

# Harry Fenton Dean: A Narrative



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## Forward

After completing the life sketch for his father, I proceed to tackle the biography of Harry Fenton Dean, the seventh and youngest child of Henry C. Dean and Margaret Sappington. Early in my research, I only had a small collection of resources on Harry and his wife, Ida Jane Pepperdine. Through more diligent effort, and the aid of the Internet, I have procured sufficient resources to compile a biography.

His father, Henry, remained in one place for an extended period of time, engaged in the trade he learned as a young man: farming. On the other hand, Harry was an unconventional young man for his time. Rather than following in the footsteps of his father and becoming a farmer, Harry was a man in constant transition and becoming the “jack of all trades.” He moved from place to place and worked in various professions.

Similar to his father, Harry was a man who looked out for his family and worked to provide a living where he could. His wife, Ida, was devoted to her husband and children; she followed him from house to house, from city to city, and state to state, supporting him in his attempts to make a life wherever they went, even during bouts of ill health.

In the following narrative, I strive to retell the story of Harry’s life through newspaper clippings, government records, certificates, and so on. This project has been a laborious task, but an immensely rewarding one. I hope the readers will feel akin to Harry like I did through researching his life and constructing his story. And so, I begin this biography on Harry Fenton Dean.

## Part 1: The Illinois Years

Harry Fenton Dean was born to a working-class family in Edwardsville, Illinois on February 12, 1863.<sup>1</sup> His parents, Henry C. and Margaret Dean, were both from farming families. Harry learned the trade at a young age, working alongside his father and his brother Charles to help provide for the family.<sup>2</sup> He was raised in the Methodist Episcopal church, growing up in a community where religion was a central part of daily life.

Because the Deans were involved in community affairs and organizations, Harry was schooled outside the home.<sup>3</sup> In 1868, a Methodist church was built nearby the Dean farm. Next door to the church was a schoolhouse, likely run by the local clergy for neighborhood children.<sup>4</sup> On the other hand, the first tuition-free public school was built in Edwardsville during the mid-

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<sup>1</sup> Utah Department of Health (UDH), Office of Vital Records and Statistics, *Death Certificates*, Series 81448, Entry 11510 (Salt Lake City, 1928), [http://images.archives.utah.gov/data/81448/2259759/2259759\\_0000836.jpg](http://images.archives.utah.gov/data/81448/2259759/2259759_0000836.jpg) (accessed January 9, 2014). His obituary in the *Salt Lake Tribune* provides his birth year as 1862, but most census records correlate with the date stated in his death certificate, 1863.

<sup>2</sup> For an example of assistance with farm work, refer to the clipping by Polly Titian, "Pitman," *Raymond Independent*, June 23, 1881, microfilm. Polly Titian was a penname for the *Raymond Independent's* news correspondent in Pitman. The editor reserved a spot in the paper for local events and mentions of outlying towns.

<sup>3</sup> Educational status was included under the occupation column in federal census records, sometimes as early as the mid-1800s. However, such specific details for minors of the household were not included by many enumerators until the 1880 census, when Harry was already eighteen years old. For Harry's status, refer to the "United States Census, 1880," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/MXVG-NLZ>; accessed 07 Jan 2014), Harry Dean in household of Henry Dean, Edwardsville, Madison, Illinois, United States; citing sheet 325A, family 3, NARA microfilm publication T9-0233.

<sup>4</sup> Construction of the church was mentioned in a newspaper article: "Center Grove School to Join Edwardsville Unit July 1," *Edwardsville Intelligencer*, June 12, 1951, <http://access.newspaperarchive.com.erl.lib.byu.edu/edwardsville-intelligencer/1951-06-12/page-5?tag=H+c+Dean&rtserp=tags/?pc=8604&psi=37&pci=7&pf=h-c&pl=dean&psb=relavance> (accessed January 5, 2014). For a reference to schoolhouse location, refer to image from: *Illustrated Encyclopedia and Atlas Map of Madison County, Ill: Carefully Compiled from Personal Examinations and Surveys* (St. Louis, IL: Brink, McCormick & Co., 1873), <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm/ref/collection/edpl/id/13004> (accessed November 10, 2013).

1860s, an institution funded by property taxes.<sup>5</sup> Whether financed by taxes or congregation members, Harry received a basic level education in a local schoolhouse.

Harry was certainly as capable a learner as he was a farmer. Although he helped his father and brother with the farm work, he was a restless young man; he desired to break free of his home life and try something new and different. Eventually, he would provide for himself and his own family in fields outside of farming. Before he could achieve financial independence, Harry had many hurdles to leap.

Firstly, his father was in poor health for quite some time. Henry C. Dean became ill around 1880, finding greater difficulty in running a farm.<sup>6</sup> Harry and Charles became the caretakers for land and crops, not marrying until after Henry's death in late 1883. After Harry turned eighteen, the Deans began experiencing more transition. He grew up on the same farm in Edwardsville all his life, but for reasons possibly related to his father's constitution, the family sold their forty acre lot in November 1880. They instead purchased a 120 acre farm further south in Pitman where they moved in March 1881.<sup>7</sup>

Harry had his circle of friends he left behind in Edwardsville, but it can be reasonably assumed that the socially outgoing young man had little trouble finding new friends in Pitman.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Ellen Nore and Dick Norrish, *Edwardsville, Illinois: An Illustrated History* (St. Louis, MO: G. Bradley Publishing, Inc., 1996), 27. Tuition free schools were created from an Illinois state law legislated in 1855.

<sup>6</sup> For his cause of death and length of illness, refer to his death certificate provided by: Illinois State Board of Health (ISBH), *Death Certificates*, Book 1, Page 117, Certificate No. 1516 (Chicago, 1883). Certified copy in possession of author.

<sup>7</sup> Details on land transfer and time came from a newspaper clipping: "Edwardsville," *Alton Daily Telegraph*, December 2, 1880, <http://access.newspaperarchive.com.erl.lib.byu.edu/alton-telegraph/1880-12-02/page-8?tag=Dean&rtserp=tags/?pc=513&psi=37&pci=7&ndt=by&py=1880&pey=1881&pl=dean&psb=relavance> (accessed January 5, 2014).

<sup>8</sup> "Edwardsville," *Alton Weekly Telegraph*, July 28, 1881, <http://access.newspaperarchive.com.erl.lib.byu.edu/alton-telegraph/1881-07-28/page-8?tag=Dean&rtserp=tags/?pl=dean&psb=dateasc&page=3&pc=513&psi=37&pci=7&ndt=by&py=1881&pey=1881> (accessed January 7, 2014). According to the personals from the *Alton Weekly Telegraph's* news agent in

During the few years they lived in Pitman, Harry and Charles were subject to mention in the *Raymond Independent* like they were recognized by a number of the Montgomery County locals. In June 1881, the paper comically reported: “Charley and Harry Dean have put in 100 acres of corn this season. Girls keep your eyes open.”<sup>9</sup> Another anecdote came in May 1883 from the *Independent*: “We hear that Harry Dean was bitten by J. Bowman’s dog the other day. He says he don’t mind having his clothes torn off, but so long as beef keeps up he objects to having his calves mutilated.”<sup>10</sup>

Aside from corn planting and dog bites, Harry devoted himself to more than farming while living in Pitman. According to one newspaper article, Harry was reputed to be a “finished violinist...[not] a fiddle player...[but] a violinist.”<sup>11</sup> Where or when he began to train in music is unknown, but Harry played his violin primarily at social functions. The first article located on his musical wanderings came in March 1882; he was listed as one of the musicians for a local Pitman exhibition. In a spotlight on the concert, one can infer that this event was a presentation for at least “pupils” of the violin.<sup>12</sup> Harry appeared as only Mr. “Dean,” but he may have been the student of Ed Houck, the man presenting the budding musicians.<sup>13</sup>

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Edwardsville, Harry and his family would visit Edwardsville, seeing their old friends. In various personal listings of the *Raymond Independent*, Harry and Charles appear on the social scene as names that seem to be familiar to the newspaper’s Pitman and Raymond subscribers.

