

Sally Elizabeth Pelly Murphy

Sally Elizabeth Pelly (also “Pelley”) was born on October 22, 1841, at or near Pellyton at the Adair and Casey County line. Her parents were Stanley Green Pelly (1821-1870) and Susan F. Stevens Pelly (1820-1883).

On February 13, 1866, she married Robert Preston Murphy (January 15, 1835, to November 18, 1882) and they lived in the Boyle community of Casey County (Green River at Calhoun Creek).

She claimed to have danced with Abraham Lincoln.

Her eight children were: Joel Stanley Murphy (1866-1943); Welby Johnson Murphy (1868-1963); Robert Lee Murphy (1870-1943); Sallie Edna Murphy Wilkinson (1872-1967); John Riffe Murphy (1874-1925); and unnamed son stillborn in 1876; Samuel Durham Murphy (1879-1960); and George Preston Murphy (1881-1911).

The picture of four generations include Sally Elizabeth Pelly Murphy, Robert Lee Murphy, Edna Lee Murphy Watkins, and Josephine Lenore Watkins Foster. It was taken about 1921,

She died February 7, 1934, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery in Liberty. Her husband, Robert Preston Murphy, is buried in the Boyle Cemetery behind the Ralph Price home.

