

The Page Ranch



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Where is this house?



Located near Pinto and Old Irontown



20 miles west and south of Cedar City along Little Pinto Road (FS009) about 6 miles north of Pinto on the Washington-Iron County line.
Section 21 T37S R14 W





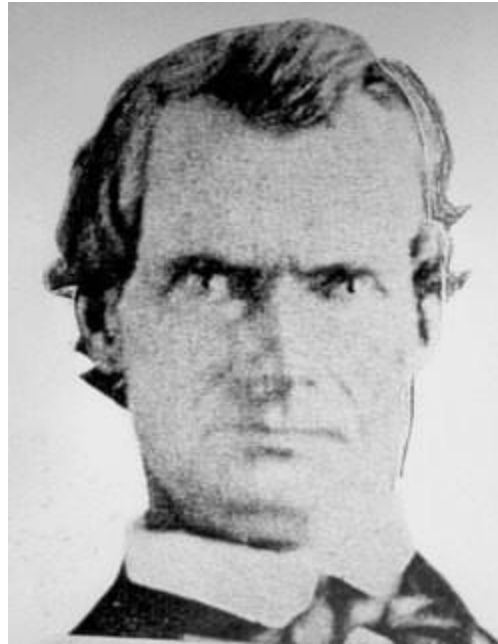
Homesteading the ranch 1858-1875

Robert Richey (1806-1875)

Elizabeth Gwinn Richey
(1808-1890)

Sarah Ann Hollister Richey
Lockridge (1827-1913)

“Many times she told her about the day they first came to that special little valley... they lived in a wagon box with a big piece of heavy canvas stretched over the top to protect them from the elements. Robert Richey took a long pole and place each end in two trees close by, then the canvas was pulled tightly over the pole.”



Treasures



“This house was built of rough-hewn logs and clapboard on the outside, lath, plastered...The walls were whitewashed with lime, which gave the house a clean smell and appearance. A large fireplace with a large mantle shelf made it homey. Mother built hobs on either side of the fireplace with an iron grate in the center. Three large rooms ran along the front of the house and three smaller ones and a porch in the middle at the back.”

