

# Family Group Record

Joseph Philander "Joe" Gibson / Sarah Elizabeth Cutter  
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<b>Husband's Name</b> Joseph Philander "Joe" Gibson		
<b>Born</b>	18 Mar 1862	<b>Place</b> Old Mines, Washington, Mo
<b>Chr.</b>		
<b>Mar.</b>	17 Oct 1889	<b>Place</b> Halstead, Harvey, Ks
<b>Died</b>	8 Mar 1947	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
<b>Bur.</b>		<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
<b>Father</b>	Williamson Osborn Gibson Rev.	<b>Mother</b> Mary Frances Glore <b>Parent Link</b>
<b>Husband's other wives</b>	Dora May Piper	
<b>Wife's Name</b> Sarah Elizabeth Cutter		
<b>Born</b>	7 Jan 1870	<b>Place</b> , Mo
<b>Chr.</b>		
<b>Died</b>	9 Feb 1905	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
<b>Bur.</b>		<b>Place</b> Covington, Garfield, Ok
<b>Father</b>	Henry Munson Cutter	<b>Mother</b> Caroline Fry <b>Parent Link</b>
<b>Wife's other husbands</b>		
<b>Children</b>		
<b>1.Sex</b>	<b>Name</b>	
M	Infant-1 Gibson	
	<b>Born</b> 1893/1901	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Chr.</b>	
	<b>Mar.</b>	
	<b>Died</b> 1893/1901	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Bur.</b> 1893/1901	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok <b>Parent Link</b>
	<b>Spouse</b>	
<b>2.Sex</b>	<b>Name</b>	
M	Infant-2 Gibson	
	<b>Born</b> 1893/1903	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Chr.</b>	
	<b>Mar.</b>	
	<b>Died</b> 1893/1903	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Bur.</b> 1893/1903	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok <b>Parent Link</b>
	<b>Spouse</b>	
<b>3.Sex</b>	<b>Name</b>	
F	Arva "Ethel" Gibson	
	<b>Born</b> 10 Mar 1902	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Chr.</b>	
	<b>Mar.</b> 20 Aug 1923	<b>Place</b> Medford, Grant, Ok
	<b>Died</b> 23 Oct 1994	<b>Place</b> Enid, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Bur.</b> 26 Oct 1994	<b>Place</b> Covington, Garfield, Ok <b>Parent Link</b>
	<b>Spouse</b> Chester Charles "Hub" Hubbard	
<b>4.Sex</b>	<b>Name</b>	
F	Sarah "Blanche" Gibson	
	<b>Born</b> 2 Feb 1905	<b>Place</b> Douglas, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Chr.</b>	
	<b>Mar.</b> 1 Jun 1931	<b>Place</b> Covington, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Died</b> 6 Oct 1983	<b>Place</b> Enid, Garfield, Ok
	<b>Bur.</b> 8 Oct 1983	<b>Place</b> Covington, Garfield, Ok <b>Parent Link</b>
	<b>Spouse</b> Roy Kegin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if other children are listed on additional pages.		
<b>Husband</b>	Joseph Philander "Joe" Gibson	
<b>Additional Information</b>	<b>Name and Address of Person Preparing Form</b>	
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## Notes for Joseph Philander "Joe" Gibson:

### JOE & DORA (PIPER) GIBSON

By their daughter, Betty Jo Gibson Scott, 1996

Joe Gibson was born in Old Mines, Washington County, Missouri in 1862, just at the beginning of the Civil War. He was the son of Rev. Williamson Gibson and Mary Glore. He was one of 16 children, 13 lived to adulthood. Three of the children died due to typhus. According to Joe, his father was "a red-headed, Scot-Irish, hell-fire and brimstone, circuit riding Primitive Baptist preacher." They also lived in Crawford and Oregon Counties, Missouri, until they settled near Pine, Ripley County, Missouri (after Joe had left home).

Joe left home at a young age and worked as a cowboy on the cattle drives between Texas and Kansas. He had only had two years of schooling when he left home and was 21 years old when he got the equivalent of an eighth grade education. He was a self-taught man and had a very bright, active and inquiring mind and could read, write and express himself very well. He had auburn hair and blue-green eyes and was 6' tall until a fall from an apple tree broke both legs. His legs did not heal properly and after that he was bow-legged and it also affected his walk a bit. He had a beautiful tenor voice and sang a solo in church just a few weeks before his death at age 85. He learned to read music by the old shaped note method and had a song book with the shaped notes that he sang from every evening after his bible study.

