

Generation Three

3. **Sophronia Mann Johnston** was born 1 Feb 1868 in Leeper, Missouri^{1,2,3} and died 15 Feb 1940 in El Paso, Texas.^{4,5,6} Following funeral services at Peak-Hagedon Chapel, she was buried 16 Feb 1940 in Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.^{7,8}

Frona, as she was known, married her childhood sweetheart, **George Washington Kitchens**, on 20 Jan 1886 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.^{9,10} George was born in 1856 in Tennessee^{11,12} and died in 1922.¹³ He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Texas.¹⁴

George had moved to El Paso before 18 in order to work in the mines. George returned to Doniphan, Missouri to marry Frona, and then they both took up residence in El Paso. George worked as a bookkeeper for various mining companies and in 1920 he was bookkeeper for US Government in El Paso, TX.¹⁵ Following George's death in 1922, Frona lived (1930) in El Paso, Texas with her daughter and son-in-law,¹⁶ and resided Feb 1940 at 3519 Louisville St. in El Paso, Texas.¹⁷

At her death in 1940, Frona was recalled as a pioneer El Pasoan. She died at her home at 3519 Louisville St at the age of 72. She had come to El Paso as a bride from Doniphan. George was a resident of El Paso before the railroads came in 1881, and returned to Doniphan to marry his childhood sweetheart. She was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Eastern Star.

Children:

9. i. **William Frederick Kitchens** b. 11 Nov 1895.
10. ii. **Isabelle Kitchens** b. 28 Dec 1898.



Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

Pioneer E. P. Woman Is Dead

Mrs. Saphronia Mann Kitchens, pioneer El Pasoan and widow of G. H. Kitchens, El Paso mining man who died in 1922, died today at her home at 3519 Louisville street. She was 72 and had lived in El Paso 41 years.

Mrs. Kitchens came to El Paso as a bride, from Doniphan, Mo. Mr. Kitchens was a resident of El Paso before the railroads came, and returned to Doniphan to marry his childhood sweetheart.

Mrs. Kitchens was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church and was a steady worker in the church when it was located where the City Hall now stands. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Kitchens is survived by two sons, W. F. Kitchens of El Paso and George L. Kitchens of Chicago, and a daughter, Mrs. J. O. McClanahan of Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at Peak-Hagedon Chapel at 4 p. m. tomorrow with Rev. W. Bristow Gray officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

El Paso Herald Post
15 Feb 1940

¹ US Federal 1920 Census El Paso, Texas (www.ancestry.com)

² Death Certificate

³ Find A Grave.com.

⁴ Texas Death Index 1964-98 (www.ancestry.com)

⁵ Death Certificate

⁶ Find A Grave.com.

⁷ Death Certificate, Death Certificate, Plot: Section L, Lot 56, Place 10.

⁸ Find A Grave.com, Plot: Section L, Lot 56, Place 10.

⁹ Marriage Index Ripley County 1833-1900 (www.rootsweb.com).

¹⁰ El Paso Herald Post 15 Feb 1940

¹¹ US Federal 1920 Census El Paso, Texas (www.ancestry.com)

¹² Find A Grave.com.

¹³ Find A Grave.com.

¹⁴ Find A Grave.com, Plot: Section K, Lot 137, Place 6.

¹⁵ US Federal 1920 Census El Paso, Texas (www.ancestry.com)

¹⁶ 1930 Census El Paso District 46.

¹⁷ Death Certificate

4. **Richard P. Johnston**, was born Jul 1870 in Missouri¹⁸ and resided in 1880 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.¹⁹ In 1900 Richard was a barber Poplar Bluff, MO.²⁰ He married **Almeda**, in 1892.²¹ Almeda was born Aug 1870 in Missouri.²² No further information has been found about Richard or Almeda.
- Children:*
- i. **Ruth M. Johnston**, b. Aug 1893 in Poplar Bluff, MO.²³
 - ii. **Frank Richard Johnston**, b. 12 Dec 1894 in Williamsville, MO.^{24,25}

5. **Mary Olive Johnston**, was born 11 Dec 1872 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri²⁶ and died 6 Apr 1941 in Philadelphia, Delaware County, PA.²⁷ She is buried in Greenwood Valley Cemetery, Wayne County, Missouri. She married (1) **James Alexander Grassham**, a farmer who died before 1900.²⁸ Grassham was born 1 Mar 1829 in Hall County, GA,^{29,30} and died 2 Apr 1915 in Reynolds County, MO.^{31,32} He is buried in Wayne County, MO,³³ resided 1880 in Webb, Reynolds County, MO,³⁴