First Home – Log & Clapboard 1858-1900s





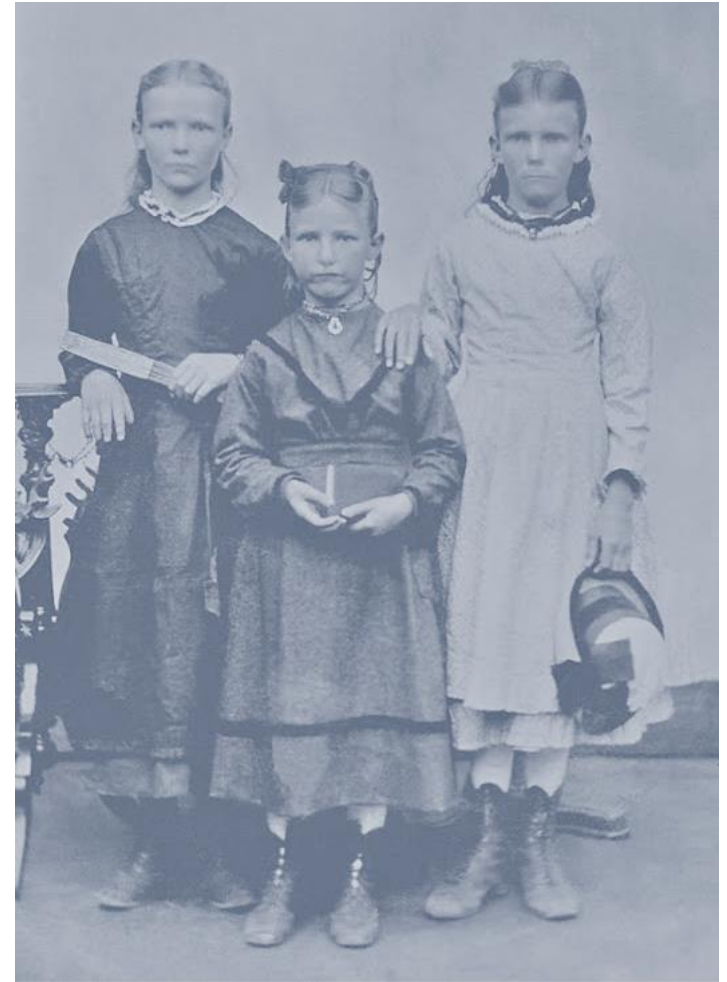
Richey marries Annie Fryer Jorden

1863

Annie is 17, Robert is 57

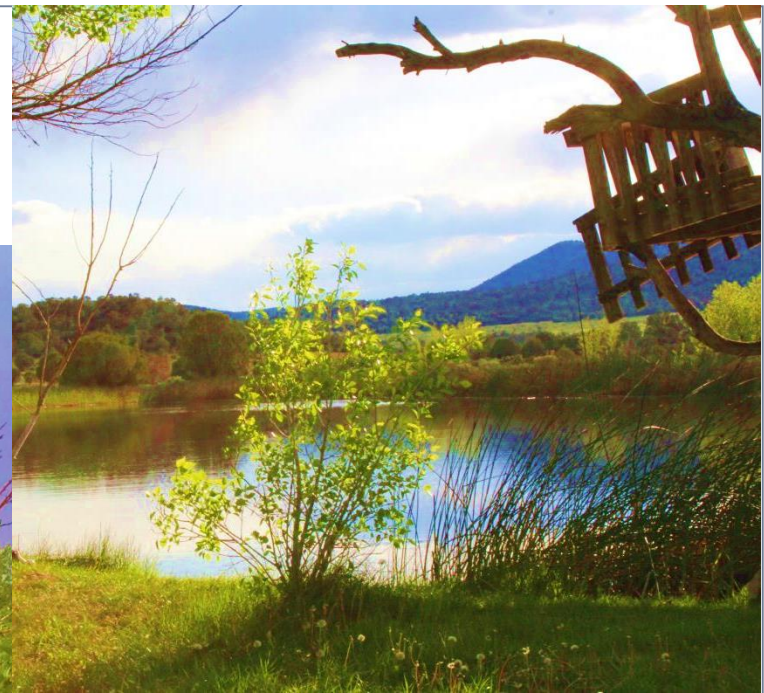
Three children soon
join the four adults in
the household living in
the log home:

Rachel, Anne and
Elizabeth



Fruit Orchard

Artesian Well & Springs



“We had a large orchard of all kinds of apples, one a Porter apple that was delicious, along with a large golden colored apple, also peaches, plums, and gooseberries and red English currants.”

“The men grubbed up the brush as best they could, going over acres of ground ... they would hitch a span of horses to a drag, fill twenty five to thirty sacks with sand and load them on this drag then put the whole family on this load including the hired men...he put us smaller girls right on the front next to the horses heels...He drug this thing over the land to pull the brush out of the dirt, then with pitch forks oiled the brush in long rows and on some windy day he would take the family of children out and burn this brush. No one can imagine the amount of work it takes or the long dreary hours spent on a farm to produce and cure that much food for a winter supply except the dear people who did the work. “



