

# ***Shamberger Family Genealogy Notes***

## ***Kansas***

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***Barber Co., Medicine Lodge Cresset, 2 Dec 1892 {21863}***

“Born: In Mingona township, November 22nd, to the wife of Rev. Jesse Shamberger, a girl [#1274].”

***Barber Co., Medicine Lodge Cresset, 8 Apr 1904, Obituary of Arthur Shamberger  
[#1243] {21862}***

“Died: This community was shocked when the news came that Arthur Shamberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Shamberger of Mingona township, had died on Friday night, April 1st. He was only ill a few days and death resulted from an abscess in the head and the grip. Arthur was a promising young man of nineteen years of age, popular with his associates and a dutiful son. The funeral service was conducted Sunday by A.O. Walker, pastor of the Christian church in this city, and interment made in the Mingona cemetery. To the mourning relatives and friends it was a sad Easter. To them there was no fragrance in the Easter flowers, no beauty in the greening vestments of the earth, no joy in the awakening of a new springtime.”

*History of Butler County, Kansas, by Vol. P. Mooney (Lawrence, KS: Standard Publishing Co., 1916), pp. 475-476 (William Houston Betz [#267]) {17868}*

“William Houston Betz, superintendent of the city water works of El Dorado, is a native of Ohio, born at Lima, July 28, 1868. His parents were Henry and Mary (Shumberger) Betz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. The Betz family were among the early settlers of El Dorado, locating here in 1869, when William Houston of this review was about a year old. Their first home was on North Main street where the Commercial hotel now stands. They drove the entire distance from Ohio to Kansas, which was a long, tedious journey, and in those pioneer days they followed the trail through much wild and unsettled country, before reaching Butler county. Their outfit consisted of four wagons, one of which was a spring wagon, and they covered a distance of about 1200 miles.

After remaining in Kansas about six years, the family returned to Ohio, but two years later came back to Kansas, this time by rail as far as Florence, and continued the journey to El Dorado by stage coach. The father was engaged in buying and shipping cattle for a number of years, and later conducted a meat market in El Dorado, where he died and the mother passed away at Alton, Ill. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, now deceased; Elizabeth, married James Johnson, and is now a widow residing at Chicago, Ill.; Christine, married Edward Stanley and resides in Kansas City, Mo.; Lewis, died at the age of twenty; Fred, a farmer, Medicine Lodge, Kans.; Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Charles, Kansas City, Mo. Samuel, the eldest brother, who is now deceased, was a natural frontiersman. He frequently made extensive hunting trips into the west and southwest, in the early days when those sections of the country had scarcely a white habitation. He was a great hunter and had an extensive acquaintance with various tribes of Indians and could speak many of their tribal languages with fluency. He organized a wild west show which he conducted for a time and later sold it to Adam Forepaugh. He was an unerring shot and a great rider, and in many ways an unusual type of man. He was killed in an accident in a spoke factory in Ohio.

William H. Betz was educated in the public schools in El Dorado, and attended high school, and was a schoolmate of Willam Allen White. From the time he was twelve years old, he practically made his own way in the world. He worked at odd jobs until he was seventeen years old, when he entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific railroad as switchman and remained in the train service of that road for thirteen years. He then entered the employ of C. L. Turner as an implement and buggy salesman, and followed that vocation for seven years. In February, 1906, Mr. Betz became superintendent of the El Dorado city waterworks. He is also superintendent of the sewer system, which includes a septic tank, which was built at a cost of \$12,000 during his administration of that department. Mr. Betz is a close student of the intricate and important problem of city water supply and the most efficient and economical systems. He is a constant reader of current literature on that subject and keeps in close touch with the views and experiments of the leading experts along those lines throughout the country.

