

Birth: Sep., 1864  
Clark County  
Missouri, USA  
Death: Nov. 19, 1934  
Beatty  
Nye County  
Nevada, USA

Melissa Frances Hall was born September 1864 in Missouri. Her family had left Clark County Missouri in May of 1865 and arrived in Butte County, California October of that year. By 1870 the family was living in Saline County, Missouri. They came back to Butte County, California sometime before the death of her father David Hall in 1873. She married Benjamin Charles Edward a native of Nevada June 1891 in Butte County, CA. Benjamin C. was born May 1854 in NV to Welsh immigrants.

By 1900 they were living with his sister in Oakland, Alameda County, CA. They were located living in Beatty County NV in 1910 and 1920 where Benjamin discovered the Montgomery Shoshone Mine in Ryolite. For many years Benjamin was a miner, but became a mail carrier by 1910. Melissa and Benjamin were childless. Benjamin died in 1921 and was buried in the Desert Hill Cemetery in Beatty, NV. February 6, 1926 Mellissa married Joseph Lehi Biddlecome a 64 year old bachelor. Joseph L. was born 08 June 1862 in Tooele County, UT. Joseph was the owner of the Biddlecome mine in Beatty, NV and was very successful. Joseph died 02 March 1931 in Beatty, NV and was buried in the Desert Hill Cemetery with a large tombstone. Melissa died 19 November 1934 at Beatty and the body was shipped to Paradise, California for burial in Paradise Cemetery. In her Will she left her share of Joseph Biddlecome's estate to her niece Mabel Roney.

Following is the list of known Biddlecome inheritors to the estate of Joseph Lehi Biddlecome (Jr.) at the time and as transcribed by the settlement papers Apr 16, 1940. It should be noted that 1) Alice Moody listed below is actually Ada Leona, and 2) Angeline Garsford is actually Gaisford.

That a part of the property of said estate is community property and a part thereof is separate property;

That on the 2nd day of March, 1931, said Joseph Biddlecome, died in testate in the County of Nye, State of Nevada;

That the persons entitled to the whole and residue of the property of said estate are:

1. Melissa Edwards Biddlecome, the surviving wife, but now deceased, having died on the 19th day of November, 1934; that said surviving wife left a last will and testament dividing all of her said property to Mrs. Mabel Roney, a niece and that said will and estate was probated in Nye County, Nevada, on April 1, 1935; that the said Joseph Biddlecome and the said Melissa Edwards Biddlecome were married on the 6th day of February, 1926; that said estate and devisee thereof is entitled to: All of the community property interests and one-half of the separate property interests.

2. That the other heirs of the said Joseph Biddlecome, deceased, entitled to share in the separate property of said estate are:

- James Biddlecome, brother, and now deceased, entitled to 1/30 undivided interest, and the (partial) heirs of said James Biddlecome, deceased, are
- Joseph Biddlecome entitled to 6/1440 undivided interest; Ruby Biddlecome Roberts entitled to 6/1440 undivided interest; Marie Biddlecome Deming entitled to 6/1440 undivided interest; Alice (Aida) B. Moody entitled to 6/1440 undivided interest; Ethel B. Hance entitled to 6/1440 undivided interest; Farrel Biddlecome entitled to 6/1440 undivided interest; Leonard Biddlecome, now deceased, heirs being as follows; Bruce Biddlecome entitled to 3/1440 undivided interest; Don Leonard Biddlecome entitled to 3/1440 undivided interest; Leo Biddlecome entitled to 6/11440 undivided interest;

John Biddlecome, brother and now deceased, entitled to undivided 1/30 interest, the heirs of said John Biddlecome are: John Biddlecome, entitled to 12/1440 undivided interest; Margaret Lawson entitled to 12/1440 undivided interest;

Bullfrog Mining District History - Diamond Queen Mining Company:

The Diamond Queen Mine was established in early 1905, and was a good producer at the time. It was also still working during the twenties, at a very small level. At this time it was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Biddlecombe. After the death of Mr. Biddlecombe, Mrs. Biddlecome (Melissa Frances Hall) sold the property to Vic Ritter.

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