Cattle and Hay



Barn
and
corrals

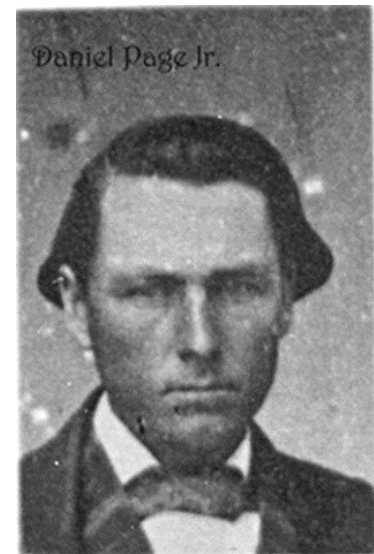


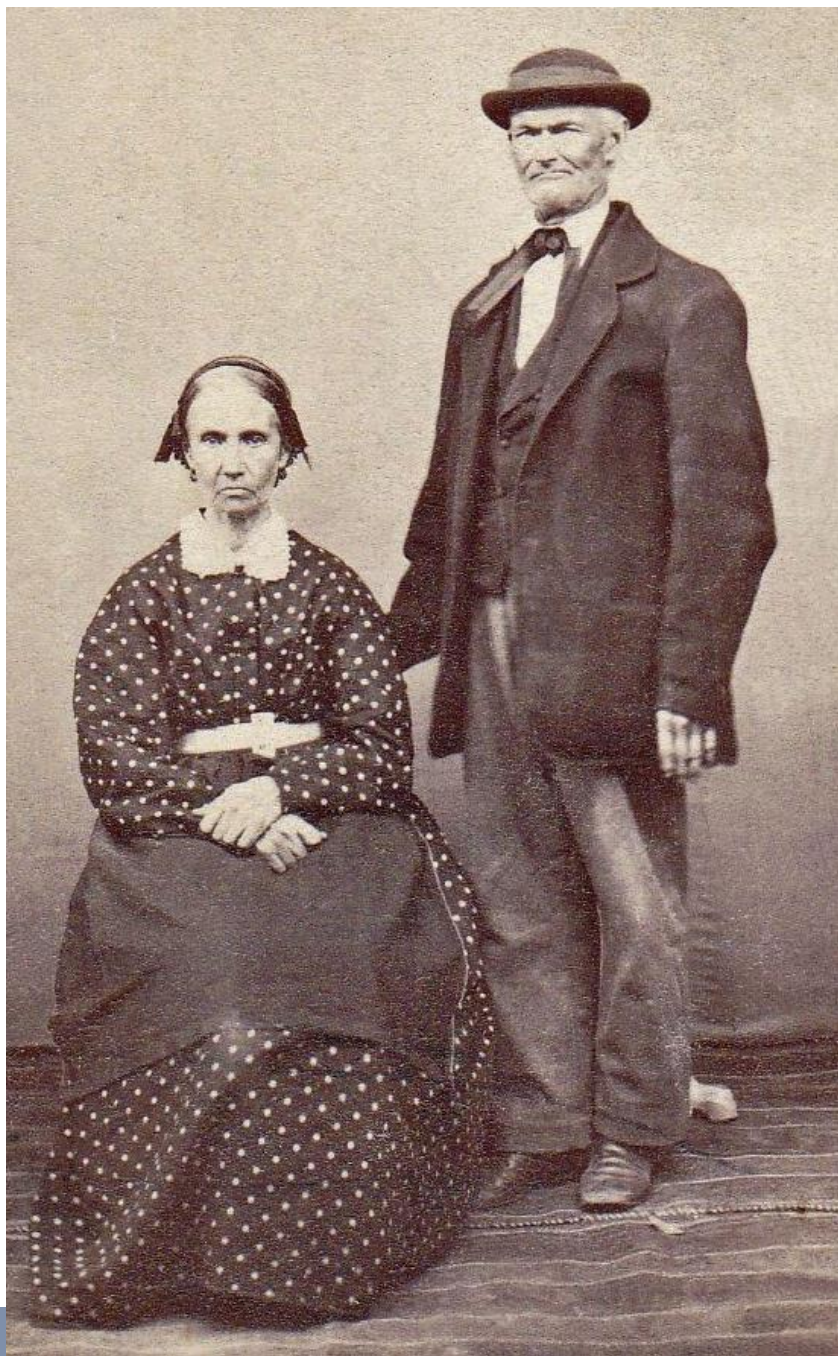


Grandson Daniel Richey Page comes to live at the ranch

1868

Robert and Betsy's only living daughter, Mary Ann Richey Page, died in childbirth in 1868. Her husband, Daniel Page, remarried and continued to live in Parowan, while Mary Ann's two sons, Daniel and Robert, moved to the ranch to live with their Richey grandparents.





Transition –
Richey to Page
1875



22-year-old Sophia comes to live with her cousin, Annie Fryer Richey, during the winter of 1875-76 and falls in love with Daniel.

Sophia Ann Geary



John Thomas
Geary

Sophia Fryer Geary



1876

Daniel and his brother Robert inherit the ranch; promise to take care of Grandma Richey

Sarah Richey marries Kellogg Lockridge and moves to her own home

Annie Richey marries John Hodges and moves to Monroe

Daniel and Sophia marry in Grandma Richey's living room at the ranch, April 1876.

Marriage of Daniel Richey Page & Sophia Ann Geary



A Lover of Beauty



These were made by
Grandmother Mary
Eva A. P. Hager

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Devoted to the Land



Treasure Box
Speckled Trout
Abundance
Homestake
Wonderful Surprise
Iron Blossom
Magpie
Wizzard No. 1
Perfection
Lucky Bill