<sup>9</sup> “Pitman,” *Raymond Independent*, June 23, 1881, microfilm.

<sup>10</sup> Robinson Crusoe, “Pitman Warblings,” *Raymond Independent*, May 17, 1883, microfilm. Like “Polly Titian,” Robinson Crusoe was a pseudonym for the news correspondent in Pitman reporting local events.

<sup>11</sup> George Clark, “T. F. (‘Doc’) Dean—All the Nation’s a Stage,” *Arkansas Gazette*, March 31, 1957, microfilm.

<sup>12</sup> Polly Titian, “Pitman Items,” *Raymond Independent*, March 23, 1882, microfilm.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*

Besides his musical ability, Harry developed other skills during his time in Pitman. In September 1881, he began studying telegraphy; he was the student of Raymond's "handsome R. R. agent, F. B. Hatfield."<sup>14</sup> From 1881 to 1882, Harry was employed as a telegraph operator with the Wabash Railroad. When October came around he took a similar position in Litchfield. The editor penned: "Harry is a good boy and we hope he may be pleased with his new field."<sup>15</sup>

His work as a telegraph operator entailed proficiency in Morse code, a working knowledge of the necessary office equipment, and the ability to focus for long periods of time. The telegraph operator was an important profession for its time:

After the [Civil War], not only railroads, but also telegraph lines had to be strung across a vast continent. The use of telegraphy advanced with the advancement of the railroad, because the telegrapher's primary duty was maintaining communication between the train dispatcher, who was usually many miles away, and trains and the whole rail system. He copied train orders and messages for the train crews and reported to the dispatcher the passing of trains. The telegrapher was the eyes and ears of the train dispatcher.<sup>16</sup>

Telegraph operators were often young men.<sup>17</sup> This profession was ideal for a twenty-something man seeking his independence. With the completion and use of the transcontinental railroad, communications via telegraph lines connected many places across the country.<sup>18</sup> Harry could find a job in almost any station and move around as he pleased. Also, he could establish a wider network of friends and professional associates, recommending himself to a greater number of social calendars and potential employers.

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<sup>14</sup> "Personal," *Raymond Independent*, September 15, 1881, microfilm.

<sup>15</sup> "Personal Pick Ups and Small Bits of News," *Raymond Independent*, October 5, 1882, microfilm.

<sup>16</sup> Jim Thompson, "The Railroad Telegrapher," *OzarksWatch* 7, no. 2 (Fall 1993/Winter 1994), <http://thelibrary.org/lochist/periodicals/ozarkswatch/ow702h.htm> (accessed January 7, 2014).

<sup>17</sup> Paul Harden, "Western Union and the Railroad Telegraphers," *El Defensor Chieftain*, March 4, 2006, [http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/~pharden/hobby/History/WESTERN\\_UNION.pdf](http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/~pharden/hobby/History/WESTERN_UNION.pdf) (accessed January 7, 2014).

<sup>18</sup> Thomas C. Jepson, "Telegraph," *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, <http://plainshumanities.unl.edu/encyclopedia/doc/egp.med.045> (accessed January 7, 2014).



Figure 1: example of a telegraph operator during the days of widespread railroad travel. *Source:* image from article by Paul Harden, “Western Union and the Railroad Telegraphers,” *El Defensor Chieftain*, March 4, 2006, [http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/~pharden/hobby/History/WESTERN\\_UNION.pdf](http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/~pharden/hobby/History/WESTERN_UNION.pdf) (accessed January 7, 2014).

## Part 2: The Early Kansas Years

After his father's death on November 1, 1883. Harry would not stay in Illinois for long. Before quitting the state, Harry courted Ida Jane Peperdine, the daughter of William and Nancy Peperdine. When they met or how long they courted is unknown, but Ida was living with her father and mother in Raymond when the Deans came to Pitman.<sup>19</sup> For one reason or another, they chose to marry in Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas on March 22, 1884.<sup>20</sup>

Later in 1884, the couple made their home in Chanute, Kansas.<sup>21</sup> Perhaps Harry was still working as a telegraph operator, or driving horse-drawn vehicles. By 1886, they would make a more permanent home in Wichita, Kansas. Their first recorded residence was at 450 North Wichita; while living at the aforementioned address, Harry worked at 200 South Market.<sup>22</sup> According to the 1886 Sanborn map for Wichita, the business at 200 South Market Street was Root Brothers' Bus Stable.<sup>23</sup>

The Root brothers, Elisha and Selah, came from Wisconsin to Kansas in the early 1870s. When they arrived in Wichita, they "gained prominence...by creating a cab service to transport passengers from trains and stage coaches to downtown Wichita. Their cabs were horses and

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<sup>19</sup> "United States Census, 1880," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/MXVB-RVN>: accessed 09 Jan 2014), Ida Peperdine in household of William H. Peperdine, Raymond, Montgomery, Illinois, United States; citing sheet 407C, family 3, NARA microfilm publication T9-0237.

<sup>20</sup> "Kansas, Marriages, 1840-1935," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/FW2V-RWP>: accessed 09 Jan 2014), Harry F. Dean and Ida F. Peperdine, 22 Mar 1884.

<sup>21</sup> "Movements of Persons," *Raymond Independent*, October 23, 1884, microfilm.

<sup>22</sup> Nancy Lou Welshimer Fincham, "1886 Wichita City Directory," Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/Wichita%20City%20Directory%201886%20A%20-%20K.pdf> (accessed January 9, 2014).

<sup>23</sup> The Sanborn Map Company, "Wichita (Sedgwick Co), August 1886," digital map sheet 10, <http://sanborn.umi.com.erl.lib.byu.edu/sanborn/image/view?state=ks&reelid=reel16&lcid=3114&imagename=00015&mapname=Wichita+Aug.+1886%2C+Sheet+6&CCSI=2061n&clickType=zoom&zoomName=226&zoomValue=2.26&centerX=960&centerY=2444&viewportWidth=768&viewportHeight=576> (accessed January 12, 2014).

wagons.”<sup>24</sup> Being a young man with experience in handling horses, Harry likely worked as a driver, eking out a living for his new family. The drivers “carried mail and passengers from railroad depots and stagecoach stops to downtown destinations.”<sup>25</sup> Like telegraph operators, wagon drivers were a necessary part of nineteenth century middle-class society.

Working low-paying jobs did not stop Harry and Ida from considering a family. Their first child, Charles Fenton Dean, was born July 6, 1886 in Wichita, Kansas.<sup>26</sup> Why he was named Charles is a mystery, but he was named Fenton for his father. In the family circle, Charles was familiarly known as “Tip.”<sup>27</sup> Nicknames for the Dean children would become a trend throughout their lifetimes.

