

ROBINSON McMILLAN AND FAMILY

Mrs. Inez McMillan Gibson

On the banks of Blue Creek in Giles Co., near Pulaski, Tennessee, on the 25th of March 1857, Robinson McMillan was born. He was the son of Franklin P. and Jane (Robinson) McMillan, both natives of Tennessee where they maintained their home until their death. Franklin P. died in 1870, and his wife, Jane, in 1906. They were buried in the McMillan Graveyard which is on the Lebanon Turnpike, six miles from Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Franklin P. McMillan traced his lineage back to Ireland and Scotland. He was a descendent of the McMillans who were in the Loch Arkaig District, Scotland, in the 12th century. The early American ancestors of both Franklin P. and Jane were colonial settlers in Virginia. Two of Robinson McMillan's great grand-fathers were soldiers in the American Revolution, and his father was a Confederate soldier under the command of General Forrest.

As a youth he remembered hearing the guns of war at Murfreesboro and Franklin. He saw Gen. Dodge in command at Pulaski, and all but witnessed the execution by him of that gallant southern youth Sam Davis. He experienced and lived through the days of reconstruction. He saw his little mother, who weighed one hundred pounds, stand with a gun in the door of their home and refuse admittance to a dozen Yankee soldiers. These same soldiers returned after dark and burned the home to the ground. The experiences of those days impressed upon his youthful mind, never to be forgotten, the value and importance of well regulated constitutional government. No one held more dearly and sacred the history, customs, and

traditions of the South than did Robinson McMillan, and yet no one had greater respect for and loyalty to the United States of America.

He obtained his early education in the private schools of Tennessee, having attended first the Academy at Cornersville. After obtaining a teacher's certificate he moved to Wilson County where he taught in several schools. He subsequently took an academic and law course at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, where he began the practice of law, occupying the old offices of the famous Sam Houston. In his practice of law he was associated with Judge J. S. Gribble and Judge Robert Cantrell, both of whom were eminent jurists of that state.

From his association and training as well as his natural inclination, he looked upon the practice of the law as a performance of a sacred and solemn duty, and believed in a strict observance of rules pertaining to its ethics.

He was a candidate for Congress in Tennessee without opposition when his wife became seriously ill and he was forced to leave his home state in order to take her to a warm climate. After a year and a half spent in El Paso, Texas, where he practiced law, he was again forced to leave on account of the high altitude. He went to Indian Territory where he fell in love with the country, and believing in the future of this territory, settled with his family in Pauls Valley in 1903. There he served as City Attorney. On the admittance of Oklahoma into Statehood he was elected Judge of the 14th Judicial District comprised of Murray, Garvin, McClain, and Cleveland Counties. He and his family moved to Norman, Cleveland County, at this time. He held this office until 1914, when he was not a candidate to succeed himself. At all times he was a loyal Democrat.

In 1915 he was appointed Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma, holding this position until 1919. He was appointed Referee in Bankruptcy for Ardmore Division of U.S. District Court in 1920, by Judge R.L. Williams, which place he held until his death October 21, 1929.

He was a zealous worker. His decisions on the district bench and as a Referee in Bankruptcy, while evidencing a thorough knowledge of the law and judicial acumen, were tempered with mercy and justice.

Judge McMillan was married April 1883 to Josephine Hewgley of Nashville, Tennessee. She was a descendant of the Blout family which furnished Tennessee with two governors, and of Dr. Thomas Wynne of Wales, who came to Philadelphia with Wm. Penn on the "Welcome" in 1682. She was a Methodist, a D.A.R., and Daughter of the Confederacy. She was educated in private schools in Tennessee.

Judge McMillan was a Methodist, 32nd Degree Mason, W.O.W., Odd Fellows, Elk, Kiwanian, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, American Bar Association, and Oklahoma Bar Association.

Judge and Mrs. McMillan were the parents of five children. MURRAY, the oldest son, educated in Public Schools of Tennessee, the University of Oklahoma, and Cumberland University. He married Mrs. Vera Shorter, Lebanon, Tennessee. There were no heirs. He was killed in an accident in 1913. He was an attorney, a Methodist, a Democrat, and belonged to the S.A.E. Fraternity.

CHARLES, Died at age 16.

INEZ, born in Tennessee. Educated in the public schools of Tennessee, Girls' College, Lebanon, Tennessee, and the University of Oklahoma. She married John E. Lambert of Nowata, Oklahoma in 1912. He was a banker and

oil company superintendent, an Episcopalian, a Democrat, and a Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and was a Cherokee Indian. They had a son born to them, Robinson McMillan Lambert, in 1913. John Lambert died in 1918. Inez married Travis G. Gibson, Ardmore in 1927. He was an attorney, a Democrat, a member of the American Legion and a Kiwanian. He died in 1956. There were no heirs to this marriage.