Page
Children
1870s-1890s

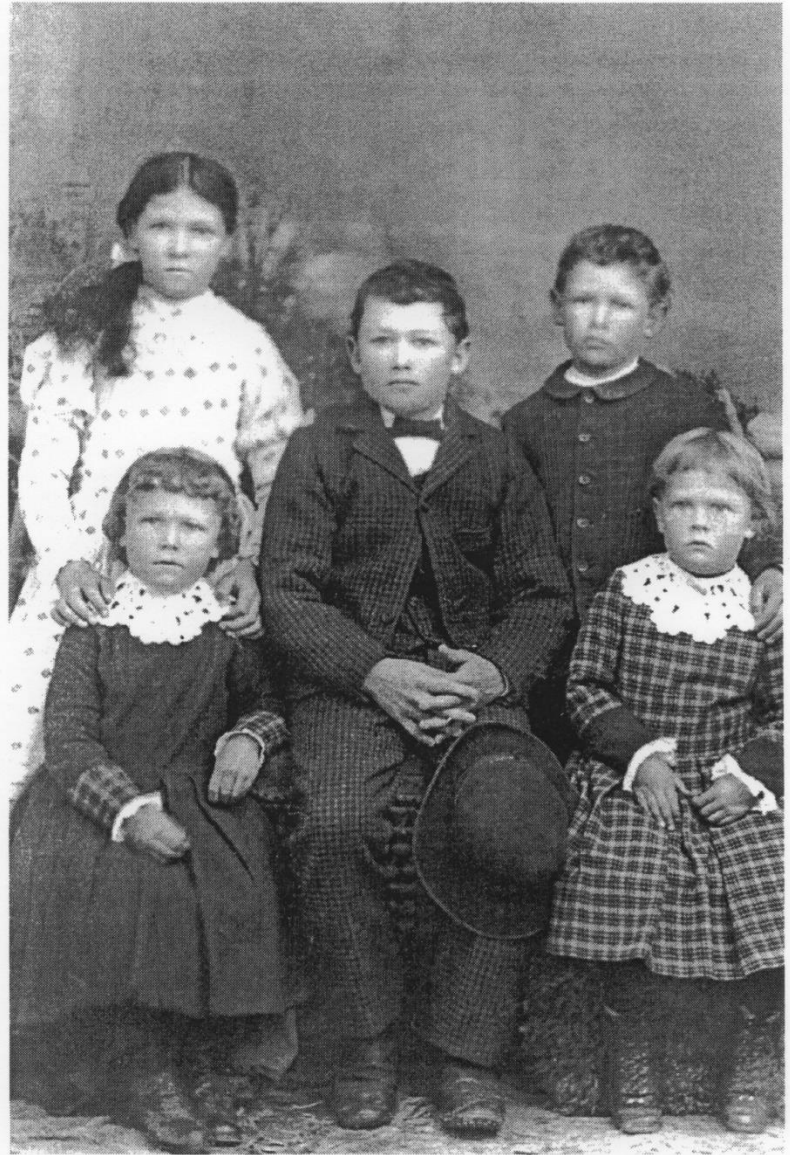
Amy Sophia Page Knell

Robert Geary Page

John Geary Page

Eva Geary Page Higbee

Dettie Geary Page
Tulloch



*Standing, left to right: Amy Sophia Page, John Geary Page.
Seated, left to right: Eva Geary Page, Robert Geary Page, Dettie Geary Page.*



Page
Children
1895-1899

Golda Geary Page
Smith

Daniel Geary Page



The Pages Decide To Build a Mansion - 1900

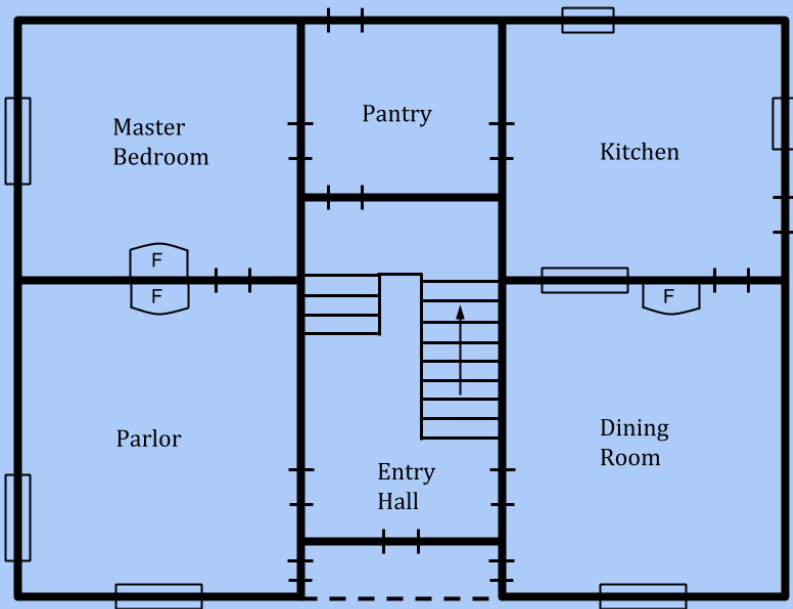


Construction of the Red Brick Home 1898-1900

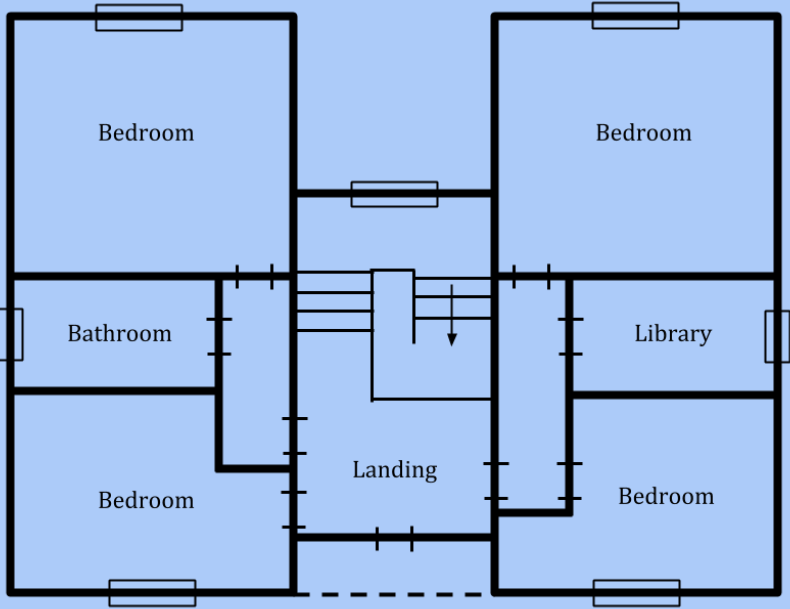


Brother Weaver (foundation)
Jack and Harvey Fabian (bricks)
William Marshall (contractor)
John Briant (paint/wallpaper)
Brother Winnings (carpenter)