Ollie Johnston Holland and grandchildren

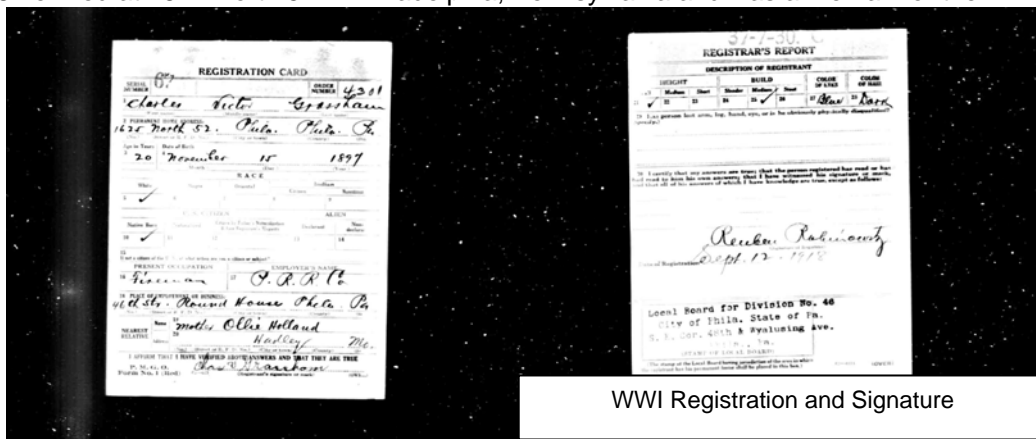
In 1900 Ollie and her children lived in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.³⁵ Following the death of Grassham who left a widow and three young children, Ollie and the children lived with her parents and then she went to work for Robert Holland, a widower who was much older than Ollie and who had children as old as Ollie in some cases. "Thinking people would believe wrong thoughts about them being under the same roof, they wed," recalls Tom Aden.

Ollie married (2) **Robert Holland** on 7 Sep 1902 in Van Buren, Reynolds, MO,^{36,37} Holland was born 1 Mar 1829 in Hall County, Georgia and died 2 Apr 1915 in Reynolds County, MO and is buried in Alwood Cemetery, Wayne County, Missouri. Like Grassham, Holland was a farmer and lived in Webb, Reynolds County, Missouri. The Holland family resided in 1910 in Webb South Half, Reynolds County, Missouri.³⁸ Following Holland's death the family lived in Hadley, Missouri in 1918³⁹ and on 28 Jan 1920 in Greenwood Valley, Mill Spring, Wayne, Missouri.⁴⁰ In 1930 she lived in Philadelphia, Yeadow Borough, Delaware County, PA with her son Charles Victor Grassham.⁴¹

¹⁸ US Federal 1900 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
¹⁹ US Federal 1880 Mill Spring, Wayne, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
²⁰ US Federal 1900 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
²¹ US Federal 1900 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
²² US Federal 1900 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
²³ US Federal 1900 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
²⁴ US Federal 1900 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
²⁵ US Government, World War I Registration (www.ancestry.com).
²⁶ Leslie Rigsby, Rigsby and Kienlen Tree (ancestry.com).
²⁷ Leslie Rigsby, Rigsby and Kienlen Tree (ancestry.com).
²⁸ 1900 Census Mill Spring, Wayne County, MO.
²⁹ Death Certificate
³⁰ Leslie Rigsby, Rigsby and Kienlen Tree (ancestry.com).
³¹ Leslie Rigsby, Rigsby and Kienlen Tree (ancestry.com).
³² Death Certificate
³³ Leslie Rigsby, Rigsby and Kienlen Tree (ancestry.com).
³⁴ Leslie Rigsby, Rigsby and Kienlen Tree (ancestry.com).
³⁵ 1900 Census Mill Spring, Wayne County, MO.
³⁶ 1900 Census Mill Spring, Wayne County, MO.
³⁷ Missouri Marriage Records;
³⁸ US Federal 1910 Webb, Reynolds, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
³⁹ US Government, World War I Registration (www.ancestry.com).