Mr. Betz was united in marriage in November, 1889, with Miss Winona Payton, a native of Ironton, Ohio. She came to Kansas with her parents, William and Sarelda Payton, when she was a child. The father is now deceased and the mother resides at Newton, Kans. To Mr. and Mrs. Betz have been born the following children: Grace, married William Rowell, proprietor of the Gem Theater, El Dorado; Mabel, married M. S. Smock, El Dorado; William and Irene. Mr. Betz is a Republican and is a member of the Masonic Lodge; Independent Order of Odd

Fellows; Modern Woodmen of America, and Knights and Ladies of Security. The family are members of the Christian church.”

***Pratt Co., Marriages {9609}***

4 Nov 1916	Shamberger, H. Earl age 29, of Lake City Palmer, Edith Mae age 22, of Forest by Hugh J. Donaldson, Minister @ Medicine Lodge	#1244
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*A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans, by William E. Connelley (Chicago, IL: Lewis Publishing Co., 1919), Biography of George D. Royer [#1422] {21897}*

“GEORGE D. ROYER. Gove County was organized in 1886. The Royer family has been identified with that section in Kansas from the year preceding, 1885. They are known as land owners, cattle men and bankers, and one of them is George D. Royer, who came to manhood in this county and is now cashier of the Exchange State Bank of Gove.

All the family came from Carroll County, Maryland, where George D. Royer was born August 6, 1871. He is descended from one of three brothers who came from either Switzerland or Northern France and settled in Pennsylvania in colonial times. His grandfather, Christian Royer, spent his life in Carroll County, Maryland, as a farmer. Jesse Royer, who is now a resident of Gove, was born in Carroll County in 1846, grew up and married there, and in 1872 came west and settled in Nodaway County, Missouri. He followed the trade of stone mason there and in 1885 moved to Gove County, Kansas, homesteading 160 acres of land which is now owned by his son Jacob C. The extent of his prosperity here was measured by the accumulation of 960 acres, all of which is now owned and controlled by his son Jacob. He retired from business in 1908 and has since lived in Gove. Judge Royer is a republican, and during the early days of Gove County served two terms as probate judge. He married Elizabeth Ann Shamberger, who was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, in 1844. They had a family of seven children: Esther, wife of G. A. Jones, now living at Lincoln, Nebraska; George D.; Sarah Julia, who died when seven years old; Mary, wife of Dr. J. J. Barclay, president of the Exchange State Bank of Gove and mentioned elsewhere; Jacob C., who is the owner and occupant of the old homestead; Ethel E., wife of Albert G. Jeffryes, a mine owner and coal operator at Trinidad, Colorado; and Grace, wife of Eugene G. Smith, a rancher in Gove County. George D. Royer was one year old when his parents moved to Missouri and was about fourteen when they established their home in Gove County. In the meantime he had attended public schools at Graham, Missouri. In Kansas he was a student in the old Salina Normal School. Up to the age of twenty-one he lived on his father's farm. When about nineteen he taught school in Gove County for about a year. After that he was clerk in a store at Gove five years, and in 1895 finished a course in the Wichita Commercial College. Mr. Royer is primarily a rancher and cattleman, the owner of 1,600 acres of land, and has been associated in the stock business with his brother Jacob.

In 1903 he accepted the post of assistant cashier of the Exchange State Bank of Gove. For a number of years he has been its cashier. The other officers are Dr. J. J. Barclay, president, and J. H. Naughton, vice president. The bank has a capital of \$25,000 and surplus of \$7,500. This institution was established as a private bank in 1889, three years after Gove was founded. It was chartered as a state bank in 1897.

In 1905 Mr. Royer represented Gove County in the session of the Legislature. He is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is past master of Gove Lodge of Masons, and a member of Hays Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Hays Commandery, Knights Templar. His bank is a member of the Kansas State and the Kansas Bankers' Associations.

At Wayne, Nebraska, in 1897, Mr. Royer married Miss Anna B. Simonton, daughter of John L. and Lydia Simonton, both now deceased. Her father was an early settler and farmer in the states of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Royer have two children, Beula A., born April 12, 1900, now a sophomore in the University of Denver; and George D. Jr. born in August 14, 1902, a senior in the Gove High School.”