

George Thompson and Laura Randall Family

George Edward Thompson 1873 - 1962, Prior to marriage

George Edward Thompson began life on 7 August 1873 in London, England as the son of Joseph Thompson and Lucy Mary Verner. The family, including daughter Leah, emigrated from England to the US in about 1878. Their first home was in Pennsylvania. They then moved to Greenwood County, Kansas prior to 1880 where George and his six siblings grew up. In 1900 George is living with Richmond A Randall and his wife Evelin and working as a farm laborer. In 1902 he married their daughter Laura May.

Laura May Randall 1883 - 1957, Prior to marriage

Laura's grandfather Samuel Sexton was born in Vermont and his wife, Susan was born in New York. Between about 1825 and 1840 Samuel and Susan lived in Canada West (according to Wikipedia this area is also known as Upper Canada) where their 4 children including Laura E was born. Before 1846 they moved to Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

Laura E Sexton married Anson Randall in 1846 in Milwaukee County, WI. They lived in Wisconsin until after the 1860 census but were found in Cass County, Missouri in the 1870 and 1880 censuses. By 1885 Laura and Anson Randall and their son Richmond Randall were living in Greenwood County, Kansas.

Richmond Randall married Eva or Evelin (no surname currently known) sometime between 1880 and 1885, most likely before Laura May Randall was born in Grenola, Elk County, Kansas on 19 Dec 1883. Laura May grew up in Greenwood County, Kansas and married George Edward Thompson, a farm laborer on her parents farm.

The George & Laura Randall Thompson family 1902 - 2006

Together George and Laura remained in Kansas, where sons Frank and Lynn were born, until at least summer 1904. Before June 1907 they moved to Owasso, Tulsa County, Oklahoma where another three children, George K, Randal Anson and Laura "Katherine", were born. By Jan 1913 the family had moved to the Eugene, Oregon area where two more children, Paul and Patricia, were born. In 1915, after March when Patricia was born, the family of eight (Randall Anson died in 1913) moved from Eugene to the Benton City, Washington area in a covered wagon. George became a farmer in the Benton City area. Between 1915 and 1925 another 5 children, Dorothea, Mark Anson, Warren, Mary and Robert were born.

George had a number of occupations in his working lifetime. He started out as a farmer and in 1949 sold the home farm to his son Paul. He then moved to the town of Kiona (just north of Benton City) and operated a filling station. In 1947-48 he was one of the Benton County commissioners.

Of the twelve children born to George and Laura Thompson, 2 sons died as small children. Their youngest son was killed on Okinawa during World War II. Four sons either remained in the Tri-Cities area or returned to the area and are buried in cemeteries from Walla Walla to Prosser. Of their four daughters, one remained in Washington and three moved to Oregon. The final son lived and died in California