While living in Kansas in early 1893 he heard of the opening of the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma where people wanting their own land could participate in the "great land run of 1893" and if they were lucky, they would be able to stake a claim on 160 acres. He came to Oklahoma, along with Simon and Ellen (Cutter) Irely and stayed with his brother-in-law, Orville Cutter, who had secured his land in Logan County around 1889. He was elated when he got his claim and immediately set about building a dugout where he and Sarah could live until he could get a proper frame house built.

He farmed, raising wheat and other grains and large plentiful gardens. For awhile he raised broom corn and made brooms to sell. With the advent of the automobile, he was also a car dealer, working from his farm home, for awhile. He donated the northeast corner of his land so a school house could be built there. It was named Diamond School but everyone called it "Crackerbox".

It was at church that he met his second wife, Dora May Piper. She said the first thing that impressed her was his devotion to his two little girls. He was struck by her dark brown sparkling eyes and dark hair, 21 inch waist and shyness. He was 43 when he married Dora, age 21, and they were to have 9 children, Dora's parents were John Piper and Josephine "Josie" Wollam and both were of German descent (See Chapter 10) Her mother died in childbirth when Dora was 8 years old. John then married Alice Roberts, who raised the 6 children.

Dora was a soft spoken, gentle and compassionate lady, always ready to help a neighbor, and raised a large family. I never heard her complain or talk about other people. She worked long days just like Joe. She did a lot of canning and preserving; made most of the family clothes; did nice hand work and never sat in a chair without a piece of mending in her hands.

Joe and Dora were active in the Douglas Christian Union church and after they moved to Douglas they never missed Sunday morning Sunday school, church service, Sunday evening service and prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. Joe had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to play practical jokes on his family and friends. He was an avid Democrat and loved to "discuss" politics with his father-in-law, John Piper, who was only one year older than Joe and a staunch Republican. He was a hard worker and worked long days to support his large family.

In September, 1928, they moved to a dairy farm near Covington. After nine months they moved near Hayward and ran a dairy there for a year. Then they moved to Covington where he ran a small grocery store specializing in his home butchered meat. The depression was on by this time and times were very hard. He never refused credit to anyone in need of groceries to feed their families knowing it was unlikely they would ever be able to pay. After his mother-in-law, Alice Piper, died in December, 1932, they moved to Douglas to make their home with John Piper. He immediately set about buying all the vacant lots in Douglas for back taxes, then he proceeded to clear them and plant them all in fruit and vegetables. The cellar was always full for the winter with all kinds of home grown and home canned meat, vegetables and fruit and the smoke house was full of cured beef and pork. He raised cattle, pigs, chickens, planted an orchard, and sold milk to townspeople.

He used horses to work the ground and there was a large barn, granary, pig pen, coal shed, kindling shed, chicken house, garage, and of course the outhouse, behind their house on the large lot. He had a pasture at the edge of town for the cows and horses. The horses, Dan and Fanny, eventually died at a ripe old age, and Dora thought that now he wouldn't work so hard. Much to her dismay he bought a pair of mules and kept on working as hard as ever.

Sundays were always a big day in their home and at times all six leaves were used in the table and they still needed two sittings to handle all the children and grandchildren that had come to visit. All of their social activities had to do with the school, church, community and family.

Joe did not have a child until he was 40 and then raised 10 children. I was born when he was nearly 67 years old. Mother told me that one of his prayers was that he remain healthy and able to work until I became of age. He died at the home in Douglas at the age of 85, when I was 18. I never knew him to spend one day in bed but in 1947 the barn and all of the outbuildings burned and he seemed to lose the twinkle in his eye. Soon after that he became ill and lived for only 2 weeks. With his family gathered around his bedside his last words were "I see the light" with a look of wonderment on his face. He was a devoted family man and was respected and loved by many people. After Joe's death Dora lived in the home, with the exception of a year in Oklahoma City with her daughter and a time spent in a nursing home after she broke a hip. Her daughter, Lula, moved to Douglas to live with Dora so she could be in her own home. She died there in 1970 after a lengthy illness with her daughters at her side. She welcomed death because, after many years, she was "going to be with Joe". Joe and Dora were God-fearing, loving people and it is with gratitude and pride that I call them Mom and Dad.

