

History of John Franklin McBride  
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So far as the history of my husband, John Franklin Mc Bride, as a boy or young man, I do not know. He and I met when he was thirty years old. I do remember him telling me when he and his family lived in Joplin, that he worked in the mines. His family moved to Fort Dodge, Kansas and he stayed in Joplin for a while. His mother wanted him to come to Fort Dodge and found him a job driving the commissary wagon. So he went to Fort Dodge and took the job. He only worked a short time until the horse ran away, throwin him off the wagon and shattered his left arm below the elbow. He made two trips to the May Brothers at Rochester, Minnesota for bone grafting. This didn't prove too much of a success and his hand and arm were deformed, though he did have some use of them. I met him in Fort Dodge. I had taken a job for the State of Kansas as a cook in the hospital. He was working as a male nurse. A short time after we met he decided to take a job for the government at the Nationa home for the disabled soldiers. So he went there. A short time after he left he found me employment; so Violet, my daughter, and I left Fort Dodge. We both worked and planned for our marriage. In ovtober he left for Kansas City, Missouri for a better job. While there he made plans for an apartment to live in and as soon as plans were completed, I gave notice to the office that I was leaving in two weeks. We were married 20 November 1920 in Independence, Missouri and were to our own apartment to start our life together. On 21 November 1921 a little daughter came along, and of course we were very very happy. We named her Enid Faye Mc Bride. She was a very delicate child, but with lots of care and prayers and help from the Heavenly Father she came through. We were married eleven years when that terrible disease cancer took him from us. I was left with a ten year old daughter to raise. Enid Faye is married to a wonderful man now, and has five lovely children, three boys and two girls. At the present time (1956) they are in Germany. This is all I can think of to write as the history of John Franklin Mc Bride.