Layout of 1900 Red Brick Home



Main Floor



Upper Floor



Elaborate Architectural Details

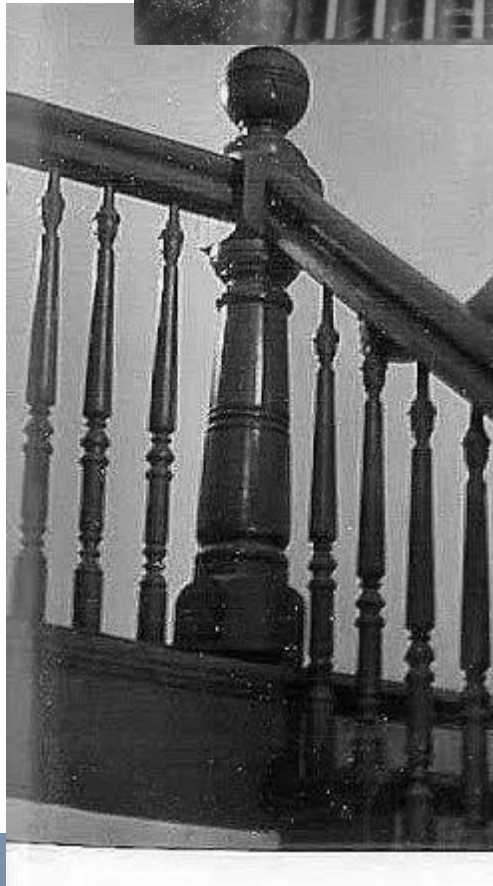












The Page Family 1905

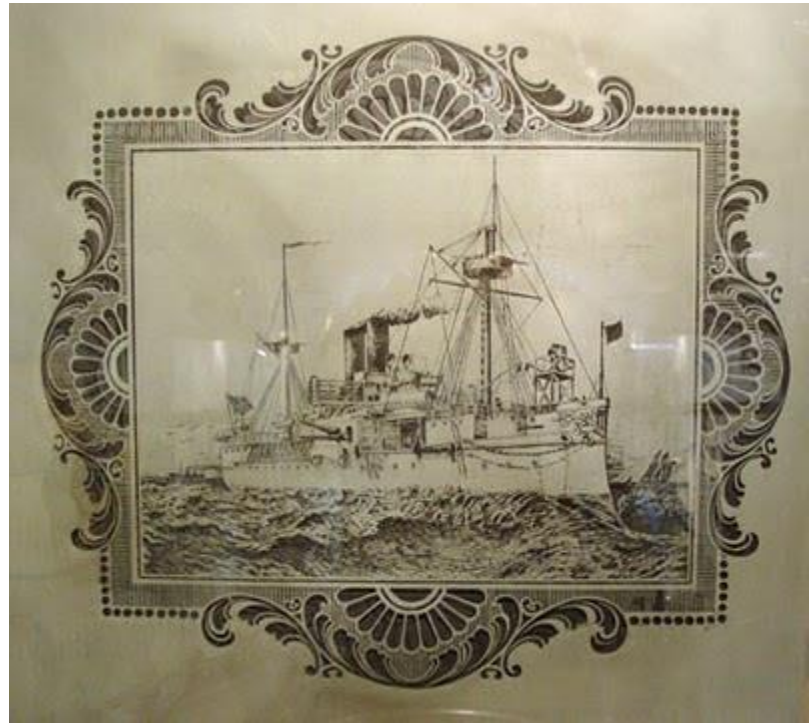




Finest Furnishings and Décor from Chicago











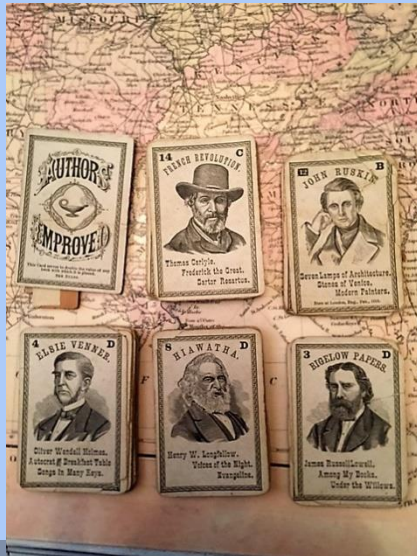








Life at the Ranch -- Early 1900s



The Page Family Loses the Ranch During the Depression of the 1930s



Bill Lamb's Deer Camp

1935-1940





1941-43

Americans of Japanese descent forced inland after Pearl Harbor

Six families came to the Page Ranch at the invitation of Sherratt family of Iron County

Stucco house construction

Carbide lights



Akiyoshi
Iwata

Friday, January 14, 2005

Stories Of World War II

The Japanese Of Iron County

By Bart Anderson

times their wives and children lived in section houses in Lund, Beryl, and Modena. Japanese families had good truck farms near Beryl in the 1920s and 1930s. They were known as hard workers and their children

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Ambrose Sherratt Family

1943-1951

Bathroom

Kitchen

Back porch

Tractor accident





1951-present

Turkey operation

Verl and Margaret

Stucco house

Deer Hunting

Snakes

RV pads

Moroni &
Millie
Sanders



Verl &
Margaret
Sanders





The red brick home was not lived in continuously after the 1970s and so it fell into disrepair.

Vandals repeatedly broke in despite the best efforts of the owners.

