## The Family of Tarvin Adams and Mahalia Adams

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**Tarvin Adams** (aka Tarbin) was born Nov. 18, 1835 in Putnam Co., Indiana, died Aug 15, 1902 in Meridian, Ada, Idaho, buried in the Meridian Cemetery, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. His parents Daniel Boone Adams was born 1797 in Kentucky, died Aug. 1859 in Missouri, burial location is unknown. Catherine "Kate" *Leatherman* Adams was born 1810, Kentucky, died 1838, Missouri, burial location is unknown. Tarvin is listed on the 1900 Idaho Fed Census as being a farmer.

He was in the Missouri 12th Regiment Cavalry Volunteers (Second Card), according to his enlistment record, Tarvin Adams enlisted as a private in Company E (other record shows Company C). However, enlistment and mustering dates and places are the same as in the previous record. This card states that Tarvin Adams deserted on 2 Jul 1864 at St. Louis. It would be interesting to know the full story here... Tarvin has a military headstone in the Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho with Co. C on it.

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho, Sat. Aug 16, 1902.

## Death of T. Adams

Tarvin Adams died yesterday at 4 p.m. of dropsy, at the family home about five miles northwest of Meridian. Deceased was 62 years of age and leaves a wife and nine children, four boys and five girls, to mourn his death. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence. Interment will be made at Meridian cemetery. The funeral will be under the direction of George S. Glover.

Tarvin Adams married Mahalia Jane Rowan about 1862 in Missouri.

Mahala or Mahalia Jane Rowan was born May 23, 1844, Clark Co., Ohio, died March 20, 1903, Meridian, Ada, Idaho, buried in the Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Her parents William Clark Rowan was born in 1820, Virginia, died Oct 1899, Ohio, burial location unknown. Almeda Dailey was born April 1821, Ohio, died Sept. 1865, Ohio, burial location unknown.

Tarvin and Mahalia Adams had 10 children: William Leroy, Mary Etta, Otis, Cora B, Dora, Louise May (aka Louie/Lulu), Frederick, Ada, John E, and Lester Leoran.

## Children:

(1) William Leroy Adams was born Dec. 1863, Wisdom, Benton, Missouri, death date and burial location is unknown. He married Mary Armeda Daly, daughter of Joseph Dewitt and Rebecca Ellis Daly of the Meridian, Idaho Daly family. Mary Armeda was born about 1870, Missouri, death date and burial location is unknown.

- (2) Mary Etta Adams was born Aug. 4, 1864, Harris, Sullivan, Missouri, died Dec. 5, 1933, Enid, Garfield, Okla., buried in Memorial Park Cem., Enid Garfield, Okla. She first married Isiah G. Holt, they had a son together. Then she married Joseph C. Draper. Joseph and a daughter, Lulu J. Draper are buried in the Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Then Mary married Frank Tilly Rice. He died Oct. 1948, Missouri, buried in Forest Hill Cem., Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri.
- (3) Otis Adams was born Sept. 12, 1871, Wisdom, Benton, Missouri, died Sept. 8, 1936, in Washington, buried in Dayton City Cem., Dayton, Columbia, Wash. Otis married Cora Gracie Weygandt, she was born, June 1873, in Wisconsin, died Dec. 1946, in Washington, buried Dayton City Cem., Dayton, Columbia, Wash.
- (4) Cora B. Adams was born Dec. 1872, Wisdom, Benton, Missouri, no date or location of death. Before 1894 she married Frank Weygandt. Frank is listed on the 1910 Idaho Fed Census as being a farmer.
- (5) Dora Adams was born Jan. 28, 1875, Powersville, Putnam, Missouri, died Nov. 11, 1937, Boise, Ada, Idaho, buried in Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Dora married Silas P. Leighton Dec. 25, 1893, Unionville, Putnam, Missouri. Silas was born March 23, 1867, Powersville, Putnam, Missouri, died Aug. 13, 1950, Los Angeles, L.A., Calif., buried at Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. On the Idaho 1930 Fed Census, Silas is listed as a farmer.
- (6) Louise May (aka Louie/Lulu) Adams was born Dec. 7, 1977, Wisdom, Benton, Missouri, died Dec. 20, 1948, Meridian, Ada, Idaho, buried in Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Louise married Warren B. Walt (date & location unknown). Warren was born July 2, 1874, Missouri, died Feb. 8, 1945, Boise, Ada, Idaho, buried in Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. On the Idaho 1940 Fed Cenus, Warren is listed as a laborer of odd jobs. A bit of interesting history regarding Warren and Louise. They had a daughter, Florence Zela Walt. Florence married Ben W. Robison of Robison Chapel of the Chimes funeral home. For many years Florence played the organ for the Meridian United Methodist Church.
- (7) Frederick "Freddie" Adams was born Jan 1879 in Missouri. No other information on him.
- (8) Ada Adams was born July 1883 in Missouri. No other information on her.
- (9) John E. Adams was born April 1885 in Missouri. On the 1910 Idaho Fed Census, he was living with his sister, Mary E. Rice and family. He is listed as widowed.
- (10) Lester Leoran Adams was born May 22, 1887, Powersville, Putnam, Missouri, died Sept. 2, 1950, Eagle, Ada, Idaho, buried in the Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Lester married Viola Starr, July 14, 1906, Meridian, Ada, Idaho. Viola was born Jan. 25, 1890, Powersville, Putnam, Missouri, died March 3, 1966, Boise, Ada, Idaho, buried at the Meridian Cem., Meridian, Ada, Idaho. On the 1940 Idaho Fed Census Lester is listed as being a farmer.