When 1887 rolled around, they moved to a new residence, this time at 630 North River. Harry was no longer working for Root Brothers’ but employed at Coffey and Pritchard as a driver.<sup>28</sup> He would only work as a hack driver for a short amount of time though. In 1888, he was hired on as a letter carrier, residing at 432 Stephens.<sup>29</sup> Harry would work as a mail carrier for most of his time in Wichita, yet another important job to nineteenth century society.

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<sup>24</sup> Beccy Tanner, Today’s Trivia (August 16),” *Wichita Eagle*, [http://www.kansas.com/2011/08/15/1975351\\_todays-trivia-august-16.html](http://www.kansas.com/2011/08/15/1975351_todays-trivia-august-16.html) (accessed January 12, 2014).

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>26</sup> Utah Department of Health (UDH), Office of Vital Records and Statistics, *Death Certificates*, Series 81448, Entry 17073 (Salt Lake City, 1938), [http://images.archives.utah.gov/data/81448/2260362/2260362\\_0001061.jpg](http://images.archives.utah.gov/data/81448/2260362/2260362_0001061.jpg) (accessed January 9, 2014).

<sup>27</sup> “Tip” was written on or under photographs of Charles.

<sup>28</sup> “1887 Wichita City Directory,” Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1887dir.htm> (accessed January 12, 2014).

<sup>29</sup> Bonnie Johnson, “1888 City Directory,” Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1888dir.htm> (accessed January 12, 2014).



Figure 2: A view of life for the working class residents of Wichita in the late nineteenth century. Take note of architecture, clothing, transportation, infrastructure, and so on. *Source*: “West Douglas Street Scene,” ca. 1887, Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, [http://www.wichitaphotos.org/graphics/wschr\\_D2SW-10.1.1.jpg](http://www.wichitaphotos.org/graphics/wschr_D2SW-10.1.1.jpg) (accessed January 12, 2014).

Delivering mail would become more than a source of income, but also a means for frequenting the Wichita social scene. On October 18, 1888, the Wichita Post Office hosted the second annual carrier’s ball, where Harry served on the floor committee. Held at Eagle Rifle Hall, this was the event where the “carriers...established themselves in public favor as entertainers.”<sup>30</sup> With four hundred people attending, twenty-four numbers were performed; such an event suited Harry well as a musician and middle-class socialite.

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<sup>30</sup> “The Carrier’s Ball,” *Wichita Daily Eagle*, October 19, 1888, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85032490/1888-10-19/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1888&index=4&rows=20&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=Dean+Harry&proxdi>

1888 was more than a year for moving residences, changing jobs, and appearing in the society column of the newspaper; it was a time for welcoming a new addition to the family. Harry's and Ida's next child, W. Russell was born on December 14.<sup>31</sup> There is no record of what Russell's first name was, but he was called "Little Russell" by family and neighbors.<sup>32</sup> Where they lived when Russell was born is unknown.

By 1889, the Deans' next residence would be for a longer duration. In the 1889 city directory Harry was living at 945 North Emporia. He was identified as "Mail Carrier No. 12," a number many Wichita residents associated him with for years.<sup>33</sup> During this working year, Harry was compensated \$600.<sup>34</sup> 1889 was also the year for the third annual carrier's ball, this time

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stance=5&date2=1888&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=Harry+Dean&andtext=&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1 (accessed January 12, 2014).

<sup>31</sup> "W. Russell Dean," Find A Grave, <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Dean&GSfn=W&GSmn=Russell&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=33256719&df=all&> (accessed January 12, 2014). Russell's Find A Grave profile provides birth and death date, and more recently a photograph of his gravestone. Bill Pennington created his profile.

<sup>32</sup> Winnie, "Gone But Not Forgotten," *Wichita Daily Eagle*, May 26, 1891, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1891-05-26/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1836&index=2&date2=1922&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=Dean+Russell&proxdistance=5&state=Kansas&rows=20&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=Russell+Dean&andtext=&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1> (accessed January 12, 2014).

<sup>33</sup> Mary Broker, "1889 City Directory," Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1889STREETDIRECTORY.HTM> (accessed January 12, 2014).

<sup>34</sup> U.S. Department of the Interior, *Official Register of the United States Containing a List of Officers and Employees*, J. G. Ames, Serial Set Vol. No.2765 (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1889), 658, [http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/documents/doc/v2:0FD2A62D41CEB699@GBDOC-11114177DB90BB70@/?search\\_terms=Harry%7CF&s\\_dlid=DL0114012100502802582&s\\_ecproduct=SUB-2Y-9995-R-25M-DA&s\\_ecprodtype=NORENEW&s\\_trackval=&s\\_siteloc=&s\\_referrer=&s\\_subterm=Subscription%20until%3A%2007%2F22%2F2014&s\\_docsbal=%20&s\\_subexpires=07%2F22%2F2014&s\\_docstart=&s\\_docsleft=&s\\_docsread=&s\\_username=jo\\_calabio@comcast.net&s\\_accountid=AC0111040504153510604&s\\_upgradeable=no](http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/documents/doc/v2:0FD2A62D41CEB699@GBDOC-11114177DB90BB70@/?search_terms=Harry%7CF&s_dlid=DL0114012100502802582&s_ecproduct=SUB-2Y-9995-R-25M-DA&s_ecprodtype=NORENEW&s_trackval=&s_siteloc=&s_referrer=&s_subterm=Subscription%20until%3A%2007%2F22%2F2014&s_docsbal=%20&s_subexpires=07%2F22%2F2014&s_docstart=&s_docsleft=&s_docsread=&s_username=jo_calabio@comcast.net&s_accountid=AC0111040504153510604&s_upgradeable=no) (accessed January 20, 2014).

Harry was serving on the committee for arrangements, and the ball was hosted at the A. O. U. W. Hall.<sup>35</sup> Four hundred couples attended representing many parts of Kansas.<sup>36</sup>

When 1890 approached, Harry and the family were still residing on North Emporia Avenue.<sup>37</sup> Like in Pitman, Harry attended social functions as a musician. In November 1890, there was a “Thanksgiving high five party and social dance” hosted by H. P. Reed and wife.<sup>38</sup> Harry played the violin alongside other musicians, the music being “one of the leading features.”<sup>39</sup>

Their time on Emporia Avenue was short-lived; the family moved again by 1891. In the Wichita City Directory, they were residing at 1034 North Fourth.<sup>40</sup> Unlike two years before, Harry was making \$850 annually.<sup>41</sup> Higher pay would do little to blot out the misfortune that

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<sup>35</sup> “Letter Carriers’ Ball,” *Wichita Eagle*, October 10, 1889, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85032490/1889-10-10/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1836&index=0&date2=1922&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=BALL+ball+carriers+CARRIERS+Dean+F+Harry&proxdistance=5&state=Kansas&rows=20&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=harry+f+dean&andtext=carrier+ball&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1> (accessed January 20, 2014).

<sup>36</sup> “Letter Carriers’ Ball,” *Wichita Eagle*, October 19, 1889, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85032490/1889-10-19/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1889&index=0&date2=1889&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=BALL+ball+Carrier+carriers+Carriers&proxdistance=5&state=Kansas&rows=20&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=&andtext=carriers+ball&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1> (accessed January 20, 2014).

<sup>37</sup> Nancy Lou Finchman, “1890 Wichita City Directory,” Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1890%20Classified%20List%20of%20Householders.pdf> (accessed January 20, 2014).

