

William Dwight Moore



Born: 10 June 1895 in Kendrick, Idaho

Mother: Mary Olive Tweedy

Father: Enos Moore

Married: 30 June 1915, in Walla Walla, WA

Died: 27 Nov 1945 in Lincoln, WA

William Dwight Moore, more often called Bill and sometimes Will, was born to "Ollie" and Enos Moore at Kendrick, Idaho (near Big Bear Ridge), on June 10, 1895. The family moved to Oregon and he grew up on their farm and worked with his father who was a carpenter. He graduated from Vinson High School at Umapine. He was an excellent baseball player and played on local teams into his mid-forties. He married Willieta Rice, daughter of Mary and William Rice, on June 30, 1915.



William Moore and his sister Neva



After working in merchandising and real estate, Bill started a sheep ranch which provided pleasant prosperity until the financial crash and bank failures of 1927 caught him over-extended and all he had acquired disappeared. He and Willieta moved their family to Finley, Washington, and started over. "The team that won't be beaten can't be beaten."

He managed ranches for others for a few years, but, as the Depression deepened, went to other work and, finally, into the grocery business. He worked for Safeway and then bought his own store in Sprague, Washington, but only lived a couple of years before dying of a heart attack in November 1945.

Bill loved the great outdoors. His idea of a perfect vacation was camping in the Rocky Mountains where he used to summer range the sheep. Fishing for trout early in the morning and frying them over a campfire for breakfast, working on his mining claim up Marble Creek, meeting challengers and winning in shooting matches with either handgun or rifle, playing practical jokes – all gave him pleasure.