Inez is an Episcopalian, a Democrat, a D.A.R., a Daughter of the King, a member of U D C, Daughter of Colonial Wars; President of Oklahoma Federation of Womens' Clubs, and a Member of Board General Federation. She pioneered in Cancer and Mental Hygiene Movements in the state. Listed in Who Is Who, and Prominent American Women, 1948 Edition, Charter member Alpha Chapter Pi Beta Phi, University of Oklahoma. Inez makes her home in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

R. McMillan Lambert, son of John E. and Inez McMillan Lambert, born in 1913, and educated in the Public Schools, Ardmore, Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma. He married Page Peck, Oklahoma City (daughter of Major Herbert Peck). Retired Collector of I.R.S., Ardmore, retired Post Master, Ardmore. He is an Episcopalian, a Democrat, a Potarian, and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. His home is Ardmore, Okla.

Page Peck Lambert educated in public schools of Oklahoma City, Randolph Macon and the University of Oklahoma. Is an Episcopalian, a Democrat, a D.A.R., a Pi Beta Phi, and a member of Federated Clubs. Children of R.M. and Page Peck Lambert were: Robert M. Lambert and John P. Lambert.

Robert McMillan Lambert was born in 1941. Educated in Ardmore public schools, St. John's Military Academy, Wisconsin, the University of Oklahoma, and Tulane University. He was a Lt. Com. in the Navy. He is a Bone Surgeon, in Oklahoma City, a member of the Episcopal Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity and

Alpha Omega Alpha. He married Katie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, Ardmore. She was educated in the public schools and the University of Oklahoma. She is an Episcopalian and a Kappa Kappa Gamma. This couple had two children: David McMillan Lambert, born in 1969, and a daughter, Kimberly, born in 1971.

John P. Lambert was born in 1945. Educated in Ardmore public schools, St. John's Military Academy, Wisconsin, Colorado College, the University of Oklahoma, and the Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia. He is a Democrat, an Episcopal Priest in Diocese of Oklahoma. He married Martha Jean Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Bates, Ardmore, Oklahoma. She was educated in the Ardmore public schools and the University of Oklahoma, and is a member of D.A.R., an Episcopalian and a Democrat. Children: a son, John McMillan Lambert, born 1964, and a daughter, Page Kelley Lambert, born in 1967.

Elizabeth Jane (Bess) McMillan, daughter of Robinson and Josephine Hewgley McMillan, was born in Tennessee. Educated in the public schools and the University of Oklahoma, she taught school in Duncan, Oklahoma. She married S. Irby Kolb, Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kolb of Ardmore. Irby Kolb was an attorney and an Independent Oil Producer, a member of the American Legion, the Oklahoma Bar Association, a Democrat, and a Rotarian. He died in 1951. Bess Kolb is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a D.A.R., a P.E.O., a charter member of Pi Beta Phi at the University of Oklahoma, a Democrat, a Federated Club member, and a world traveler. No children. Her home is in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mary Robinson McMillan, youngest child of Judge Robinson McMillan and Josephine McMillan was born in Tennessee. She was educated in the public

schools of Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma. She married Robert N. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, pioneer citizens of Norman, Oklahoma. Robert N. Taylor was educated in the Norman Public Schools and the University of Oklahoma. He was a car dealer, served as a Veterans' Administration Advisor, and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. He was a Democrat, and was a member of the Lions Club and of the American Legion, and of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He died in November 1970. His home was in Norman, Oklahoma.

Mary McMillan Taylor was a Methodist, a member of the Federated Club, a Democrat, a member of D.A.R., and Pi Beta Phi. She died in 1968. They had four children: Robert Taylor, Jr., died at age 6. Jean Taylor, educated in Oklahoma, married Roy Pyard, a rancher. Their home is at Quapaw, Oklahoma. They had one daughter, Mary Pyard, educated at the University of Oklahoma.

Josephina Taylor, born Miami, Oklahoma in 1929, was the daughter of Robert and Mary Taylor. She was educated in the public schools and the University of Oklahoma. She is a Methodist, a Democrat, a Pi Beta Phi and a D A R. She married Dr. John Harbour, born in Madison, Wisconsin. He was educated at Kansas University, and at Wisconsin University. He is a member of the faculty, Geology Department, Stanford University, California. He served in the Navy, and is the author of more than 20 publications, a lecturer, and is a Republican. Home Stanford, California. They have three sons: Robert, student at Stanford, Dwight and Dick.

Irby Taylor, born in Quapaw, Oklahoma in 1934. Educated in the Nowata Public Schools, the University of Oklahoma, he served two years in the U.S. Navy in Japan. He served as Assistant District Attorney, Norman,

Oklahoma, and is now a Referee for the Supreme Court, Oklahoma City. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, a member of the Methodist Church, a Democrat, a Kiwanian, and a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association. His home is in Norman, Oklahoma. He married Mary Margurita Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Ward II, Norman. She was educated in William Woods College and the University of Oklahoma. She is a Methodist, a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and is active in the Sorosis Club. Mr. and Mrs. Irby Taylor have one son, Robert L. Taylor, born in 1967.