<sup>38</sup> “A Resume of the Social Events for the Week,” *Wichita Eagle*, November 30, 1890, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1890-11-30/ed-1/seq-6/#date1=1890&index=2&rows=20&words=Dean+Harry&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=Kansas&date2=1891&proxtext=harry+dean&y=0&x=0&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1> (accessed January 20, 2014).

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>40</sup> “Seventh Annual Directory of the City of Wichita for 1891,” Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1891dir.htm> (accessed January 22, 2014).

<sup>41</sup> U.S. Department of the Interior, *Official Register of the United States Containing a List of Officers and Employees*, J. G. Ames, Serial Set Vol. No.2986 (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1889), 1120, [http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/documents/doc/v2:0FD2A62D41CEB699@GBDOC-111C8EF058174838@/?search\\_terms=Harry%7CF%7CDean&s\\_dlid=DL0114012300210116591&s\\_ecproduct=SUB-2Y-9995-R-25M-](http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/documents/doc/v2:0FD2A62D41CEB699@GBDOC-111C8EF058174838@/?search_terms=Harry%7CF%7CDean&s_dlid=DL0114012300210116591&s_ecproduct=SUB-2Y-9995-R-25M-)

came to the Deans in 1891 though. In contrast to the lively outings and dynamic parties from the 1880s, one event that occurred in the family brought sorrow. On May 25, little Russell died at almost two and half years old from “congestion of the brain.”<sup>42</sup> In a quip penned by an author known as “Winnie,” Russell received the following tribute:

Yes, Russell is gone; nevermore on this earth will we see his smiling face or hear his childish voice. Yes, dear little Russell, we will miss you. We will miss that welcome greeting: ‘Hello, Winnie!’

Through his sickness he was ever patient, taking his medicine and nourishment without a murmur. Little Russell was a great favorite of the writer. Almost the last words he said was about Winnie. The parents have our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement. But they have the satisfaction of meeting him in a better and fairer land. We will always remember him as a bright spot in our memory and the parents will always be numbered among the dearest friends of Winnie.<sup>43</sup>

Harry and Ida were devastated by the loss of their beloved son, but not alone in mourning his departure. In their own words, they wrote: “We desire to [r]ender our most sincere thanks to our numerous friends for kind attentions and tender sympathies extended to us in our late bereavement. Especially do we thank our fellow mail carriers for the beautiful floral tribute to the memory of our loved one.”<sup>44</sup> As the years passed the painful memory of Russell was rarely

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<sup>42</sup> Winnie, “Gone.”

<sup>43</sup> Ibid.

<sup>44</sup> Harry Dean and Ida Dean, “Card of Thanks,” *Wichita Daily Eagle*, May 26, 1891, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1891-05-26/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1836&index=2&date2=1922&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=Dean+Russell&proxdistance=5&state=Kansas&rows=20&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=Russell+Dean&andtext=&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1> (accessed January 12, 2014).

mentioned.<sup>45</sup> Harry and Ida progressed in their lives, having more children and loving each one in turn, but Russell kept a place in his parents' hearts, if only as a memory, kept in silence.

After the passing of one child, the Deans were not long in having a third. Tom Fenton Dean, another child named for his father, was born on July 18, 1892.<sup>46</sup> According the city directory, they were living at 1034 North Fourth.<sup>47</sup> His birth was the main event of 1892 though. There is little mention of the Deans or their happenings for this year. Perhaps they were still recuperating from the loss of Russell. Also, with the arrival of another baby they were also busy at home and not participating in social functions.

Harry and his family were also absent from the social scene in 1893. They did not return to activity in Wichita society until 1894. Residing at 320 North Wynona, Harry was now identified as "Carrier No. 11."<sup>48</sup> Harry was again participating in the annual letter carrier's ball. This year, the event was hosted at Garfield Hall on Christmas Eve, given for the "benefit of the poor of the city."<sup>49</sup> The event was noted to be a "success in every respect," boasting the sale of around seven hundred tickets and about \$200 to donate for the poor.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>45</sup> In articles, biographies, and other resources about the Deans, there is no mention of Russell, save there were "seven boys" in the family. It was only through a deliberate and thorough search for Russell that I found his name and vital information.

<sup>46</sup> "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KZKX-TD1>; accessed 07 Feb 2014), Tom Dean, 1917-1918; citing Gunnison County, Colorado, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d); FHL microfilm 1561814.

<sup>47</sup> Nancy Lou Welshimer Fincham, "1892 City Directory, Wichita, Kansas," *Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society*, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1892%20Wichita%20Directory%20A%20D.htm> (accessed January 25, 2014).

<sup>48</sup> Ancestry.com. *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011; Nancy Lou Welshimer Fincham, "1894 Wichita City Directory," *Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society*, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/mhgs/1894%20Classified%20Business%20Directory.pdf> (accessed January 25, 2014).

<sup>49</sup> "Committee Appointed," *Wichita Daily Eagle*, December 23, 1894, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1894-12-23/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1836&sort=relevance&date2=1922&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&index=3&words=c>

With the advent of 1895, the Deans' location and residence is harder to trace during this year. What has been located was birth information on their fourth child and location for certain social events. Their new son, Richard Hubert Dean, was born July 1, 1895 in Lovington, Illinois.<sup>51</sup> Lovington was where Ida's parents lived, making it likely that the Deans were residing there for a short time or she went home to her mother and father to have her son.<sup>52</sup> Like his brothers before him, Richard had a nickname; he was casually known as Dick.

1895 was also a year for residing in Wichita, not only Lovington. In May, about two months prior to Dick's birth, the *Wichita Daily Eagle* reported the following:

Last night the new postoffice band made its first appearance on the street. It attracted quite a crowd and expression were heard on every hand praising the masterly way in which the pieces were executed, for so new an organization. It is predicted that this band will become a pride to Wichita if they continue improving in the way they have started. Great praise is due to Mr. Harry Dean for the hard work he has done to make a band a success.<sup>53</sup>

Harry's move to form a band was probably brief, but his affinity for music carried onto his children; in a way, his attempts at progressing in music was a foreshadowing for the lives of his

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<sup>50</sup> "Was a Success," *Wichita Daily Eagle*, December 25, 1894, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1894-12-25/ed-1/seq-5/#date1=1894&sort=date&date2=1894&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&index=18&words=Ball+ball&proxdistance=5&state=Kansas&rows=20&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=ball&andtext=&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=99> (accessed January 25, 2014).

<sup>51</sup> Obituary for Dick Dean, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, October 3, 1962, microfilm.

<sup>52</sup> "United States Census, 1900," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MS4T-9XX>; accessed 26 Jan 2014), William Pepperdine, Lovington Township Lovington village (south part), Moultrie, Illinois, United States; citing sheet , family 29, NARA microfilm publication T623, FHL microfilm 1240332.

