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BEAN, MARTHA FRANCES (SMITH)

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Martha Frances Smith was born on January 9, 1862 in Wetzel County, West Virginia. She is the daughter of David and Maney (Kager) Smith. She has two brothers, George of eastern Oregon, and Wallis of Junction City, Oregon; also four sisters, Susie Gum, who lives near Eugene, Oregon; Emma Hulin, of Newberg, Oregon; Mary Barr, of Eugene, Oregon; and Ada Barr, of Oregon City, Oregon.

In 1868, she came with her parents to Buffalo, Minnesota. From there they moved to a farm a short distance from Hutchinson, Minnesota. In the fall of 1872, they moved nine miles north of Cokato, Minnesota, on an eighty acre tract on North Crow River. Martha Smith drove one of the ox teams from Hutchinson to their new home on North Crow River.

In the fall of 1876, they moved to a farm near Milan, Missouri, where they lived about three years. They then moved to Oregon, but Martha stopped at Nebraska where she stayed for several years. She lived in Nebraska for twenty-two years. Beatrice, Odell, Lincoln, and Seward were among the places she lived.

In 1888, Martha Smith married William G. Bean in Colby, Kansas. He is the son of Norman and Martha (Longley) Bean. He was born in Franklin County, New York, on December 3, 1861.

After their marriage they returned to Nebraska where they lived for several years. Then they went to Montana, but did not like it there. So in 1902, they came by train to Sauk Centre. They have lived here ever since. They came here to better themselves and did very well. Martha (Smith) Bean was a dressmaker for several years, and Mr. Bean found employment as a common laborer.

They have one daughter, Leila Mabel, now Mrs. Leo Robinson. She was born in Nebraska. She graduated from the Sauk Centre High School in 1908, and from the Saint Cloud Teachers College. She was a primary teacher in

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Minnesota schools for fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Bean have one grand-child, Felicia Ann Robinson, who is six years old.

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