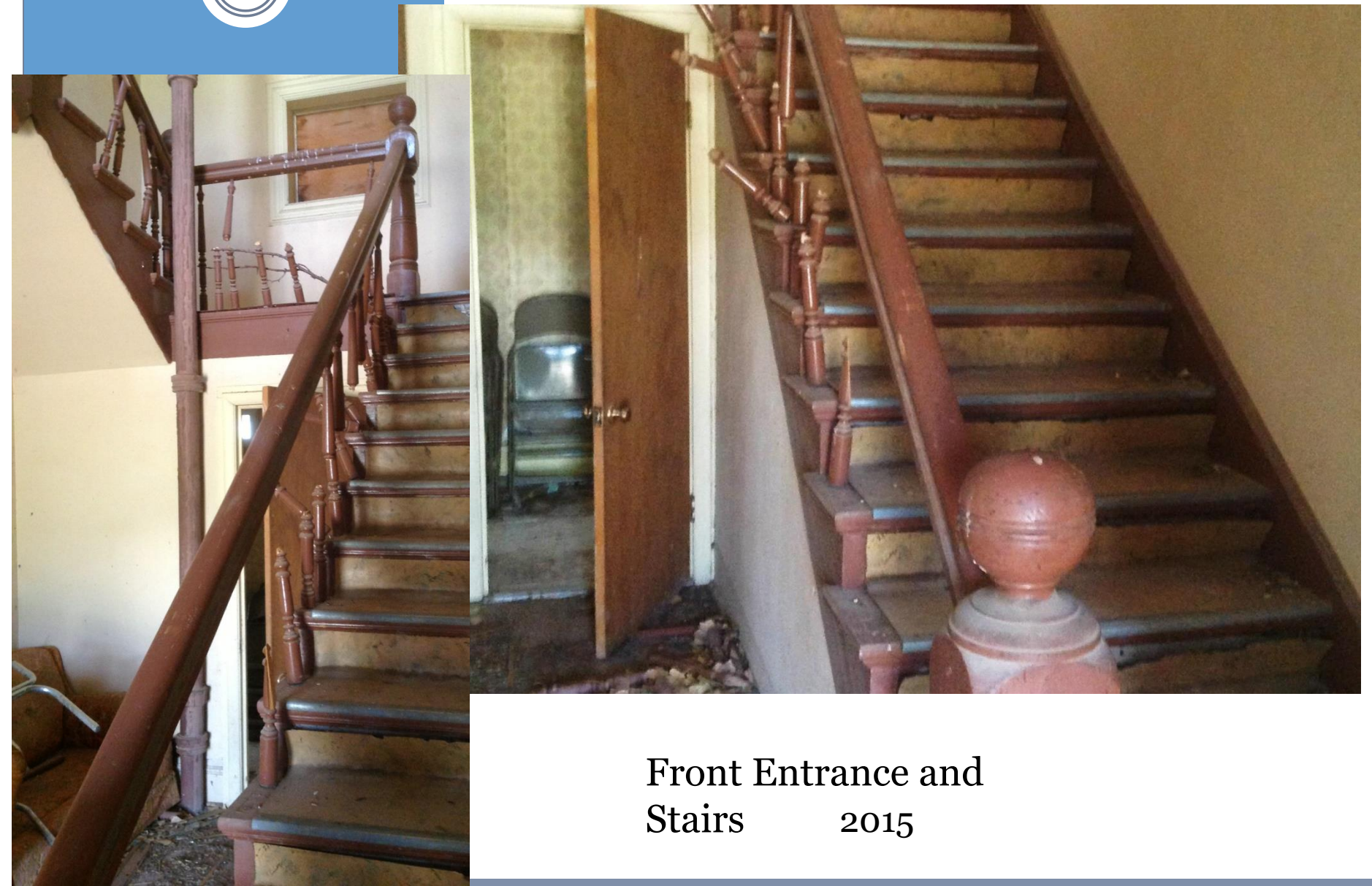
The remote location puts it at risk for crime.

The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

The Page family descendants organized a clean up in October, 2015.



Kitchen 2015



Front Entrance and
Stairs 2015



Dining Room 2015

Note the pass-through cabinet from kitchen to dining room



The front parlor

2015



Sophia's
bedroom



Upstairs
bedrooms 2015



Family Clean-up Project 2015







We may not have inherited the beautiful, remote ranch with its historic mansion and tradition of welcoming strangers, but we have inherited something equally important:

A legacy of character traits that will stay with us forever and carry on to the next generation!