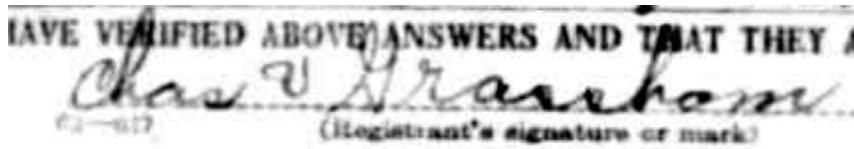
Children:

- i. **Bessie Grassham**, was born Jun 1890 in Missouri⁴² and resided in 1900 at Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.⁴³
- 11. ii. **Eugene Alexander Grassham** b. 1 Oct 1895.
- iii. **Charles Victor Grassham**, was born 15 Nov 1897 in Missouri,⁴⁴ and died 19 Feb 1974 in Dade, Florida. In 1918 he lived at 1624 North 52 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was a fireman for the PRR Co. In 1920 he was a lodger at the home of Mary Foley in Philadelphia Ward 34, Pennsylvania and worked as a fireman on a railroad.⁴⁵ In 1930 he lived in District



WWI Registration and Signature

178, Yeadon Borough, Delaware County, PA,⁴⁶ occupation 1930 RR Engineer.⁴⁷ A Charles V. Grassham married Miss Griesemer in Philadelphia, PA in Sep 1942.⁴⁸ It is not known if this is the same individual.



- 12. iv. **Norman Miller Holland** b. 12 Sep 1903.
- v. **Sanford Holland**, was born 1906 in Reynolds County, Missouri, and is thought to be buried in Greenwood Valley Cemetery, Wayne County, Missouri.
- vi. **Cora Lee Holland**, b. 1909.^{49,50}

6. **William W. (Willie) Johnston** was born 26 May 1875 in Wayne County, Missouri.^{51,52} He died 20 Aug 1916 at age 41 in Doniphan, Missouri as a result of perforation of the bowels due to typhoid fever.⁵³ He was buried 22 Aug 1916 in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO.^{54,55}

Willie was a pharmacist and owner of Johnston's Pharmacy in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.^{56,57} He married **Sallie Jane Mabrey** on 25 Feb 1902 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri,^{58,59} By 1900, he had opened his

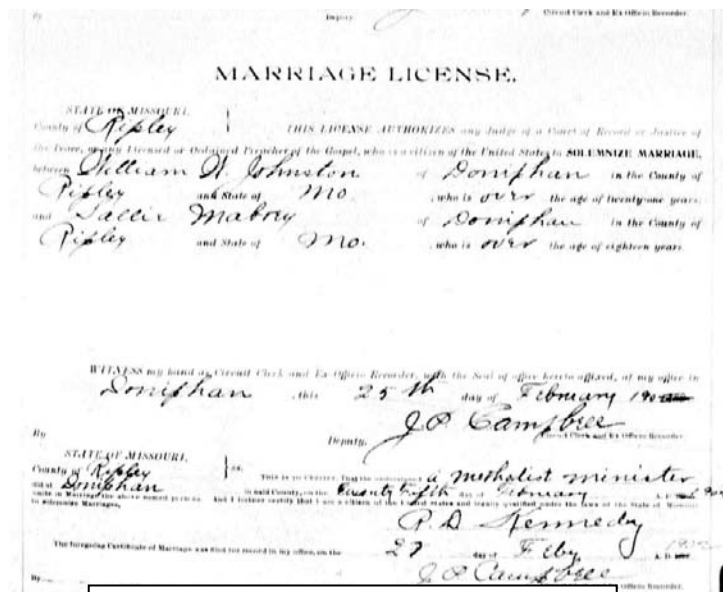
⁴⁰ US Federal 1920 Census Mill Spring, Wayne, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁴¹ US Federal 1930 Yeadon Borough, Delaware County, District 178, PA (www.ancestry.com)
⁴² 1900 Census Mill Spring, Wayne County, MO.
⁴³ 1900 Census Mill Spring, Wayne County, MO.
⁴⁴ 1900 Census Mill Spring, Wayne County, MO.
⁴⁵ 1920 Census Philadelphia Ward 34, District 1163; Philadelphia Pennsylvania
⁴⁶ US Federal 1930 Yeadon Borough, Delaware County, District 178, PA (www.ancestry.com)
⁴⁷ US Federal 1930 Yeadon Borough, Delaware County, District 178, PA (www.ancestry.com)
⁴⁸ Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Marriage Index 1885-1951 License number 757881 G; www.familysearch.org
⁴⁹ Leslie Rigsby, *Rigsby and Kienlen Tree* (ancestry.com).
⁵⁰ US Federal 1910 Webb, Reynolds, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁵¹ (Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO).
⁵² Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).
⁵³ (Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO).
⁵⁴ (Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO).
⁵⁵ Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).
⁵⁶ US Federal 1910 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁵⁷ Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).
⁵⁸ US Federal 1910 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁵⁹ Missouri Marriage Records;

pharmacy and in 1901 he added a soda fountain, the first of its kind in Ripley County.⁶⁰ In 1910, Willie and his family resided on Grand Avenue in Doniphan. In 1920, after Willie's death, Sally and her daughter Bernice continued to live on Grand Avenue in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri and she was a partner in Johnston's Pharmacy.⁶¹ In 1930 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri on Grand Avenue she lived with her son, Thomas Mabrey.⁶²

