

## James & Mary Adelaide (Spaulding) Ramsay History

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The family name was spelled **Ramsay** but often notated as *Ramsey*.

James & Ona (McKinney) Ramsay mentioned near the bottom of this text, and perhaps the source of the information, died in Tonasket, WA in 1990 and 1992 respectively.

### Ramsey

In 1862 Adelaide and James Ramsey were married at Baxter Springs, Kansas. Later they moved to Missouri. In 1877 they and their family started west in a covered wagon in an *immigrant train*. It took two years to make the trip as they took the southern route to California then north to Washington. They had many thrilling encounters on the trip including a battle with the Indians near the Wyoming-Idaho border. One Indian was killed but no white people or animals.

In 1879 James took up a homestead near where Buckley now stands in the Puyallup Valley in Washington. There were very few people and the postoffices were miles apart. Hops was the principle crop raised on the homestead. They lived there for 17 years. They had four children, George, Donald, Annie and another daughter who is now Mrs. W.W. Fee of Vernon, B.C. Canada.

In 1896 the family came to Okanogan County and lived several places before moving to Wauconda in 1904. That same year James died and was buried in the Wauconda Cemetery. George and Donald each took up homesteads up the Merrill Lane (Cemetery road). In 1906 Adelaine filed on a homestead just east of Tonasket where she lived until 1931 when she moved to Tonasket to live with her daughter, Annie Foley. She died there in 1938 age 88 years.

George and Don lived on their homesteads for several years. Adelaide's brother, Charles (or Henry) lived with them and died there soon after. George put in an irrigation system on his mother's place and later lived there. It required more than a mile of pipe to bring the water from Bonaparte Creek to the homestead on bench above Bonaparte Creek. Mrs. George Ramsey was an invalid, so their son Jim, lived part time with the Anglin family and went to school there. He helped Mr. Anglin grind grain in a grist mill that Anglin had below a small dam in Bonaparte Creek. Jim married Ona McKinney in 1934 and they had a service station in Republic for several years. Now he works for the State Highway Dept., and they live in Tonasket.