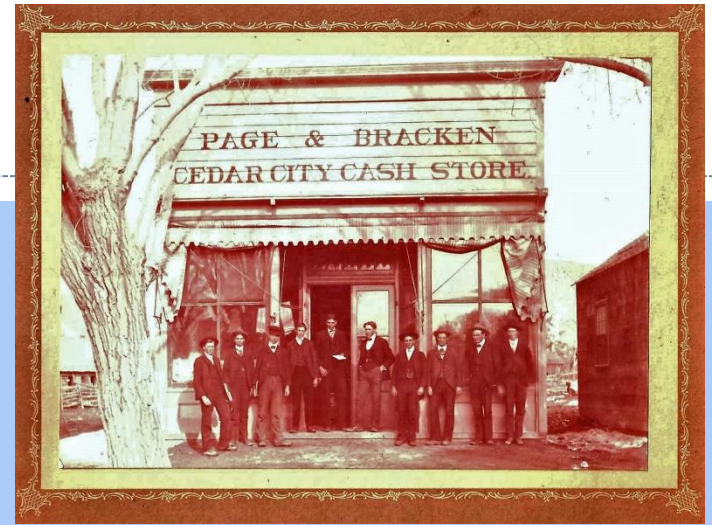
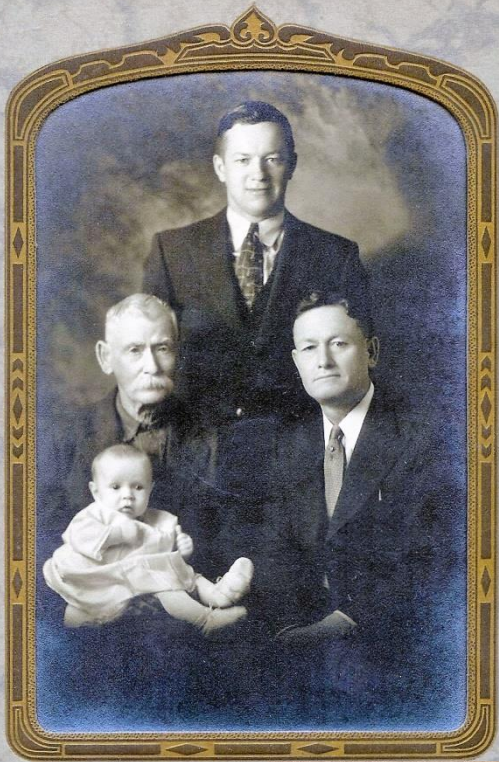
The Legacy of The Page Ranch

Robert



Creative Arts

Entrepreneur



*Bobby
Mama
Dad +
Grandpa Page*



Amy

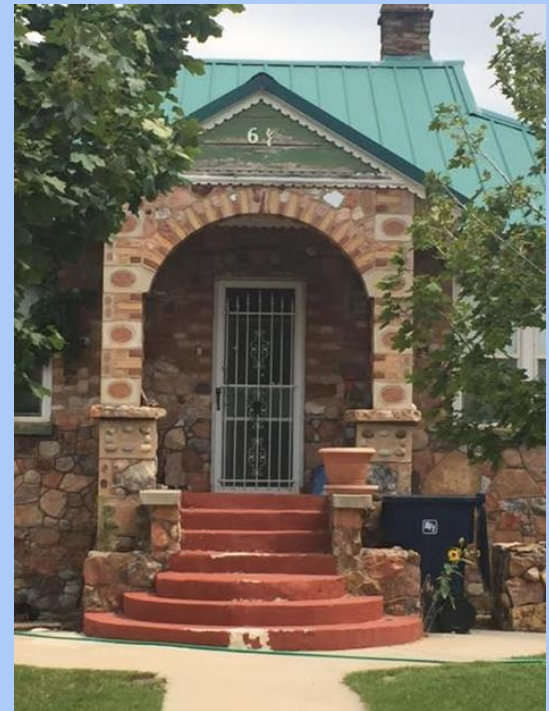
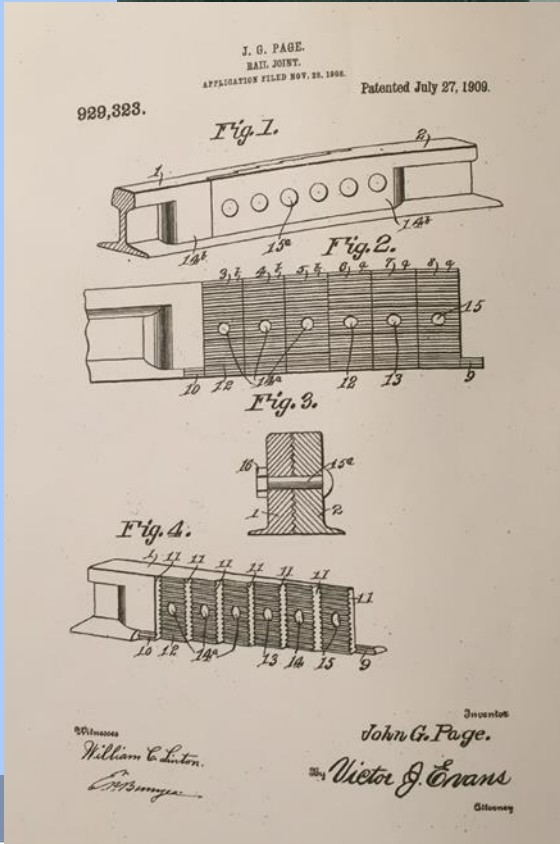