<sup>53</sup> "City in Brief," *Wichita Daily Eagle*, May 18, 1895, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1895-05-18/ed-1/seq-5/> (accessed January 25, 2014).

sons, particularly Tom. In perusing photographs and newspaper clippings, it is evident that Tom, or “Doc” as he was known professionally, inherited his father’s musical talent.<sup>54</sup>

With the birth of a child and advancing in his musical pursuits, 1895 held its sorrowful events too. Like his father before him, Harry’s widowed mother came to live with the family at some point during their stay in Wichita. She is not in newspapers, but a death register for Wichita revealed that a Mrs. Margaret Dean passed away late November 1895 from dropsy (edema); she was residing at 1226 East Oak Street.<sup>55</sup> In the 1896 Wichita City Directory, Harry and the family were living at East Oak Street.<sup>56</sup> This Margaret Dean was very likely his aged mother; not only death location, but her birth date corresponds closely with the Margaret Sappington Dean in census records between 1850 and 1880.<sup>57</sup>

With the approach of 1897, the Deans removed from Oak Street. In April that year, the *Wichita Daily Eagle* identified their address being at East Central. Like his father, Harry was involved in just more than the community, but also in church affairs. That month, Harry and Ida lent their home to the social given by the Young People’s Chapter of the Oak Street Church.<sup>58</sup>

1897 is the last year in the nineteenth century that Harry appeared in the newspaper. Several events occurred before the advent of the new century though. One of those was the birth

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<sup>54</sup> More on Tom Dean will be made available in his own biography. In short, he played the saxophone and loved the lime-light more than his father.

<sup>55</sup> Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society, “Certificates of Death, 1887-1910,” <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/1150269?availability=Family%20History%20Library> (downloaded December 11, 2013); Dropsy was an old medical term, meaning: “the swelling of soft tissues due to the accumulation of excess water.” A modern term for the illness is edema. For more information, refer to “Definition of Dropsy,” MedicineNet, <http://www.medterms.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=13311> (accessed March 11, 2014).

<sup>56</sup> Ancestry, *Directories*.

<sup>57</sup> “Margaret Dean,” Find A Grave, <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Dean&GSfn=Margaret&GSby=1822&GSbyrel=in&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=33256713&df=all&> (accessed March 11, 2014); Margaret’s birth years often approximate to 1823.

<sup>58</sup> “Coming Local Events,” *Wichita Daily Eagle*, April 9, 1897, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1897-04-09/ed-1/seq-3/> (accessed January 27, 2014).

of Dean boy number five, Herschell Austin Dean, on September 15, 1898.<sup>59</sup> The Deans were still in Kansas, but their address in Wichita was unknown. Also, like his brothers before him, Herschell had his nickname: Hersch.

Dean boy number six came along not long after Hersch, but the actual year of his birth is questionable. Frank Monroe Dean's (or better known as Frankie's) birth date is April 30, but the years range between 1899 and 1900.<sup>60</sup> During this time, the family was not living in Kansas, but in Missouri at an undisclosed location.<sup>61</sup> However, any mention of their move to Missouri was not mentioned in the newspaper until after Frank's birth, so his birth and the family's move to Missouri do not correlate.<sup>62</sup> Perhaps the Deans were already travelling to Missouri in search of a residence or members of the family were staying there while Harry took care of his affairs in Wichita before moving himself.

Before the family left Wichita, Harry was involved in other events concerning work and the community. On January 12, 1900, Harry participated in a shooting contest hosted by the Wichita Gun club. He ended up winning the gold medal for "his handicap allowance proving too

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<sup>59</sup> "Texas, Deaths, 1890-1976," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/K3DN-L29>; accessed 27 Jan 2014), Herschell Austin Dean, 25 Oct 1969; citing certificate number 70385, State Registrar Office, Austin; FHL microfilm 2218188.

<sup>60</sup> The Social Security Death Index identified his birth year as 1899, refer to "United States Social Security Death Index," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JLJ6-JP2>; accessed 27 Jan 2014), Frank Dean, February 1970; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, *Death Master File*, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing); When he registered for the draft, Frankie declared his birth year as 1900, refer to "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KZKX-TDY>; accessed 27 Jan 2014), Frank Monroe Dean, 1917-1918; citing Gunnison County, Colorado, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d); FHL microfilm 1561814.

<sup>61</sup> "United States Census, 1910," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M2ZD-B54>; accessed 27 Jan 2014), Frank M Deon in household of Harry F Deon, Wichita Ward 2, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States; citing sheet , family 399, NARA microfilm publication T624, FHL microfilm 1374469.

<sup>62</sup> "Harry Dean Resigns," *Wichita Daily Eagle*, September 6, 1900 <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1900-09-06/ed-1/seq-2/> (accessed January 27, 2014).

much for the other members to overcome.”<sup>63</sup> At first he tied with E. B. Walden, another mail carrier, but “in the shoot-off Dean won out and now sports the medal on his uniform.”<sup>64</sup>

In January 1900, Post Office Branch 201 met to elect their officers, and Harry was chosen to represent their branch at the state convention in Topeka, Kansas that year. They proclaimed that their “carriers were overburdened with mail, and the addition of two or three new carriers is much needed.”<sup>65</sup> They also stated their desire for “the new salary bill [to] become a law; the tenure of office a reality; sub carriers given a regular salary, and they be furnished work all the time;...[and] the entire carrier force in the [Kansas State Letter Carrier’s] Association.”<sup>66</sup>

The State Convention was held in June that year. Around forty delegates from cities all over Kansas with free delivery systems met in the old courthouse in Topeka. The new salary bill was the major topic for the Convention. The bill was already in Congress, proposing a raise in salary for carriers to be \$1200 a year. “Letters from the entire Kansas delegation in the Senate and House, pledging support, were read and aroused great enthusiasm.”<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> “Dean Gets the Medal,” *Wichita Daily Eagle*, January 12, 1900, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1900-01-12/ed-1/seq-5/> (accessed January 27, 2014).

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>65</sup> J. W. Hannum, “Wichita, Kan.,” *Postal Record* 13, no. 1 (January 1900), [http://books.google.com/books?id=PSCdAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA44&lpg=PA44&dq=%22H.+F.+Dean%22+Wichita+Post+office&source=bl&ots=4-ynkA2ryH&sig=c9R-K0INIi4vABTG\\_LVB3bMwpAo&hl=en&sa=X&ei=17jmUvb9G5TsoASi1oCQBg&ved=0CCcQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22H.%20F.%20Dean%22%20Wichita%20Post%20office&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=PSCdAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA44&lpg=PA44&dq=%22H.+F.+Dean%22+Wichita+Post+office&source=bl&ots=4-ynkA2ryH&sig=c9R-K0INIi4vABTG_LVB3bMwpAo&hl=en&sa=X&ei=17jmUvb9G5TsoASi1oCQBg&ved=0CCcQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22H.%20F.%20Dean%22%20Wichita%20Post%20office&f=false) (accessed January 27, 2014).