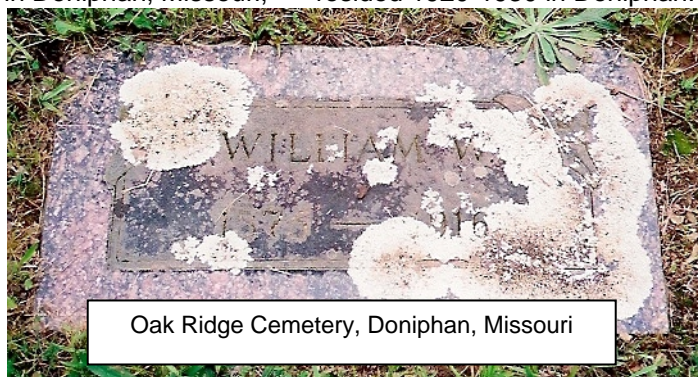
Sallie was born 28 Aug 1888 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri and was the daughter of Thomas Mabrey and Sarah Carter.^{63,64} She died 30 Dec 1945 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.⁶⁵ She was buried 1 Jan 1946 in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, Missouri.⁶⁶ The cause of death was a ruptured gall bladder.

Children:

13. i. **Bernice Johnston** b. 27 Nov 1902.
- ii. **Thomas Mabrey Johnston**, born 1904 in Doniphan, Missouri,^{67,68} resided 1920-1930 in Doniphan, Missouri with mother on Grand Avenue.⁶⁹ In 1930 he listed his occupation as river guide. At the beginning of World War II he enlisted at Jefferson Barracks 26 Oct 1942.



William Johnston and Sallie Mabrey Marriage



Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, Missouri

7. **John Edwin Johnston** was born 20 Nov 1880 in Leeper, Missouri.⁷⁰ He died 4 Mar 1943 in Keemah, Galveston County, Texas,⁷¹ and was buried 4 Mar 1943 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.⁷² He married **Leone Tyler Haertel** in 1904.⁷³ Leone was born. 5 Apr 1887 in Waukesha, Wisconsin,⁷⁴ the daughter of Frank D. Haertel and Cathleen "Kitty" M. Tyler, and died 16 Mar 1974.

John Edwin and Leone resided in 1910 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.⁷⁵ By 1915 the family had moved to St. Louis and lived at 3904 Shaw Avenue.⁷⁶ In 1916 they were at 4175 DeTonty, St. Louis, Missouri,⁷⁷ and in 1917 at 3600 Cora Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.⁷⁸ In 1917 Johnston was the manager Carter Timber & Mercantile Co 2600 S Main.⁷⁹

⁶⁰ Ponder, Jerry; The History of Ripley County Missouri; 1987
⁶¹ US Federal 1920 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁶² US Federal 1930 Doniphan Ripley County Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁶³ US Federal 1910 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁶⁴ Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).
⁶⁵ Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).
⁶⁶ Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).
⁶⁷ US Federal 1910 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁶⁸ US Government, World War II Draft Registration (www.ancestry.com).
⁶⁹ US Federal 1920 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁷⁰ State of Texas, Death Certificate
⁷¹ State of Texas, Death Certificate
⁷² State of Texas, Death Certificate
⁷³ US Federal 1910 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁷⁴ State of Texas, Death Certificate (#18633), Death Certificate.
⁷⁵ US Federal 1910 Census Poplar Bluff Missouri, Butler County, MO
⁷⁶ St. Louis, Missouri City Directory 1915.
⁷⁷ St. Louis, Missouri City Directory 1916, Johnston John Edwin insp r 4175 DeTonty.
⁷⁸ St. Louis, Missouri City Directory 1917.

