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Mabel Gertrude *Guntle* Elliott

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Birth: Jan. 14, 1889
Oswego
Labette County
Kansas, USA

Death: Mar. 12, 1970
Timnath
Larimer County
Colorado, USA

FOLK LORE FROM THE FAMILY OF SHOOP AND MABLE ELLIOTT (Cont'd)

To wake up each morning in the spring time, brings back sights and smells that stay with you a life time. The smell of clean sheets washed in lye soap and dried on the clothes line with fresh Colorado air. White curtains hanging at the open windows, with a soft breeze, which brought in the smell of lilacs planted just outside. The sounds of the Robins and Meadowlarks, singing their happy songs,

In the winter, you woke to the cold stillness and knew from the non-existing sound, it was snowing. Big large flakes that covered the ground before the gray light of morning made you want to snuggle down in the warm bed, piled high with blankets. The smell of wood and coal from the cook stove made a hissing noise. Run fast to the warmth of it, because the cold linoleum was hitting the bottom of your feet.

Connected to the house, were two sheds, one held the winter supply of coal and wood. Daddy would get the left over bark slabs from the lumber mill. This had to be cut into kindling and stacked. We all knew the "art" of how to use an ax. The coal was delivered by the ton and would last for a winter. There was also a big barn and a small one room building, which was once used for a Hired-Hand.

In later years the girls used it as a play house. Of course we had an out house, because there was no plumbing in the house except for water. What fun to wait for someone to go in the outhouse to do their duty, but only to get disturbed by rocks thrown at the side of it, but giggling girls. This was also used as an excuse to get away just when the supper dishes were ready to do.

These years were the end of the depression,



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but everyone was poor, so you didn't know how bad things were. Daddy worked for Fanners and had a job riding ditches.

He was responsible for the water going down the ditches to make sure everyone had their equal share of water for irrigation.

He would open the head gates to release the water into the right field. One day he found a farmer that was using water on a day he wasn't supposed to and Daddy chased him off with a shovel. It was fun for the girls to go with him, There was always an apple tree with apples all ripe and juicy.

Daddy drove a Model "T" Ford car, and once he parked it in the field irrigating a field of cabbages. A farmer with a team of young horses came down the road. Something spooked them, one went way and the other went in the roof of the car. On the way home, Eloise rode with her stuck out the hole in the roof. He also pointed out a weed that grew along the ditch bank, which he called the "Funny Weed" because the Spanish labors smoked it. Maybe Marijuana?

Daddy also had a meat wagon and he would sell fresh meat to the farmers, he would take loaf of bread and have lunch under a tree. Eloise would go with him, and play with Mary Lois, who said they could hardly wait for Uncle Shoop to come, so they could have fresh meat. The farmers used horse to draw their wagons into town full of sugar beets. Daddy worked at the beet dump to "take tare", which deter- mined the sugar content.

Horses and mules were used in the hay fields. One man drove the wagon and another stood in the wagon with a pitch fork to even the load while the men pitched the hay in the wagon.

Mother lived on in the house, much involved in Church, Clubs and her children and Grand children. She was not well for several years and in 1970, she went to bed and never woke up

Family links:

Parents:

[George Monroe Guntle \(1858 - 1941\)](#)
[Ella Bell Warbinton Guntle \(1863 - 1922\)](#)

Spouse:

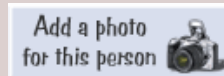
[Shoop F Elliott \(1881 - 1959\)*](#)

Children:

[Robert Monroe Elliott \(1921 - 1921\)*](#)

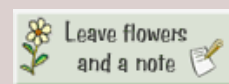


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