

Genevieve Smith

Genevieve Smith was born on May 24, 1880 at Elkhorn Wisconsin. Her mother went to Wisconsin after her mother in law died in Hays. (*Mrs. Francis A. Smith, wife of P.W. Smith of Hays City passed away July 16, 1879 in Hay City, KS. They had lived in Kansas for four years. The 1880 census lists Henry Adkins, Betsy Adkins, Charlotte Adkins and Mary, Mabel, Georgiana, Florence and "Baby" Smith living in the Adkins household.*) P. H. stayed in Kansas but came to Wisconsin to bring his family back to Hays, Kansas. Genevieve's two year old sister stayed in Wisconsin with relatives. After returning to Hays the family moved to Colorado in 1882 and Grand County in 1883. In 1884 twin boys were born and another son in 1886. In 1889 they homesteaded on Cottonwood Pass. They lived there until the children were through school (8 grades) in Hot Sulphur Springs. Genevieve was one of the charter members of the church at Hot Sulphur Springs. Genevieve's mother died in 1889. Her father started a sawmill in Fraser and took her 13 year old sister Georgia with him to work. Mabel (12) and Genevieve (8) were doing their share as mother and homemaker for their three young brothers during the long weeks, but held strictly accountable to their father every Saturday night! The youngest brother Edward was sent to Hays, Kansas to live with their aunt Miss Claudia Adkins. On January 16, 1900 PH Smith married Mary Eva Quinn at Hot Sulphur Springs. The family moved to Grand Lake in 1900. *The 1900 census lists PH Smith, his wife Mary Eva and two sons Preston and Henry (16 years old) living with him as well as Ray Gregg (23) who was listed as a servant. Mary died in 1903 and is buried in Hot Sulphur Springs Cemetery.*

In 1902 P. H. Smith built the hotel Bellevue in Grand Lake. At the age of 20 Genevieve went into partnership with her father and managed the hotel until her marriage in 1912.



From the Middle Park Times November 29, 1912

At Hot Sulphur Springs in Grand County, Colorado, at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday November 26, 1912, Mr. John H. Masterson and Miss Genevieve Smith, both of Grand Lake, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. Judge David Kennedy of the County court officiating. The bridegroom has been living in the vicinity of Grand Lake for some months past, having been in the employ of Mr. P.H. Smith. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. P.H. Smith of Grand Lake. She has spent her life in Grand County and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Middle Park who extend their congratulations to the happy pair. After receiving the well wishes of a number of friends in Hot Sulphur Springs the happy pair departed for

Grand Lake, which will probably be their future home. The Times wishes to extend its congratulations to these young people and wishes them many years of health, happiness and prosperity.

From an article in the Middle Park Times, March 2, 1932.

Genevieve Smith Masterson, a pioneer of Grand County, died February 18, 1932 at the Colorado General Hospital.

The Mastersons moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota where they lived until Mrs. Masterson with her three daughters returned to Grand County in 1924. For some years they have lived in Kremmling where they have had a quiet home among wonderful neighbors. The Smith family was one of the oldest in the county and has been prominent in its development.

Mrs. Masterson is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Ollie King, Virginia and Hazel; two grandchildren, Hugh and Betty Ann King, the latter born the day of the grandmother's death, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith and three sisters, Mabel Thompson, Georgia Eslick and Florence Steinhardt.