

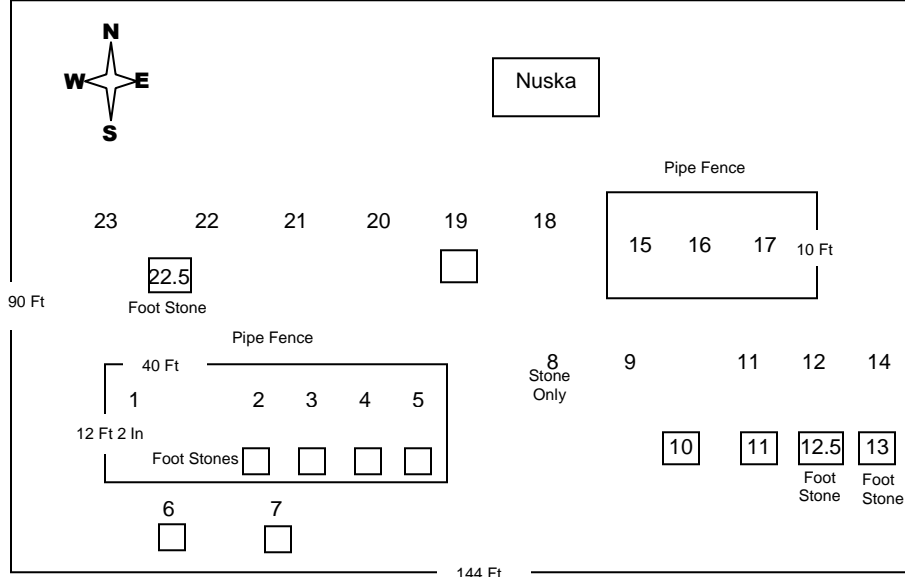
Benjamin Quick

Glen Grove Cemetery (AKA: Ben Quick Cemetery / Sinclair Cemetery)



Clara Cantril
(Nee: Quick)

Schematic: Section 14, Range 68W, Township 9S, SE ¼, NE ¼, Douglas County, Colorado



Location Index, Known Chronology and Information Brief

- Benjamin Quick:** 1824 – Feb, 1915 / Born in Homes County, OH; married to Mary E., Jackson, 6 children ...one lived to adulthood; grave moved to Arapahoe County circa 1995. (See Life Summary of Benjamin Quick on right side of page)
- Clara Cantril:** Aug 11, 1856 – Mar 25, 1887 / First wife of John Cantril; daughter of Benjamin and Mary Quick (Picture, above, and foot stone shown below 2 in above schematic)
- Susan Quick:** Nov 23, 1866 (Age: 1 year, 4 months) / Daughter of Benjamin and Mary Quick. (Foot stone shown below 3 in above schematic)
- Frank Quick:** Oct 27, 1868 (Age: 15 years, 11 months) / Son of Benjamin and Mary Quick. (Foot stone shown below 4 in above schematic)
- Niela Quick:** Mar 10, 1869 (Age: 6 years) / Daughter of Benjamin and Mary Quick. (Foot stone shown below 5 in above schematic)
- Alfreda Bengston:** Dec 7, 1898 (Age: 18 years, 5 months) / *No life history information* (Foot stone shown below 6 in above schematic; no writing on footstone)
- Maria Stevensen:** Two documentations: 1) Aug 3, 1890 (Age: 85 years) / *No life history information* (Foot stone shown below 7 in above schematic; no writing on footstone) ...from Glen Grove schematic documentation; 2)) / **Marie Stevenson** ...from 1880 Douglas County Census.

- Elsie Thompson:** Sept 8, 1862 (Age: 6 years, 5 months) / Daughter of William and Clarisa Thompson; William Thompson died in 1917 and is buried in Castle Rock (2 rocks and foot stone with initials "E T")
- Claude B. Thompson:** Mar 15, 1867 (Age: 1 Month) / Son of William and Clarisa Thompson (one stone)
- Elizabeth C. Norris:** (Nee: Thompson) Wife of G. W. Norris and sister of William Thompson. (Stone with initials "ECN" west of G. W. Norris)
- G. W. Norris:** 1814 - 1877/ Sct. (*Sergeant?*) Married Elizabeth in Kentucky in 1861; 2nd Kentucky Calvary; moved to and homesteaded in area in 1862; a portion of the Norris ranch was purchased by I. J. Noe and is still with the Noe family today (Foot stone initialed "GW")
- Clara E., John and Annie M. Swinney:** Children of King David (K. D.) and Clara Swinney / Clara Swinney (Nee: Florin) was born in Switzerland on April 15, 1878 / K. D. and Clara had a total of eight children. The eight children had been brought to the relationship from a previous marriage.
 - Clara E.:** Oct 7, 1894 – Nov 22, 1902 (13. Foot stone initialed "CES")
 - John:** Sep 8, 1892 – Oct 30, 1892
 - Annie M.:** May 8, 1887 – Nov 28, 1902 (12.5. Foot stone initialed "AMS")
- Clara Swinney** (Nee: Florin): 1855 – 1908 / Born in Switzerland. Wife of King D. Swinney and Mother of Annie M., John and Clara E. Swinney.
- Dell L. Thompson:** July 19, 1895 (Age: 19 years, 3 months, 5 days) / Son of J. A. and L. N. Thompson. (Foot stone initialed "DLT")
- Dell Cantril:** Nov 8, 1894 – April 20, 1895 / Son of John and Vinona Cantril, second wife of John Cantril. (Foot stone initialed "DC")
- Elizabeth World:** Two documentations: 1) Oct 18, 1798 – Feb 25, 1889 / Wife of Tobias World (Foot stone)...from Glen Grove schematic documentation; 2) **Elizabet Ward** Oct 18, 1798 – Feb 25, 1889 / Elizabet Ward ...from Inventory, Aug, 1994 and USGENWEB
- George Clark:** Sept 21, 1879 (Age: 38 years, 9 months, 2 days) / All that is known is that on February 4, 1875, married Emma Codellia Chamberlain
- Grace Sinclair** (Nee: Detriech): 1902 – 1943 / Second wife of Reginald Sinclair who was a pioneer of early Colorado aviation and a famed Naval Lieutenant Commander in World War II. (Foot stone) Reginald Sinclair's first wife was Ruth whom he divorced in 1929
- Jamie Paulk:** 1945 – 1947 / Daughter of John H. and Jeanne Paulk; grandchild of Reginald Sinclair
- John H. Paulk:** 1917 – 1998 / Married Jeanne Sinclair (Dec 26, 1944), daughter of Reginald and Grace Sinclair. The Paulks raised Hereford cattle both in the Perry Park and Tabernash area of Colorado, lived in the "guest house" north of Perry Park that was a wedding present from Reginald Sinclair.
- Frank M. Hamilton:** Sept 3, 1897 (Age: 47 years, 10 months, 25 days) / From Michigan; married Joeshine Nold (Ontario, Canada) in June, 1880; farmed in Michigan and Kansas before moving to Colorado where they started ranching on Plum Creek. (22.5 Foot stone initialed "FMH")
- Harry A. Starr:** 1844 – 1908 / Early homesteader and father of Tom Starr. Tom Starr was an early, well known and lifetime resident of Douglas County. He operated a dairy for many years, hauling milk to the Frink Creamery in Larkspur.
- Clara Emily Turner** (Nee: McClure): Oct 30, 1906 – Mar 10, 2003 / Daughter of Jay C. and Lucy E. (Nee: Swinney) McClure and wife of Wallace Turner. Clara was both a ranch wife and a celebrated horse and outdoors woman who rode horses up until she was 92. (Schematic has not been updated for Turner location but there is a headstone)

