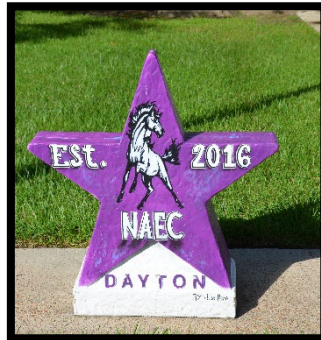


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Dayton History News

The Entzminger Legacy

Ever wondered about the namesake for Entzminger Street in Dayton?

It is 4 blocks long and connects to South Winfree St. at its east end, South Cleveland St. at its west end and is adjacent to the Dayton Community Center site.

As with other streets in Dayton, Entzminger was named after the former property owners – who in this case were Benjamin and Jessie Entzminger.

When Ben Entzminger arrived in Dayton with his parents George and Salome in 1904, he was age 18.

As of the 1910 census record, Ben was 23 years old living with his widowed mother Salome (age 74) and older brother Joseph (age 40) with Ben's occupation identified as that of a self-employed 'ranchman' living on Main St. in Dayton.

Ben was born in Bronson, Kansas on 9 June 1886 – the youngest of 11 children. He married Jessie Baker of Dayton on November 28, 1911.

Jesse was born in Dayton on 24 November 1890 the 4th of 5 children to Thomas Baker (1857-1894) and La Perle De Blance (1857-1926). Her parents are buried at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.

Ben and Jesse were the parents of 2 sons who both graduated from University of Texas – Joseph (1913-1998) who became an attorney in Bay City and Lindell (1918-1986) who became a physician in Houston.

With the discovery of the Spindletop oilfield south of Beaumont in 1902, Dayton and surrounding counties had become a hotbed for oilfields and spinoff businesses.

Although Ben worked for Sun Oil Company and owned Ben's Meat Market in Dayton, managing his ranch and cows was his real love.

His ranch work included cattle drives into Houston for shipment to distant locations such as Kansas.



Ben & Jessie Entzminger

Ben was involved in the community as a charter member of the Dayton Lions Club and Dayton State Bank as well as being a member of the Methodist Church and Dayton Lodge No. 825.

Jessie kept herself busy as well with a variety of activities such as being a member of various clubs including Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star and the Priscilla Club.

Winter holidays were special for their grandchildren with getting to ride in a sled behind the tractor and the making of fudge, divinity and fruitcakes.

Picking blackberries and gathering apples off the apple tree as well as managing the vegetable garden and canning kept the children occupied during harvest seasons.



Jessie & Ben Entzminger
 (Photo from *The Streets of Dayton*
 book by Caroline Wadzeck -
 published 2014)

It was 6 November 1977 when Ben died at age 91 in Kersting Memorial Hospital in Liberty having lived more than 70 years in Dayton.

His death certificate confirmed his occupation as that of a rancher living on South Winfree in Dayton.

Jessie lived until 26 July 1982 when she died at age 91 as well in Kersting Memorial Hospital in Liberty having lived her entire life in Dayton.

Her death certificate affirmed her address as F.M. 1409 (aka South Winfree).

Both Ben and Jessie are buried at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston's East End.

The Entzminger legacy continues in Liberty County with 30 entries in the Liberty County Appraisal District system for properties associated with persons with the Entzminger surname.

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Kincaid Dispatch News – Kansas

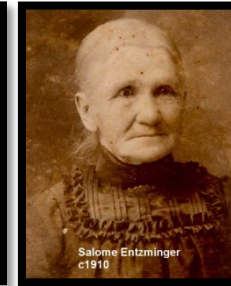
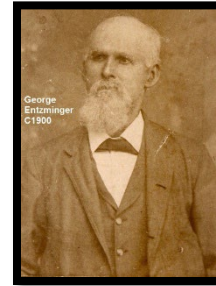
Salome Entzminger, widow of the late George Entzminger, of nearby Bronson, and sister of the late Henry Miller, of Kincaid, died at her home at Dayton, Texas, last Tuesday, in her 83rd year.

Mr. and Mrs. Entzminger were among the earliest settlers of Bourbon County. They reared a large family of children and accumulated much land and other wealth during their busy lives.

The body was brought to Bronson for burial, funeral services being held last Sunday.

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George & Salome Entzminger



George & Salome Entzminger

Ben's parents – Salome and George – were both born in Germany – Salome Miller on 3 March 1838 and George Entzminger on 20 May 1832.

Records indicate that George arrived in America on the ship Gallia in New York from Le Havre, France at age 17 on the arrival date of 9 May 1850.

George Entzminger age 25 (1832-1904) and Salome Miller/Mueller age 19 (1838-1918) were married 21 March 1857 in La Salle, Illinois (per Illinois Marriage Index) where they had 7 children between 1860 and 1870 – Margaret (1860-1945), George Jr. (1862-1963), Gustave (1864-1910), John (1865-1924), Jacob (1866-1912), Washington (1868-1888), and Joe (1870-1956).

They then moved to Kansas in the vicinity of Fort Scott on the edge of Indian Territory where they had the remaining 4 children – Margaret (1872-1968),



Two of Ben's siblings:
 Joe and
 Mabel Entzminger-Davis
 chose to settle in Dayton
 as well and are buried at
 Linney Cemetery.



Rosa (1880-1919), Mabel (1882-1946) and the youngest child Ben (1886-1977).

Shortly before they arrived in Kansas, drama had begun to unfold with construction of the first railroad through Fort Scott.

Land inhabited by squatters was now being claimed for use by the railroad. The U.S. Army was sent in with soldiers to protect the railroad and take land from settlers with unsubstantiated claims.

In spite of the proximity to the Indian Nation and associated risk, the Entzminger family remained within 30 miles of Fort Scott for 18 years.

It was 1904 when George Entzminger Sr. age 72 and Salome age 66 chose to relocate to Dayton, Texas.

Within months after arrival in Dayton, George passed away on April 3, 1904.

His wife Salome lived 14 years in Dayton before her death on 5 November 1918.

Both were transported from Dayton back to Bronson, Kansas for burial in the Entzminger family section of the Bronson Cemetery.