Edward T. (age 1 2/12). All children were born in Washington. They appeared in the census in 1930 in Hanford, Benton, Washington. Ernest R. Griner is listed as age 44, and born in Kansas. He was married at the age of 24. He is employed as an agent for a fruit company. He pays rent of \$20 per month. His father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother was born in the US. He is not a veteran. His entire family speaks English. Jennie, his wife, is listed as age 42, born Idaho and is not employed. Her father was born in Tennessee and her mother was born in Arkansas. She was married at the age of 21. Children are listed as Bernice (age 18), Darold (age 15), Jessie (age 12) and Thomas (age 11). All attended school during the year.

With Ernest's background in fruit, it is wondered if he did not see the possibility of fruit farming on the state land which became available in Benton County, Washington. The state offered a tempting package to those who were willing to take a chance with farming the land. A house,

small barn, chicken coop, pumping well, and fencing were included on the acreage for each package, for a very reasonable price.

Jennie Horton

Jennie HORTON was born on 13 Nov 1887 of Camas, Nez Pierce, Idaho. Jennie's family was living in Camas, Nez Pierce County in 1880. They had relocated to Cora Precinct, Latah County by 1900. She appeared in the census on 2 Jun 1900 in Cora Precinct, Latah, Idaho. Jennie is listed as age 12, born in Idaho in Nov 1887, and at school. She appeared in the census on 3 May 1910 in Cora Precinct, Latah, Idaho. Jennie is living with her parents John H. and Sarah Horton. She is listed as 22, single, born Idaho and not working. She died on 9 Jun 1973 in Spokane, Spokane, Washington. She was buried in Jun 1973 in Pines Cemetery, Spokane, Spokane, Washington. Jennie's full name came from the Idaho Marriages index.