

Louvenia Schoening Sublett 1889

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Aunt Louvenia married a military man, Army I think, I never saw him. She came to Paducah several times when I was growing up, but he was never there that I know of.

She was a hard worker did a lot of different things to help earn a living, mostly she did a lot of sewing, but she also stayed in homes as companion to elderly people.

She never went with Uncle Evrett where he was sent for duty, I don't think I ever saw a picture of him.

She home steaded, I guess a quarter section at Trail Oregon, not too far from Medford.

She later turned this property over to my brother Ralph, she didn't exactly give it to him, he was to put the payments each month into a trust fund for Pete's (son) college education.

She had got involved with a religious group called Esoteric. This was started by a man named Butler, at one time it was quite a flourishing organization and Aunt Louvenia was quite involved in it, there were several little cottages strowed over the grounds where the members could come and live for awhile, they also had a Publishing House to do all of their literature, then the big house, where Aunt Louvenia lived. At the time I saw it there were only three living there, there was still members living away but it was pretty well on its last legs.

She and Uncle Everett were separated, at one time he had been active in the Esoteric society, in fact that is how she got interested, but he left it. I don't know if there was ever a divorce.

One time when she was coming back from Ralph's she stopped to see him and found him quite ill, she stayed and took care of him until he died.

Aunt Louvenia was quite a gal, she could and did talk 90 miles a minuet if she had some one to listen.

I think she led quite a lonely life until my brothers and their families moved into the west. She came to see me some, but Bill and Dora and Bill Jr's. family she went to see often for it was not too far from the home where she lived at Applegate, Calif. about 12 miles from Auburn.

She also went to see Ralph often, of the whole bunch I think he was her favorite, part of it could have been she felt sorry for him due to the loss of his legs, and yet he was so plucky about it

Of the girls Debbie (my brother Fred's daughter) was her favorite, and she was very open about it, but Debbie is a sweet person and very nice.

Aunt Louvenia died in a nursing home in Auburn I think. She was in pretty bad shape when I saw her a short time before she died.

She is buried in the cemetery at Esoteric home, incidentally the last I heard of the place it was practically defunct, all of the old folks had died off and no new ones, and some how some man who had no connection with it was appointed manager and was trying to get control of everything.

Aunt Louvenia left all of her money to it, I guess it was quite a tidy sum, for she told me that the interest on the principal would take care of the taxew as long as there were taxes to be paid.

One time Ralph and Dorothy (his wife) went to see her and when they left she told them to be careful and Ralph kinda laughed and said Oh! we always are, she said, "well I'm going to pray for you to get home safely", and about ever hour of so she'd pray for their safety just as they turned in their drive at home, the front wheel rolled in the drive ahead of them. Made Ralph think.



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