

“HARRY and JENNIE (Wildman) MILLS

Harry Mills was born at Syria, MI in 1872. His parents moved to Dakota Territory in 1877. He grew up in Union County, but at an early age became one of the real cowboys working near Lusk, WY. He later homesteaded and ranched northwest of Hot Springs, SD.

Jennie Wildman was born at Cresco, IA on December 13, 1880, but moved to Rapid City, SD as a young lady. She was a dry goods saleslady and musician. Harry and Jennie were married in 1919. They came to the Ellendale, ND area in 1925 and moved to the Goodwin farm, four miles southeast of Monango in 1929 from the Leamer farm, one mile west of Ellendale. In 1937 they bought the Grant Meeks truck farm on the Maple River, southeast of Monango. Here they raised vegetables and had chickens, hogs and milk cows. While living on this place Harry started working in Magoffin's store. This later led to full-time work and still later he managed the store when Magoffins were gone from town. Eventually they moved into Monango.

Jennie taught piano lessons and Harry was clerk of Keystone Township for many years.

Harry is pictured with his horses, Red and Pat. They were special pets given to him by his son, Laurance.

Harry and Jennie had no family, but Harry and his first wife, Rosa (deceased), had five children; Nellie, Carrie, Victor, Laurance and Curtis.

Harry died in 1960 at the age of 88 years. Jennie lived alone until 1970, then moved to Ellendale. She died on March 1, 1984 at the age of 103 years.”