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(My memories of my parents do not include living on the family homestead since they moved from there when I was born, so I write mostly of their later years.)

**Sources for Joseph Philander "Joe" Gibson:**

**Death:**

Death Certificate , Researcher.

**Burial:**

Cemetery Records . Researcher.

**Other Marriages:**

Dora May Piper  
16 May 1906 Place Douglas, Garfield, Ok

Wife Sarah Elizabeth Cutter

**Notes for Sarah Elizabeth Cutter:**

SARAH CUTTER GIBSON

By Betty Jo Gibson Scott, 1996

Sarah was born in DeKalb County, Missouri and came to Harvey County, Kansas in the Halstead/Newton area with her parents when she was about 12 years old. Census records show her father was a farmer. Shortly after they moved to Kansas her father, Henry Cutter, Sr., died suddenly. He was only 48 years old. This must have been a great loss to the large family of nine children ranging in age from one to nineteen. A great deal of responsibility was placed on the shoulders of the two oldest children, Orville & Richard, since they were 17 and 19. Sarah was 13 and her older sister, Ellen, was 15 and her younger sister, Molly, was 11. The four youngest children were Henry, 9; Sam, 6; Nate, 4 and John, 1. The three sisters were of help in the care of the four young boys.

When Sarah was 19 she had met a young cowboy, Joe Gibson, 27 years old, and they were married in Halstead, Kansas. He was a close friend of her brothers and may have ridden the cattle drives with the older ones. In 1993 they moved to the Cherokee Outlet in Garfield County, Indian Territory, where Joe had claimed land east of what was to become Douglas, Oklahoma. He built a one room dugout for them to live in until he could get a house built. He soon added another room and they had a two room dugout but they had to come up out of one to go into the other.

Sarah's sister, Ellen, had married Simon Irey, and Simon and Joe made the race for land together and settled on adjoining claims. Her younger sister, Molly, had married Dan Bierschbach in Halstead and they remained in Kansas and made their home there.

Sarah had two children born before 1902 but they did not survive and were buried beneath the china berry trees on the family homestead. Finally in 1902, after she had been married 13 years, she gave birth to a little girl, Ethel. Then in 1905 she gave birth to another little girl, Blanche. However Sarah died due to complications from childbirth a week later. Joe was overwhelmed with the loss of his wife and the care of two motherless babies. Sarah's sister, Ellen, who lived nearby, was a great help to Joe with the care of the two little girls but he had them with him as much as possible. Aunt Emma Gibson Hodo also came and stayed awhile to help.

(Also see Cutter Genealogy)

Child 3 Arva "Ethel" Gibson

**Notes for Arva "Ethel" Gibson:**

MY SISTER ETHEL

By Betty Jo (Gibson) Scott

Ethel Gibson, the oldest child of Joseph Gibson and Sarah Cutter, was born five years before Oklahoma gained statehood. Her mother, Sarah, died when she was three years old. In 1906 her father, Joe, married Dora Piper, and she became mother to Ethel and her baby sister, Blanche. As 8 other children came along Ethel had a great deal of responsibility helping with the family. She remembers she and Blanche had to do breakfast dishes early in the morning before they left for school. They walked the mile to school.

Ethel attended school at Diamond School on the northeastern corner of her father's land and then attended Douglas High School. She graduated in 1921 with the third class to graduate from Douglas. She attended Phillips University and stayed with her Aunt Ellen (Cutter) Irey. Her teaching certificate was issued 17 Aug 1922. She taught in various local rural grade schools in the community. She last taught in Covington in 1949/50.

She married Chester Charles "Hub" Hubbard in 1923 and had to stop teaching for awhile because the state laws required a teacher to be single. When the law was changed she resumed teaching. Hub graduated from Enid High School about 1919. They lived for short periods in Kansas, Idaho and Enid, OK, but they primarily lived on the farm homesteaded by her father-in-law, Charley Hubbard, northeast of Douglas. In 1969 they sold their farm and retired to Port Aransas, Texas. They returned to Covington in 1980, where they lived until their deaths.

