

Biographical Sketch of Truman Fleming

This brief bio of Truman Fleming was written a few years ago by his daughter, Lucile Maud (Fleming) Biddick aided by her daughter, Barbara.

"Truman Fleming was born on 2/20/1875 in Hicks Valley, a rural area north of the Village of Pepin, Wisconsin. He was the fourth son and the seventh child of John and Mary Jane (Littell) Fleming. Because his services were needed to help on his Farther's 410 acre farm, Truman's formal education was terminated when he was in the eighth grade.



On 3/16/1898 Truman married Maud Ellen Saddler, daughter of John Wesley and Lena Marie, (Hogue). Four children were born to this union, namely, Lila Olive, Raymond John, Glen Melvin, Lucile Maud. (On 8/5/1913 Truman's wife, Maud, died.)

Truman bought a farm in 1907 or 1908. He raised cucumbers for Pepin Pickling Company. At times he also raised peas for seed for Northrup King Seed Company. In the fall he would go to his woods to cut cordwood, load it on his sled to be hauled across the ice on Lake Pepin--(part of the Mississippi River) to sell his wood on the streets of Lake City, Minnesota.

In the fall of 1913 Truman's brother-in-law, George Barns, and he purchased a dray line and ice business in a city 50 miles north of Pepin by the name of Glenwood City. For awhile Truman, Lila, Raymond and Lucile all lived with the Barns family. (Glen, who was a handicapped child, was placed in a children's home until he died several years later.)

In time Truman met and married an Emily (Millie) Bliefert and they moved into their own household. He resided there until his death on 3/13/1952.

Truman was a very honest and a hardworking man who never smoked nor drank liquor. He was a Republican and a life long member of the Methodist church. In some ways he was very strict, but always a caring and loving father.