Appy Woolf, born 15 Feb. 1874, at Hyde Park, Cache County, Utah, was the 3rd of 11 children of Emma Hurren and James Woolf.

Appy was still very young when the family moved to Riverdale, near Preston, Idaho. They endured many hardships that were encountered by pioneering families settling in a new territory. As a young man, his attachment to fine horses was second only to his love and loyalty for home and family.

Appy Woolf married Isabel Burt Nelson in Dec. 1896. The marriage was blessed with a son, James Burt Woolf, born in 1897 at Riverdale, before terminating.

Mattie Belle Smith (Jackson County, Missouri) became his lifelong companion 17 Sep. 1904 at Helena, Montana. About a year after their marriage they bought a farm about 100 miles north of Spokane, Washington, at Colville. The family operated the farm and some timber operations for about 13 years before moving to Great Falls, Montana, where they purchased a 1,000 acre wheat farm. In Montana they also raised Galloway cattle and some sheep.

In 1928 they moved once again, to Sumas (near Bellingham), Wash. In addition to fine horses they owned a fine herd of Jerseys.

The children born to Appy and Mattie Belle were: Delbert Everett, born 1905; Lawrence Appy, born 1906; Lyla Belle born 1908; Hazel Beatrice, born 1912; and Doris Jean, born 1923. All the children were born in Colville, Washington, with the exception of Doris, who was born in Great Falls, Montana.

Appy was a fine horseman. He broke and trained range cayuses and won honors in team driving and pulling contests at local fairs. He loved horses: at the age of 81 he could jump on a horse and ride it bareback, proving the value of the fine life he lived. Appy never drank liquor or smoked, and always admonished his family to set good examples for their children.

He died at the age of 86 at Bellingham, Wash. He was survived by his widow, 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Carma Woolf Kirkland, Niece

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