

PA BILL AND GRAMMIE

William Henry Rodgers (Pa Bill)³ married the daughter of his father's sister, his first cousin, Miranda Ellen Ray (Grammie)⁴ on July 20th, 1882 in Memphis, MO. To this union four children were born.⁵ The oldest, Alfred D. Rodgers (Uncle Doc) was born on September 1st, 1883 or 1884⁶ in Scotland County, MO and died in 1966. He married Emma Waterbury⁷ and they had four children, Robert William, John H., Florence, and Otis (Ned) Rodgers. They spent their lives in northern Oklahoma and now have descendants all over the United States.

Pa Bill and Grammie's second child was never named and lived only 14 days, dying on January 29th, 1885. The boy is buried next to his parents in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Memphis, MO.⁸

Their third child was born while the family was living near Robert W. Rodgers⁹ (Uncle Bob) in Kansas. My great grandfather Charley Rodgers was born in September of 1887¹⁰ in Pratt Kansas, and died on December 19th, 1958 in Kirksville, MO. He married Beulah Anna Barr¹¹ on November 29th, 1906 and had six children: An infant that died very early; my grandfather Harley Harold Rodgers; Evelyn Kathleen Rodgers; Cecil Wayne Rodgers; Charles William Rodgers; and Bobbie Lee Rodgers.¹² I find it interesting to note that my Great Grandma Beulah Rodgers had her first and last child over twenty-three years apart with my Grandpa Harold being born in 1907 and Great Uncle Bobbie Lee in 1930. Charles William Rodgers (Junior) died in 1966 and is buried

³ [Young Pa Bill](#)

⁴ [Young Grammie](#)

⁵ [William Rodgers' Family](#)

⁶ [Baby Alfred Rodgers](#)

⁷ [Doc and Emma](#)

⁸ [Baby Boy Stone](#)

⁹ [Robert and William Rodgers Photo](#)

¹⁰ [Baby Charley Rodgers](#)

¹¹ [Charley and Beulah](#)

¹² [Charley Rodgers Family](#)

in the Memphis Cemetery.¹³ My Grandpa Harold¹⁴ and Uncle Cecil¹⁵ are buried with Charley and Beulah¹⁶ in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Memphis, MO. All of this family with the exception of my Great Uncle Bob who is still living and Evelyn Kathleen (Aunt Kathleen or Aunt Katie) are buried in Scotland County, MO. She is buried in Hygiene, Colorado, with her husband Raymond Johnson (Ole).

Pa Bill and Grammie's youngest son, John Riley Rodgers was born on July 28th, 1889 in Scotland County, MO. He was drafted while living in Idaho and served during World War I in France.¹⁷ The family has passed on a story that he was exposed to mustard gas while there and was "never quite right" after. He never married or had any children and died on June 19th, 1939 in a veteran's hospital in St. Louis, MO.¹⁸ John is buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery next to his parents.

Pa Bill would die on August 12, 1934 at his home of 333 S. Knott Street in Memphis, Missouri at the age of eighty.¹⁹ His obituary was one of the first (of many) confusing items about our family I found, but it was very helpful in getting me started fifteen years ago.²⁰ He left his entire estate to his wife and three sons.²¹ It was substantial for the times, for reasons that are now clear totally \$11,402.14. Just using the CPI, Grammie received \$180, 672! She divided the money amongst her three sons with Alfred, Charley, and John receiving \$3267.38 each in 1934 dollars and equaling \$49,193.71 in 2007 dollars. Grammie would keep the family home and \$1,600 for herself (\$24, 089.62 in 2007) and an interest in the old farm. Grammie would live for

¹³ [Junior's Stone](#)

¹⁴ [Grandpa Harold's Stone](#)

¹⁵ [Uncle Cecil's Stone](#)

¹⁶ [Charley and Beulah's Stone](#)

¹⁷ [PFC John Rodgers](#)

¹⁸ [John's Stone](#)

¹⁹ [Pa Bill's Stone](#)

²⁰ [Pa Bill's Obituary](#)

²¹ [Pa Bill's Estate](#)

some thirteen more years dying on June 1st, 1947 also at the family home on Knott Street.²² She was the last of the ten children of John Kestler Ray²³ and Sallie Ann Rodgers Ray²⁴ to pass away. Pa Bill and Grammie are both buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery northwest of Memphis, MO very close to many, many of their family members with the exception of Pa Bill's two oldest siblings.

²² [Grammie's Stone](#)

²³ [John Kestler Ray Stone](#)

²⁴ [Sally Ann Rodgers Ray Stone](#)