Nuska: Thought to be a dog.

Life Summary of Benjamin Quick

Benjamin Quick, one of the first settlers of Upper West Plum Creek, contributed much to this region. In 1860 he drove a wagon west with enough provisions to last two years. They came

from Missouri, wife, Mary (Jackson) and family to Douglas County in the summer of that year. They settled in an old cabin near the Bear Canon church while proving up the homestead on the land that remained theirs well into the next century. The log cabin which he later used for a barn was their first home on their land. Ben served as witness to neighbors proving their homesteads; they include the names; Cantril, Kinner, Davis, Robinson and others. In approximately 1867 Ben built a frame house. This was considered to many to be putting on style, for only when one prospered in the wilderness could one afford such luxury.

Fort Washington, built in 1868, was located in his back yard and was used as protection from Indian attack. There are many stories of Ben warning his neighbors of possibly Indian attack. Many times he would go out alone on horseback, with only his rifle for protection to make sure his neighbors were safe from impending Indian attack, leading them back to the fort.

In 1884 his finest achievement was to build a stone house of Rhyolite, which was quarried on his property. The stone was also used to build a stone fence around the yard. Mr. Quick's land was irrigated with a dike and reservoir. Work on the dike had started in 1886. In this year he also donated four acres of his land for the Glen Grove School, known as school district No. 6, which he organized along West Plum Creek. As you view the stone house look southwesterly to the top of the hill and you can see the cemetery overlooking his homestead, which he donated for other homesteaders in the valley.

He was said to be a very generous man who shared his prosperity with others in the community. The *Castle Rock Journal* of September 1888 ran this article when Mr. Quick ran for office: *THE PROHIBITION CANDIDATES; Benjamin Quick, the nominee for Representative is a native of Ohio and was born in 1828. In 1844 he moved to Missouri where he lived until 1861 when he came to Colorado and settled in Douglas County, and has resided in this County ever since. He is therefore and old timer. He lives at Glen Grove where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He is well acquainted with the needs of the county, and if elected, will no doubt prove the right man in the right place.*

In 1898 Mr. Quick purchased additional property, of 120 acres, which was said to be near Larkspur. In a newspaper article from 1899 Benjamin was referred to as one of the "heaviest taxpayers in the county." He raised cattle and horses, grew crops of hay and more, and did his share of prospecting. He, also, was involved in the Douglas County Bank and the First National Bank of D.C. as a Director. In 1905 he was able to receive phone service as the West Plum Creek lines were completed. In May of 1905 the newspaper reported that Mr. and Mrs. Quick had returned from southern California where they had spent the winter. They brought oranges and lemons back with them. That same year in November the same local paper reported that once again the couple would leave for the winter, this time going to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for the good effects that the healing waters there could provide.

It was February of 1915 when Benjamin Quick died, at the age of 90, after suffering with pneumonia for a week. The *Record Journal* printed an obituary of Mr. Quick's life summing up with: *Thus the career of a sturdy pioneer is ended. A life full of activity, spanning nearly a century, cannot be adequately described in a few short paragraphs; but his work in breaking the way for civilization into the wilderness of the west will furnish a lasting monument to his name, and long will he be remembered among those who have known him, because of the sterling qualities of his character.*

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Update material 7.16.09 from Johanna Harden: *Castle Rock Journal* Oct. 5, 1900, p5.

"Died - At Glen Grove, Wednesday, Oct. 3, Mrs. Lillian M. Conley, beloved wife of Mr. E. A. Conley, late of Iowa. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Virgil Thompson. The burial was at the Quick grave yard." *Castle Rock Journal* Oct. 5, 1900, p5.