

FATHER OF FAMILY OF 17, ALL OF WHOM WERE BORN HERE EXCEPT TWO, HAS LIVED IN MINING CITY FOR 48 YEARS



THE FAMILY OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM KITTO

This representative Butte family, every member of whom, save two, were born in Butte, and all of whom now reside in Butte—all of the adults except Prof. Oscar Dingman are graduates of the Butte high school—is composed of the following persons: First row, left to right: Ada Kitto, daughter; William Kitto, father; Robert Marylyn, Dorothy Joan and Andrew Dingman, grandchildren, Mrs. William Kitto, mother and Dorothy Kitto, daughter; Second row, left to right: Howard Kitto, son; Arthur, grandson; Leone Stanley Kitto, daughter-in-law; Oscar Dingman, son-in-law; Clara Kitto Dingman, daughter; James Kitto, son; Mary Mackey Kitto, daughter-in-law. Third row, left to right: Stanley Kitto, grandson; Wilmot Kitto, son; Ketty Kitto, granddaughter and Ione McCall Kitto, daughter-in-law. The eldest of the group, William Kitto, is 70, while the youngest, Dorothy Joan, is less than 18 months.

To be the head of a family of 17, every one of whom—with two exceptions—were born, reared, and—in the case of the adults—educated in Butte and all of whom are now residents of this city is the distinction of William Kitto, resident of this city for nearly half a century. All of the grownup of the Kitto family are graduates of the Butte high school and one, Mrs. Oscar Dingman, received a portion of her higher education at the University of Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitto were born in England. Mr. Kitto arrived in Butte 48 years ago which, in itself, considering his continuous residence in this city, is said to be a distinction not enjoyed by many. At that

time he had no thought that he would one day enjoy the honor of being the patriarch of a highly representative American family and one which has the unusual characteristic of remaining together as residents of the city in which they were born.

William Kitto, in addition to his fine family, has other claims of distinction. He built the first brick house in Silver Bow park. It still stands at 150 Plum street. The water with which to mix the mortar was carried in water buckets. There was no water system in Silver Bow park in those days. He was also the first blacksmith at the Pennsylvania mine. When he blew in the first forge at that shaft the Pennsylvania was only a prospect hole.

The honor of standing at the

head of a representative Butte family is shared with Mr. Kitto by his wife who also is a pioneer resident. She came to Butte 46 years ago to join her husband. Both mother and father enjoy good health. Mr. and Mrs. Kitto's family is not only Butte born, bred and present residents of this city but the adult members are all engaged in useful endeavor. James Kitto, a son, is owner of the Butte Rapid Transit company. Howard Kitto is a well-known and popular young musician. Wilmot Kitto is an electrician employed by the Anaconda company. Oscar Dingman, son-in-law is professor of metallurgy at the School of Mines.

Stability appears to be an outstanding characteristic of the Kitto family. Mr. and Mrs. Kitto have resided continuously in this city

from the first day of their arrival. The family has been as loyal to their homestead as to their city. They have lived for 36 years at 1305 East Second street.

The two members of the family who are not Butte born are Professor Dingman and his son, Andy. The group represents a considerable span of life between the eldest and the youngest. Mr. Kitto is 70 years of age. The youngest child in the picture is less than 18 months.

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