In 1918 he was superintendent of Charles C. Curry & Co.⁸⁰ and lived at 3600 Cora Ave in St. Louis, Missouri,⁸¹ and in 1920 he was an inspector with Railroad and the family lived at 3711 Olive Street - St. George Apartments,⁸². Marjorie Johnston, the daughter, drowned between 1920 and 1925. For one year, the family lived on a house boat on a river as Johnston moved rail road ties up and down the river. Between about 1925 and 1928 Johnston and his family moved to Hugo, Oklahoma where he operated a hotel.⁸³ In 1936 he worked for Southwestern Laboratories in Houston, Texas⁸⁴ and lived at 901 Barkdull St. in Houston, Texas.⁸⁵ He and Leone lived from 1942 to 43 in Kemah, Galveston County, Texas,⁸⁶

Following the death of Johnston in 1943, Leone married Clarence J. Caywood. In 1974 she and Caywood lived at 1302 FM Road 518, League City, Texas.⁸⁷ Leone was buried 18 Mar 1974 in Forest Park East Cemetery, League City, Texas.⁸⁸

Children:

14. i. **Clive Hartel Johnston** b. 22 Jul 1906.
15. ii. **Dean Johnston** b. 30 Dec 1908.
- iii. **Marjorie Johnston**, was born in 1912, and died some time after 7 Jan 1920 at her grandfather's home in Missouri. She drowned in a river at about the age of 8.⁸⁹ No record of her death has yet been found.

8. **Ethel Johnston** was born 3 Nov 1888,⁹⁰ and died 17 Oct 1960 in Ripley County Memorial Hospital, Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri.⁹¹ She was buried 19 Oct 1960 in Masonic Cemetery in Piedmont, Missouri.⁹² Ethel resided 1910 in Doniphan, Missouri with her brother William⁹³ and she worked as a schoolteacher.⁹⁴ She married **John Bailey Chilton**, on 20 Feb 1916 in Doniphan, Ripley county Missouri.⁹⁵ Chilton was born 14 Apr 1890 in Leeper, Missouri,^{96,97} and died 31 Jan 1926 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.⁹⁸ He was buried in Masonic Cemetery, Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri,⁹⁹

The Chiltons lived in 1917 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri,¹⁰⁰ where Chilton was a merchant at FS Chilton & Co in Mill Spring, MO.¹⁰¹ In 1930, following the death of Chilton, Ethel lived on Lafayette Street in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri¹⁰² and was a school teacher.¹⁰³ In 1939 she lived in Doniphan, MO and in Oct 1960 she lived at 500 Lafayette St, Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.¹⁰⁴ Ethel was the chairman of the committee that began the Doniphan Public Library. She also owned two theatres in Doniphan.¹⁰⁵

Children:

16. i. **Marian Johnston Chilton** b. 1 Aug 1921.
- ii. **Allen J. Chilton**, b. Jun 1924 in St. Louis.

⁷⁹ St. Louis, Missouri City Directory 1917.
⁸⁰ US Government, *World War I Registration* (www.ancestry.com).
⁸¹ US Government, *World War I Registration* (www.ancestry.com).
⁸² US Federal 1920 Census St. Louis Co., City of St. Louis, Ward 28 (www.ancestry.com)
⁸³ Johnston, Dean; conversation with Judy Johnston Hyatt
⁸⁴ State of Texas, *Death Certificate*
⁸⁵ State of Texas, *Death Certificate*
⁸⁶ State of Texas, *Death Certificate*
⁸⁷ State of Texas, *Death Certificate* (#18633)
⁸⁸ State of Texas, *Death Certificate* (#18633)
⁸⁹ US Federal 1920 Census St. Louis Co., City of St. Louis, Ward 28 (www.ancestry.com)
⁹⁰ *Death Certificate*, Death Certificate no state.
⁹¹ *Death Certificate*, Death Certificate no state.
⁹² *Find A Grave.com*.
⁹³ US Federal 1910 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁹⁴ US Federal 1910 Census Doniphan, Ripley, Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
⁹⁵ Missouri Marriage Records 1805-2002 (Ancestry.com).
⁹⁶ US Government, *World War I Registration* (www.ancestry.com).
⁹⁷ *Death Certificate*
⁹⁸ *Death Certificate*,
⁹⁹ *Find A Grave.com*.
¹⁰⁰ US Government, *World War I Registration* (www.ancestry.com).
¹⁰¹ US Government, *World War I Registration* (www.ancestry.com).
¹⁰² US Federal 1930 Doniphan Ripley County Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
¹⁰³ US Federal 1930 Doniphan Ripley County Missouri (www.ancestry.com)
¹⁰⁴ *Death Certificate*
¹⁰⁵ <http://www.shelbyfamilyreunion.com/History/mary.pdf>