



**Robert Kates and Bertha (Ellison) Cook Family Circa-1910**

### **Robert Kates Cook**

Born 26 Dec 1874 Hillsboro, Hill, Texas, USA

Died: 27 Jan 1946 Ponca City, Kay, Oklahoma

Marriage: 13 Jan 1908 to Bertha May Ellison in Mangum, Greer, Oklahoma.

Father: Thomas Christopher Cook 1845-1931

Mother: Arabelle Austin 1856-1930

Burial: 31 Jan 1946, Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay, OK. Find a Grave # 38889454

Robert was the son of Thomas Christopher Cook and Arabelle Austin.

He married 1) Rosa Ella Herrell in Texas

Child:

1. George L. Cook born Dec 1897-c1961.

He married 2) Bertha May Ellison 13 Jan 1908 in Mangum, Greer, Oklahoma. Their children are:

1. Jesse Melvin Cook 1908-1909

2. Martin Windle Cook 1910-1970

3. Minnie Mae Cook 1912-1987

4. Nina Blanche Cook 1914-2001

5. Willie Edward Cook 1917-1994

6. Robert Kenneth Cook 1921-1978

7. Thomas Matthew Cook 1924-1979

8. Fay Ernestine Cook 1926-

9. Truman Allen Cook 1929-1941

Military:

1. Enlisted U.S. Army 6 Aug 1898 Hill County, Texas; discharged 9 Mar 1899.

2. Enlisted U.S. Army 9 Jul 1904 Mangum, Greer, Oklahoma.

Sources:

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### **Bertha May Ellison Cook**

Born: 21 Apr 1887 Jacksboro, Jack, Texas

Died: 26 Mar 1982 Ponca City, Kay, Oklahoma

Husband 1) Dexter Jonathan Hill - married 1904 in Bettina, Greer, OK (divorced)

Husband 2): Robert Kates Cook (above) - married 13 Jan 1908 in Mangum, Greer, OK

Father: Matthew Greenlee Ellison

Mother: Effie Blanche Lauderdale

Burial: Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay, OK, Find a Grave # 38889466

Bertha was the daughter of Matthew G. Ellison and Effie Blanche Lauderdale.

In 1904 Bertha married Dexter Jonathan Hill in Bettina, Greer, Oklahoma. He was the son of James Washington Hill and Aura Almeda Riggs.

Bertha and Dexter Hill had three children: Twin girls named Gertrude Hattie and Myrtle Iva born 1905 who died in infancy. They had Marvin Otis Hill 1906-1984. Bertha and Dexter Hill divorced on 6 Feb 1907.

On 13 Jan 1908 in Mangum, Greer, Oklahoma, Bertha married Robert Kates Cook, son of Thomas Christopher Cook and Arabelle Austin. Robert and Bertha Cook had 9 children

### **Truman Allen Cook**

Born 14 Jul 1929 Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, OK

Parents: RObert Kates Cook and Bertha Mae Ellison Cook

Died: 04 Dec 1941 Ponca City, Kay, OK (age 12, killed by a hit and run drunk driver)

Buried: Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay, OK. Flnd a Grave # 46649937

Truman Allen Cook was the eighth child of Robert Kates Cook (1874-1946) and Bertha May Ellison (1887-1982).

His paternal grandparents were Thomas Christopher Cook and Arabelle Austin. His maternal grandparents were Matthew Greenlee Ellison and Effie Blanche Lauderdale, d/o James S. Lauderdale and Elizabeth Henson who was the d/o Capt. Joseph T. Henson.

Truman was killed one afternoon at the age of 12 by a hit-and-run drunk driver as he and a friend were taking scrap metal on foot to a drop off station. Apparently the woman was never prosicuted for the crime.

### **Willie Edward "Bill" Cook**

Born: 15 Jan 1917 Beckham County, OK

Died: 25 Nov 1994 Broken Bow, McCurtain, OK

Buriel: Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay, OK. Flnd a Grave # 74296903

Wife: Letta Ann Smethers 1922-2003 (divorced. SHe later married Dougherty)

Bill was born in Berlin, Beckham, Oklahoma to Robert Kates Cook and Bertha M. Ellison. He married Leta Ann Smethers in 1937 in Kay County, Oklahoma.

Children:

1. Melvin E. Cook 1938-2004
2. Jerry Cook
3. Louise Cook m Griffin
4. Davis Cook
5. Elmer Cook
6. Dale Cook
7. Paula Cook m Harryman
8. Donna Cook m Massey

Bill is buried next to his parents.

**Nina Blanche Cook**

Born: 24 May 1914 Sayre, Beckham, OK  
Died: 08 Jan 2001 Ponca City, Kay, OK  
Buried: Resthaven Memorial Park, Ponca City, Kay, OK  
Marriage 1) James Ollie Bright 1908-1973  
Marriage 2) Joseph Theadore Burgert 1920-2001  
Father: Robert Kates Cook  
Mother: Bertah May Ellison

Birth:	May 24, 1914 Sayre Beckham County Oklahoma, USA
Death:	Jan. 8, 2001 Ponca City Kay County Oklahoma, USA <a href="#">[Edit Dates]</a>

Daughter of Robert Kates Cook and Bertha M. Ellison.

Nina married 1) James Oliver Bright, and 2) Joseph Theadore Burgert.

Children:

Norma Jean Bright 1933- m Spratt  
Danny Dwain Bright 1934-  
Lloyd Oliver Bright 1937-2011  
Ronald Leon Bright 1943-2008  
Linda Jolene Burgert 1952-1989 m Max Waller.

**Minnie Mae Cook Bales Hand**

Born: 13 Dec 1912 Sayre, Beckham, OK  
Died: 12 Jan 1987 Ponca City, Kay, OK  
Buried: Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, OK as Minnie M. Hand (husband Carwin Hand also buried there)  
Marriage 1) Zebedee Z. Bales  
Marriage 2) Carwin Winfred Hand  
Parents: Robert Kates Cook and Bertha Mae Ellison

Minnie who is depicted at the far right in the photo was the daughter of Robert Kates Cook and Bertha May Ellison.

In 1929 she married Zebedee Z. Bales in Roger Mills County, OK.

Children:

1. James Robert Bales 1929-2006
2. Oleta Marie Bales
3. Donald Dean Bales
4. Larry Gene Bales
5. Tony Bales

After the death of her husband Zebedee Bales in 1951, Minnie married Carwin W. Hand on 3 Feb 1954.



Robert Kates Cook



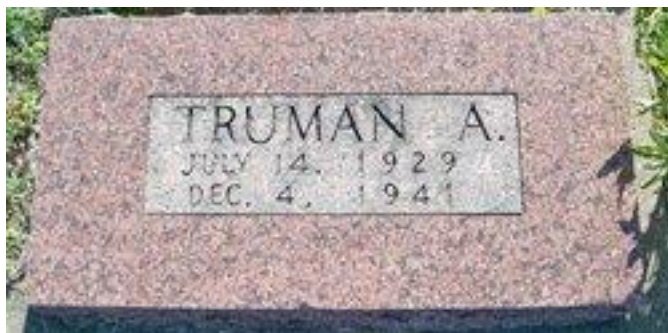
Willie "Bill" Edward Cook



Truman A Cook



Children of Robert Kates Cook at his funeral in 1946





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