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>67</sup> “Second Annual Meeting of Kansas State Letter Carriers,” *Kansas Semi-Weekly Capital*, June 1, 1900, [http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers/doc/v2:11474B8B54E336B8@GBNEWS-11A8484127DA1278@2415172-11A848416F2824C0@5-11A8484375505890@Second%20Annual%20Meeting%20of%20Kansas%20State%20Letter%20Carriers/?search\\_terms=Dean%7CH%7CF&s\\_dlid=DL0114012723130205748&s\\_ecproduct=SUB-2Y-9995-R-25M-DA&s\\_ecprodtype=NORENEW&s\\_trackval=&s\\_siteloc=&s\\_referrer=&s\\_subterm=Subscription%20until%3A%2007%2F22%2F2014&s\\_docsbal=%20&s\\_subexpires=07%2F22%2F2014&s\\_docstart=&s\\_docsleft=&s\\_docsread=&](http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/newspapers/doc/v2:11474B8B54E336B8@GBNEWS-11A8484127DA1278@2415172-11A848416F2824C0@5-11A8484375505890@Second%20Annual%20Meeting%20of%20Kansas%20State%20Letter%20Carriers/?search_terms=Dean%7CH%7CF&s_dlid=DL0114012723130205748&s_ecproduct=SUB-2Y-9995-R-25M-DA&s_ecprodtype=NORENEW&s_trackval=&s_siteloc=&s_referrer=&s_subterm=Subscription%20until%3A%2007%2F22%2F2014&s_docsbal=%20&s_subexpires=07%2F22%2F2014&s_docstart=&s_docsleft=&s_docsread=&)

The last record to declare Harry's residence as Wichita prior to his move to Missouri was the 1900 United States census. Harry and Ida only had four sons listed on this census, causing further confusion on the actual timing of Frank's birth. According to this census, Harry and Ida were thirty-six years old and married for sixteen years. Harry was, of course, working as a mail carrier and the older boys were in school.<sup>68</sup>

By September, Harry had officially resigned as a mail carrier and was making the move to Missouri. The following tribute was written in the *Wichita Daily Eagle* on September 6:

Mr. Harry Dean, mail carrier No. 11, has resigned on account of his health. In and out of the Wichita postoffice for nearly fourteen years, on his route through the heat and dust of summer and the cold and bluster of winter. Harry Dean has been faithful to the trust imposed upon him. Never during that period was any postmaster required to call him upon the carpet on any charge of neglect or mistake in the performance of his task. The patrons on his route will miss this obliging and faithful worker, who in all these years has brought to them the news, the messages of glad tidings and perhaps the message of grief as well.

The Wichita postoffice force, from postmaster down to the messenger boy, regret that he is gone are wishing him all manner of good luck in his future career.

Mr. Dean has not definitely decided as to his future movements, but first of all will try to recuperate his health.<sup>69</sup>

Although Harry started out as Carrier No. 12, he was longer known as Carrier No. 11. Like his positions as a telegraph operator and hack driver, Harry's position as a mail carrier was an important one. This would be his last stint at a job so exposed to the elements.

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s\_username=jo\_calabio@comcast.net&s\_accountid=AC0111040504153510604&s\_upgradeable=no (accessed January 27, 2014).

<sup>68</sup> "United States Census, 1900," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MMYL-8BC>: accessed 27 Jan 2014), Harry Dear, Precinct 2 Wichita city Ward 4, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States; citing sheet , family 354, NARA microfilm publication T623, FHL microfilm 1240499.

<sup>69</sup> "Dean Resigns."

### Part 3: A Family in Transition

The precise location in Missouri where the family settled was not mentioned in the newspaper, but they would only stay for a short duration. The Deans had returned to Wichita by September 1902. The *Wichita Daily Eagle* reported their return as if it were inevitable. Harry, now known as “Carrier No. 11, retired,” returned to Wichita when he found “the contrast was too great.”<sup>70</sup>

When the 1903 Wichita City Directory was recorded, Harry’s residence was at 732 South Emporia. He was working as a bookkeeper for a company called Steffen and Bretch.<sup>71</sup> By 1904 though, Harry was working the next job he would be employed with for an extended period of time. While residing at 422 North Washington, he started as a clerk for the Pacific Express Company.<sup>72</sup>

By 1905, the family again moved, this time to Winfield, Kansas.<sup>73</sup> Harry was perhaps still working for the Pacific Express Company. Why the family moved to Cowley County is a mystery, but like the years before, they were in constant transition. By 1905, Harry and Ida were in their early forties. Only Tom, Dick, Hersch, and Frank were living at home, along with Ida’s sister and brother-in-law, the Strains.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> “City in Brief,” *Wichita Daily Eagle*, September 17, 1902, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014635/1902-09-17/ed-1/seq-8/#date1=1836&index=11&date2=1922&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=Dean+Harry&proxdistance=5&state=Kansas&rows=20&ortext=&proxtext=&phrasertext=Harry+Dean&andtext=&dateFilterType=y&earRange&page=1> (accessed January 27, 2014).

<sup>71</sup> Ancestry, *Directories*.

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>73</sup> Ancestry.com. *Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009.

<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.* Alyce Pepperdine Strain and her husband were only with the Deans for a small duration. They would eventually move onto Oregon, where they settled for the remainder of their lives.

Like Missouri, the Deans would only remain in Winfield for a short time. By 1907, they were living in Hutchinson, Kansas. While living there, Harry was now working as an agent for the Pacific Express Company, and dwelling at 224 East Sherman.<sup>75</sup> That same year, Harry and Ida would have a surprise child, possibly like Harry was to his middle-aged parents. Harry was forty-four and Ida was forty-three when Beryl Gouy Dean, the last and youngest son, was born on May 30.<sup>76</sup> He was known as B. G. throughout his lifetime.

Even with a young baby and growing boys of school-age, the Deans would continue moving residences at least once a year. By 1908, they were residing in Kansas City, Missouri. Harry was still employed as an agent for the Pacific Express Company.<sup>77</sup> Alas, by 1909, they were still moving from place to place. This year, they were back in Hutchinson, Harry still working as an agent, but this time living at 610 Sherman.<sup>78</sup>

Harry once again returned to Wichita with the family in 1910.<sup>79</sup> Still employed as an agent for the Pacific Express Company, the family was living at 345 Sherman Avenue. A modern household invention not included in previous Wichita city directories appeared in the 1910 directory: telephone numbers. The Deans had a number listed as “Tel Bell 2782,” meaning they were finally able to have a telephone in their home.<sup>80</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> Ancestry, *Directories*.

<sup>76</sup> Obituary for Beryl Dean, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, August 13, 1963, microfilm.

<sup>77</sup> Ancestry, *Directories*.

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>79</sup> Year: 1910; Census Place: Wichita Ward 2, Sedgwick, Kansas; Roll: T624\_456; Page: 16B; Enumeration District: 0110; FHL microfilm: 1374469.; Ancestry, *Directories*.

<sup>80</sup> Ancestry, *Directories*.



Photograph of Harry with his three youngest boys, B. G. in the front, Frank to the right, and Hersch to the left. B. G. looks about two or three years old, dating this photograph to 1909 or 1910. Location is unknown, but possibly at their home in Hutchinson or Wichita. *Source:* photo taken by unknown photographer, a scan of the original in possession of author.

In 1911, the final year there is a record of the Deans' presence in Wichita, their residence was at 501 Shirk Avenue, and Harry still working as an agent. Harry and Ida disappear from public records for the next four years. Their whereabouts and employment is unknown. By 1915, Harry started taking the family west. Another city directory surfaced, this time in Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado. Harry was now employed as a salesman and living at 205 Bradford.<sup>81</sup>

By 1917, the family was living in Gunnison, Gunnison, Colorado. The First World War was raging overseas in Europe, as several countries and empires were fighting to overtake and defend their strongholds. By April 1917, the United States joined the conflict on the side of its

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<sup>81</sup> Ibid.

allies, Britain, France, and Russia.<sup>82</sup> As a result, several young men responded to the draft for military service; with a quiver full of boys, the Dean family was on board. Charles, Tom, Dick, and Frank responded to the draft; Tom, Dick, and Frank were living in Gunnison County when they registered for the 1917 and 1918 drafts.<sup>83</sup>

While in Gunnison, Colorado, Harry repeated his efforts to pursue music. For one, he tried his hand at publishing music in 1918 and 1919. According to the Catalog of Copyright for 1918, Harry wrote and copyrighted a song titled "Good-Bye, Mother, Dad and Sweetheart."<sup>84</sup> The music was written by E. S. S. Huntington.<sup>85</sup> In the Catalog for 1919, Harry wrote the words and music to a song called "Oh, For a Girl Like Grandma."<sup>86</sup> That final song title causes one to wonder if Harry was a man who loved his womenfolk, and had a soft spot in his heart for his grandmother. She did live with him from 1874 until his move from Illinois.