When the 8 mm cameras came out Hub bought one and they took family gathering films beginning with our father's funeral in 1947. Ethel enjoyed their years in Texas and the various friends and family that visited them there. She took walks on the beach nearly daily and had a large collection of shells. She became interested in making ceramic pieces. She was very talented in knitting, crocheting, embroidery and tatting and made many beautiful things and gave away many of them. She was never idle. Even when she sat down to rest or visit, her hands were busy with handwork. Among many of Hub's occupations

was the construction business. He contracted to build several houses in Enid during the post World War II boom. He had an earth moving business in the Douglas area for many years and was also in the shrimping business in Texas. While living on the farm they raised sheep and Ethel learned to gather and spin her own yarn.

Ethel and Hub did not have any children that lived past childbirth so they enjoyed their many neices and nephews and children of neighbors and friends. They were always having some of them for a day or two and enjoyed taking them on trips, swimming, camping and boating. Several of the kids learned to ski behind Hub's boat. I remember one time they took me to a barn dance and I was really wide-eyed hearing the band and watching all the pretty couples dancing. I really hated it that I fell asleep on a pile of coats on a bench and missed out on half of the evening.

When a relative or neighbor was in need Ethel was there to help or bring food. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club and other various clubs depending on where she lived. She enjoyed being a part of the Senior Citizens Center in Covington and, when she was able, donated her time or handwork. She loved to read and learn new things and was interested in reading about historical events of famous people. When she was 89 she finally agreed that maybe she should not drive any more since she had lost the sight in one eye due to glaucoma and was very hard of hearing. However it was difficult for her to do since she was always self sufficient and independent. She and Hub set up a trust for the Covington-Douglas School System with a scholarship to go the most deserving senior each year.

Hub died in 1989 and Ethel lived in her home in Covington until 1994. She kept her weeds pulled and her house in order. She enjoyed going to the Senior Citizen Center some days for lunch and fellowship. She was always ready to get in the car and go somewhere. When she was 90 we went to the Marland Mansion in Ponca City and after the tour she wasn't as tired as I was. I am so grateful that she spent the last months of her life in my home in Enid, I learned from her spunk and patience. In September I took her in a wheel chair and we spent the day on the square in downtown Enid taking in the Cherokee Strip festivities. When we got home I commented that I was more tired than she was and she said "Well, you should be, you were pushing me."

Ethel died in October of that year. She and I, the oldest and the youngest, were the last living two of we ten children. She was loved and is missed.

## OBITUARY

Excerpts from the Enid News and Eagle

Ethel Hubbard, Covington, OK, 92 passed away Sunday, October 23, 1994 at a local nursing home following an illness of a few weeks.....She is survived by one sister, Betty Jo Scott, Enid, OK; two brothers-in-law; Noah Burton of Covington and Bennie Huffman of Enid; two sisters-in-law: Mabel Gibson of Tryon, OK and Betty Gibson of Moses Lake, WA; 31 nieces and nephews and a host of grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two infant sons; three brothers: Wayne Gibson of Tryon, Paul Gibson of Garber and Don Gibson of East Wenatchie, WA; five sisters: Blanche Kegin, Covington, Docia Carroll, Edmond, Lula Huffman, Douglas, Dora Alice Burton, Covington and Josephine Atkins, Enid, OK.

Services are under the direction of the Henninger-Allen Funeral Home, Enid, and will be held Wednesday, October 26, 1994, at the United Methodist Church at Covington with burial in the Covington Cemetery. Revs. Alex Costea and Ted Gibson will officiate. Friends and family may visit with the family at the Methodist Fellowship Hall preceding the service. Memorials may be made to the Tri-County Senior Citizens Center or the United Methodist Church Building Fund through the Funeral Home.

Child 4 Sarah "Blanche" Gibson

### Notes for Sarah "Blanche" Gibson:

#### MY SISTER BLANCHE

by Betty Jo Gibson Scott

I never lived in the home with most of my brothers and sisters since they were already married and gone from home by the time I was born or of an age to remember. When I was small I was excited to see them come to visit because they had children I could play with. However, I knew they loved me and always seemed glad to see me. My sister, Blanche, was one of them. One time they invited me to come to Hobart, Oklahoma, where they lived for awhile, for a visit. I was probably about 13 or 14 years old. I went by train and that was a very exciting trip for me to travel alone "so far" from home. Of course I had a really good time. Then when I went to Enid to work the summer before my last year in high school, I stayed with them for awhile. That was the first time I had ever seen a "rear-view" mirror in a bathroom, and it was the first time I ever had a really good look at the back of my hair! I have never been without one since I left home. I always thought the dresses she made for her three girls were so pretty, and some times she made them for other little girls in the family. I know I got some of them.