Heart of the home
Homemaking Arts

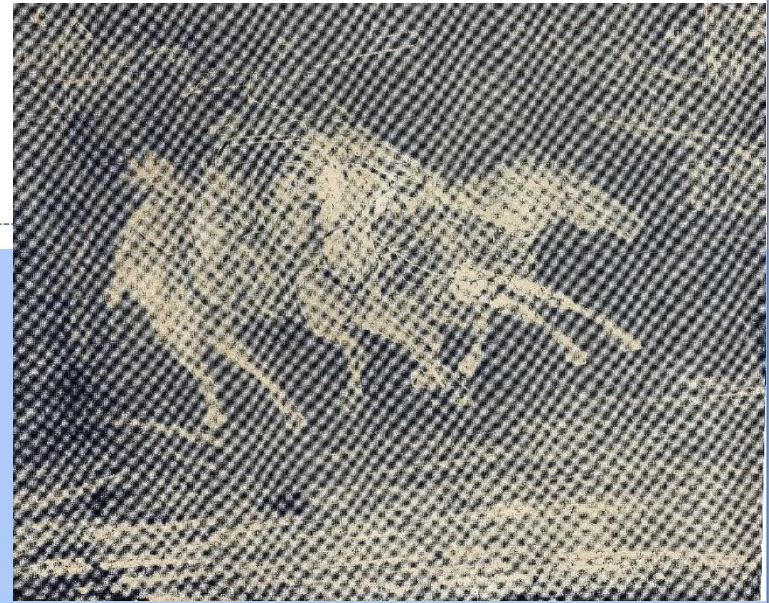
John



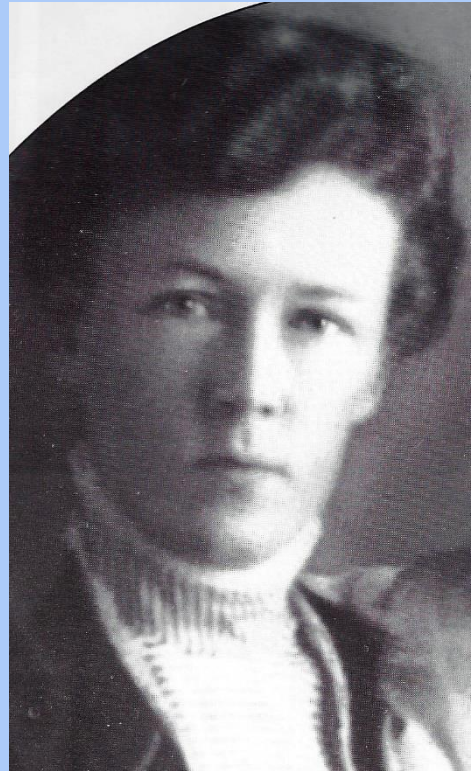
Engineer
Healing Arts
Family Commitment
Love of the Land



Eva



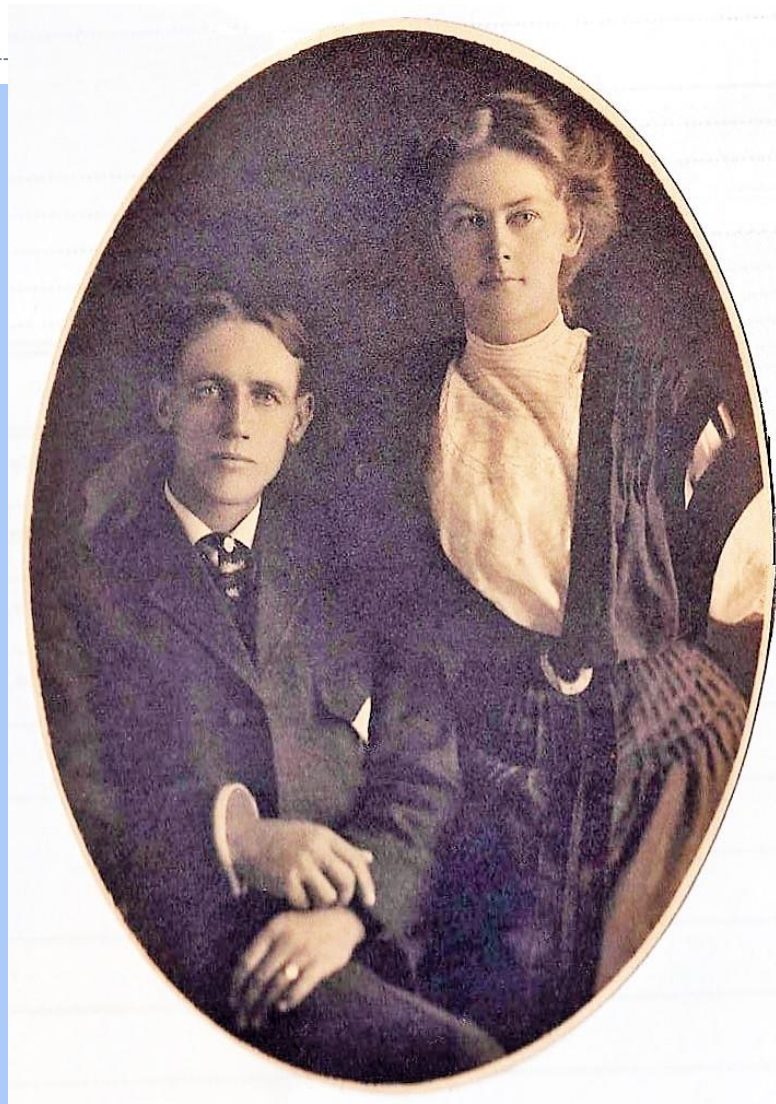
Lover of Beauty
Artist
Care for Children
Seamstress



Detta



Strong Will
Independent Thinker



Golda



Wonderful Storyteller
Family History
Sense of Humor
Green Thumb



Geary



Expert Horseman
Love of Open Spaces
Charm
Family Commitment

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Family Members

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Sunlight and Shadow – The Page Ranch Story

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