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<sup>82</sup> Library of Congress, "U.S. Entered World War I April 6, 1917," America's Library, [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/jazz/jb\\_jazz\\_wwi\\_1.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/jazz/jb_jazz_wwi_1.html) (accessed March 11, 2014).

<sup>83</sup> Charles was living in Colorado, but in Denver County. For Charles, refer to "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KZKJ-NYQ>; accessed 28 Jan 2014), Charles Fenton Dean, 1917-1918; citing Denver City no 6, Colorado, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d); FHL microfilm 1561842; "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KZKX-TDT>; accessed 28 Jan 2014), Dick Hubert Dean, 1917-1918; citing Gunnison County, Colorado, United States, NARA microfilm publication M1509, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d); FHL microfilm 1561814; for Tom and Frank, their draft cards were previously cited, but came from the same digitized collection on *FamilySearch*.

<sup>84</sup> Library of Congress, *Catalog of Copyright Entries*, Part 3, Vol. 13, No. 2 (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1918), 774, <http://books.google.com/books?id=Q9UiAQAAAMAAJ&pg=PA774&lpg=PA774&dq=%22H+F+Dean%22+Gunnison,+Colorado&source=bl&ots=WK4TAF5MhO&sig=jpMNsPPRJsmqqe3E2CWbdJgeqIA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=7TvoUryzFYLcoAT2kYLgCg&ved=0CCUQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22H%20F%20Dean%22%20Gunnison%2C%20Colorado&f=false> (accessed March 11, 2014).

<sup>85</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>86</sup> Library of Congress, *Catalog of Copyright Entries*, Part 3, Vol. 14, No. 1 (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1919), 658, <http://books.google.com/books?id=MTnQAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA658&lpg=PA658&dq=%22Harry+F+Dean%22+Gunnison,+Col&source=bl&ots=mrbHRiOQ5D&sig=1eHNMrbG9Gnd-ECrjHzAgnCj8kY&hl=en&sa=X&ei=vDzoUvbgMciGogTSpIGAAQ&ved=0CCUQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Harry%20F%20Dean%22%20Gunnison%2C%20Col&f=false> (accessed March 11, 2014).

Song writing was not his only venture with music in the late teens. In the June 14, 1919 issue of "The Billboard," an H. F. Dean in Gunnison, Colorado was looking for a "low pitch silver plated melo[d]y saxophone."<sup>87</sup> There are several scenarios for why he was seeking to purchase a saxophone. Perhaps he was looking for an instrument for one of his sons. Maybe he was wanting to learn a new instrument altogether. After all, there were particular models of saxophone that were "popular...[to] play if you were an amateur," such as the King C. Melody saxophone introduced between 1918 and 1920.<sup>88</sup>

The last record of Harry Dean's presence in Colorado was in the form of the 1920 Census. He was fifty-six years old and working for an industry he had not done since his young adult years: the railroad. Only three of his children were still at home: Dick, Frank, and B. G. Two of the young men were working as cullers while the young, thirteen year old B. G. was probably still in school.<sup>89</sup>

Harry's last move west would be to Sandy, Utah in 1922.<sup>90</sup> He would finally settle down in one place long enough to establish a permanent home. While in Utah, he retired to the profession he was born into: farming. Unfortunately, Harry would only live for another six years. He died from a cerebral hemorrhage, but was unconscious for some time before he actually died.<sup>91</sup> Charles was the informant for his death, but one can imagine that Ida suffered the most

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<sup>87</sup> "Wanted," *The Billboard*, June 14, 1919, <http://fultonhistory.com/Newspaper%2015/Billboard/Billboard%201919/Billboard%201919%20-%202201.pdf> (accessed March 11, 2014).

<sup>88</sup> "H. N. White Saxophones," The H.N. White Company LLC, <http://www.hnwhite.com/Saxophone%20Page.htm> (accessed March 11, 2014).

<sup>89</sup> "United States Census, 1920," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MX2R-THV> : accessed 28 Jan 2014), Harry F Dean, Gunnison, Gunnison, Colorado, United States; citing sheet , family 12, NARA microfilm publication T625, FHL microfilm 1820164.

<sup>90</sup> Obituary for Harry Fenton Dean, *Salt Lake Tribune*, February 3, 1928, microfilm.

<sup>91</sup> UDH, *Death Certificates*.

with his passing as she had faithfully followed him from residence to residence, from city to city, helping to raise and take care of the family while he tried to provide a living. Harry was laid to rest in the Sandy City Cemetery only three days later.<sup>92</sup> The following was his tribute in the local newspaper:

Harry F. Dean, 65, died suddenly at the family residence, R. F. D. Sandy, Thursday morning, according to word received in Salt Lake Thursday. Mr. Dean was born in Edwardsville, Ill., February 12, 1863, and came to Sandy in 1922, where he had resided ever since.

He was married in Ottawa, Kan., in 1884 to Ida Jane Pepperdine. He was a member of Masonic Sunflower lodge No. 86 of Wichita, Kan., also a member of the Consistory. Besides his widow Mr. Dean is survived by six sons: Charles F. Dean of Salt Lake; Tom and Frank M. Dean of New Orleans, La.; Herschel A. Dean of Farmington, N. M.; Dick H. Dean of Bingham and Beryl G. Dean, who is in the U. S. marine corps station in China.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p. m. from the Masonic temple under the direction of Kaibab lodge No. 25. Interment will be in Sandy Cemetery. Mr. Dean was also a member of Wichita council of the Modern Woodmen of America.<sup>93</sup>

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Appendix:  
Certificates

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss. \_\_\_\_\_  
March 22 A. D. 1884. To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony Greeting:

You are Hereby Authorized to Join in Marriage: Harry T. Dean  
of Raymond Ill aged 21 years, and Ida T. Pefferdine  
of Ill aged 20 years, and of this License you will make due return to  
my office within thirty days. [L. S.] \_\_\_\_\_ Probate Judge.

**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.**

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.  
I, THE UNDERSIGNED, a Judge of Probate  
in said County, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I  
did, on the 22 day of March A. D. 1884, at Clawa  
in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named Harry T. Dean  
and Ida T. Pefferdine  
Witness my hand, the day and year above written. \_\_\_\_\_  
Official Title: Probate Judge

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.  
I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Probate Judge of said County, hereby certify the above to be a correct copy of the original Marriage  
License by me issued on the day first above written, together with a copy of the return indorsed on such license by the person performing the marriage ceremony.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Probate Judge.

Marriage Certificate, found at "Kansas, County Marriages, 1855-1911," images, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-16091-63789-47?cc=1851040&wc=M6VS-VP8:166159901,166284201>: accessed 12 Mar 2014), Franklin > Marriage records, 1883-1887, v. E.

Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1 PLACE OF DEATH <b>0 2 8 0 1 4 8 0</b>			State Board of Health File No. <b>181</b> <b>500</b>		
County <b>Salt Lake.</b>			<b>STATE OF UTAH—DEATH CERTIFICATE</b>		
Precinct <b>East Crescent.</b>					
Village or City					
City No. <b>Sandy Rd #7</b> St. Ward <small>(If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.)</small>					
2 FULL NAME <b>Harry Fenton Dean.</b>					
(a) Residence No. <b>Crescent, Utah.</b> St. <small>(IF NON-RESIDENT GIVE CITY OR TOWN AND STATE)</small>					
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <b>6</b> yrs. <b>0</b> mos. <b>0</b> ds. How long in U.S., if foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3 SEX <b>Male.</b>	4 COLOR OR RACE <b>White.</b>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) <b>Married.</b>	16 DATE OF DEATH <b>February 2, 1928</b> 19 <b>28</b> (Year)		
5a If Married, Widowed, or Divorced HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF <b>Ida Jane Dean.</b>			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <b>July 1st</b> , 19 <b>28</b> , to <b>Feb 2nd</b> , 19 <b>28</b> , that I last saw him alive on <b>July 2</b> , 19 <b>28</b> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <b>8:05A</b> The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <b>Cerebral Hemorrhage</b> <i>Was unconscious during entire time of illness 14 hrs</i>		
6 DATE OF BIRTH <b>February 12, 1863</b> 1 (Year)			18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?		
7 AGE <b>64</b> yrs. <b>11</b> mos. <b>20</b> ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.!			Did an operation precede death? <b>No</b> Date of _____		
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <b>Farmer.</b> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employee) (c) Name of Employer			Was there an autopsy? <b>No</b>		
9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town) <b>Edwardsville,</b> (State or Country) <b>Ills.</b>			What test confirmed diagnosis? <b>Autopsy</b> (Signed) <b>W. D. Jones</b> M. D. <b>Feb 4, 1928</b> (Address) <b>Sandy Rd</b>		
10 NAME OF FATHER <b>Henry Dean.</b>			*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) DISEASE AND NATURE OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <b>Unknown.</b>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL <b>Sandy, Utah.</b> DATE OF BURIAL <b>2/5/28</b> 19 <b>28</b>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <b>Mary Sappington.</b>			20 UNDERTAKER <b>Evan &amp; Early Co.</b> ADDRESS <b>Salt Lake Cit.</b>		
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <b>Unknown.</b>			21 REGISTRAR <b>J. M. Smith</b> No. of Burial or Removal Permit <b>3</b>		
14 Informant <b>Chas. F. Dean.</b> Address <b>#1 Kensington Apts. Salt Lake City</b>			22		
15 File No. <b>May 7 1928</b> Registrar					
21 Registrars Number <b>3</b>					

READ CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE

Death Certificate, found at "Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1956," index and images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-266-11842-117633-71?cc=1747615: accessed 12 Mar 2014), ; citing State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Records and Statistics, Salt Lake City.

## Family Group Record

Family group record number \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_ of **4**

<b>Husband Harry Fenton Dean (KLJJ-TH8)</b>		
Birth date	12 February 1863	
Birthplace	Edwardsville, Madison, Illinois, United States	
Christening date		
Christening place		
Marriage date	22 March 1884	
Marriage place	Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas, United States	
Death date	2 February 1928	
Death place	Sandy City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States	
Burial date	5 February 1928	
Burial place	Sandy City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States	
Husband's father	Henry C. Dean (9331-N5D) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Husband's mother	Margaret Sappington (9331-NR1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Other parents and other spouses		
<b>Wife Ida Jane Pepperdine (KLJJ-T4K)</b>		
Birth date	14 February 1864	
Birthplace	Lovington, Moultrie, Illinois, United States	
Christening date		
Christening place		
Death date	2 November 1930	
Death place	Sandy City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States	
Burial date		
Burial place	Sandy City Cemetery, Sandy City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States	
Wife's father	William H. Pepperdine (KLJJ-TJY) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Wife's mother	Nancy C. Nash (KLJJ-TV4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deceased	
Other parents and other spouses		
<b>Children</b>		
<b>1</b>	Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
	Charles Fenton Dean (KLJJ-TZ7)	
	Birth date	8 July 1886
	Birthplace	Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States
	Christening date	
	Christening place	
	Marriage date	19 July 1910
Marriage place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States	
Spouse	Ida Mae Stephens (K2X6-467)	
Death date	15 December 1938	
Death place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States	
Other parents and other spouses		
<b>2</b>	Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
	W Russell Dean (L8BV-H8F)	
	Birth date	14 December 1888
	Birthplace	
	Christening date	
	Christening place	
	Marriage date	
Marriage place		
Spouse		
Death date	24 May 1891	
Death place	Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States	
Other parents and other spouses		

**Family Group Record—continued**

<b>Husband</b> Harry Fenton Dean (KLJJ-TH8)		<b>Wife</b> Ida Jane Pepperdine (KLJJ-T4K)		
<b>Children—continued</b>				
<b>3</b>	Name <b>Tom Fenton Dean (L4P9-XJV)</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Birth date <b>18 July 1892</b>	Birthplace <b>Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States</b>		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date <b>about 1922</b>	Marriage place <b>Clarksdale, Coahoma, Mississippi, United States</b>	Spouse <b>Alethea Violet Aldridge (L4P9-FD1)</b>	
	Death date <b>24 February 1967</b>	Death place <b>Blytheville, Mississippi, Arkansas, United States</b>		
	Other parents and other spouses			
<b>4</b>	Name <b>Dick Hubert Dean (KLJJ-TST)</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Birth date <b>1 July 1895</b>	Birthplace <b>Lovington, Moultrie, Illinois, United States</b>		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date <b>11 February 1924</b>	Marriage place <b>Saint Anthony, Fremont, Idaho, United States</b>	Spouse <b>Jennie Mareta Jenkins (KWJD-CQW)</b>	
	Death date <b>2 October 1962</b>	Death place <b>Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States</b>		
	Other parents and other spouses			
<b>5</b>	Name <b>Herschell Austin Dean (L4P9-N6F)</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Birth date <b>18 September 1898</b>	Birthplace <b>Sedgwick, Kansas, United States</b>		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date <b>about 1922</b>	Marriage place	Spouse <b>Bessie Waters (L8SN-3XC)</b>	
	Death date <b>25 October 1969</b>	Death place <b>Dallas, Dallas, Texas, United States</b>		
	Other parents and other spouses			
<b>6</b>	Name <b>Frank Monroe Dean (L4P9-JXL)</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Birth date <b>30 April 1900</b>	Birthplace <b>Missouri, United States</b>		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date	Marriage place	Spouse <b>Georgia Dean (LDZR-FS5)</b>	
	Death date <b>13 February 1970</b>	Death place <b>Waldron, Scott, Arkansas, United States</b>		
	Other parents and other spouses			
<b>7</b>	Name <b>Beryl Gouy Dean (KWJX-RLZ)</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Birth date <b>30 May 1907</b>	Birthplace <b>Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas, United States</b>		
	Christening date	Christening place		
	Marriage date <b>29 Dec 1936</b>	Marriage place	Spouse <b>Lyle Eva Walker (KWC4-S8Q)</b>	
	Death date <b>12 August 1963</b>	Death place <b>Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States</b>		
	Other parents and other spouses			