Then there was the year when we lived in Covington and Blanche kept my three year old youngest son, Mark, while I rode back and forth with Roy to work in Enid. Mark liked to stay there so much that he didn't seem to care if he came home or stayed there. He really looked forward to his morning bowl of oatmeal, he said mine wasn't as good as "Aunt Banch's." That is the way it was with Blanche. She was always so thoughtful and caring of other people. I hated to tell her I had a head ache because the tears would roll down her cheeks in sympathy. She loved pretty things and spent hours in her flower beds. Every time I left she sent a start of a plant with me. She was a good cook and made the best pie crust I ever tasted and she gave me many pieces of her handwork. For years, when it was popular to put doilies on the arms and backs of overstuffed furniture, I always had pretty sets made by Blanche. She even taught me how to block them with sugar water so they would keep their shape. One year for Christmas she made me a Raggedy Ann doll. I was thrilled and just about wore it playing with it but I still have and cherish that rag doll.

She had pretty natural curly blonde hair and in her later years, it was a pretty curly white. I always wondered why I couldn't

have inherited that curly hair since I hated to get those machine permanents that burned my head and ears. She was a quiet person but she was always ready to help others. Many times she would have a quilt "in the frame". I would like to know how many quilts she made. She enjoyed belonging to clubs and quilting with friends. Her granddaughter, Diane Fluman Greinert, said she learned so much from her grandmother about patience. I know I learned a lot from her about caring about other people. We had a common love of family history and her little book of our families birth, marriage and death information was the start of my records. I loved her dearly as did everyone around her.

I was never too close to Roy when I was young. He was much stricter than my Dad and I was a little afraid of him but I expect he thought I was pretty spoiled. He and Blanche were always very active in their church and I remember hearing his voice booming above others singing those beautiful old hymns. However, in later years, especially when I was riding back and forth to work in Enid with him, I liked to hear him tell stories about his life and railroad work and I regret that I don't remember much about what he told me. After Blanche died, every time I went to Covington to visit my other sisters, I would stop to say hello to Roy and he always had a bag of his home made chocolate chip cookies to send home with me.

#### OBITUARY (Enid News & Eagle)

Services for Mrs. Roy (Blanche) Kegin, 78, Covington, who died Thursday in an Enid hospital after a short illness, will be at 2 p.m Saturday in the First Christian Church at Covington. The Rev. Mike Channel will officiate at the rites and burial will be in the Covington Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Henninger-Allen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kegin was born east of Douglas Feb. 2, 1905, the daughter of Joseph P. and Sarah Cutter Gibson. She graduated from Douglas High School in 1924 and married Roy Kegin June 1, 1931, in Covington. Mrs. Kegin was a member of the Gospel Center Church and the Pollyanna Club at Covington. She was also a member of the Covington Senior Citizens and the DAV Auxiliary in Covington.

She is survived by her husband Roy of the home; a son, Joe Kegin of Crescent; three daughters, Mrs. Gerald ( Wilma) Fluman, Enid, Mrs. Calvin ( Martha) Redwine, Covington, and Mrs. Frank ( Lela) Kotlan, Deerwood, Minn.; a stepson, Orville Kegin, Perry; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four step grandchildren; a step great-grandchild; a brother, Wayne Gibson of Tryon; four sisters, Mrs. Chester ( Ethel) Hubbard and Mrs. Noah ( Dora Alice) Burton, both of Covington; Mrs.

Jobie Atkins, Enid, and Mrs. Betty Scott of Tulsa. She was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers, two of them in infancy.

Memorials may be made to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Leukemia Division or to the Child Evangelism in Oklahoma City. The funeral home will serve as custodian of the fund.

#### OBITUARY (Taken from funeral memorial)

Roy Kegin was born February 23, 1898, in Hopkins, Missouri. He departed this life September 15, 1987 at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Services are Friday at 2:00 p.m. September 18, 1987 at the Christian Church, Covington, Oklahoma. The officiating minister is Pastor Mike Channel; organist is Marcie Lee Hurd; and soloist is Kevin Kegin. Casketbearers are Leland Miller, Harold Bigby, George Kegin, Kenneth Smith, Bob Staples & Orvil Shook. Interment will be in the Covington Cemetery, Covington, Oklahoma. Military Taps by Mike Phelan.