

ARCHIBALD WALLER OVERTON BUCHANAN

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a great-grandson




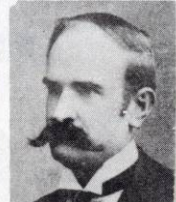
"Unca Kibe"

This image of great-grandpa Archie was worked up from a family photo handed down by my mother. The original image is a group shot of eighteen children surrounding Archibald and his wife Caroline Sophia Sorensen. The photo is thought to have been taken about 1912 when Archibald was 82 years old. He died the 7th of May, 1915 at Venice, Utah.

Writing of her grandfather's life, Elnora Payne Jones said:¹

During the entire period he learned to love the Indians and learned to speak their language fluently and was sent among them many times as a messenger of peace. They in turn learned to love him, and this love and friendship lasted through out his entire life. They called him "Unca Kibe Adawata" which interpreted means: "Big Red Mountain Boy".

I was told by my mother why this name was given him. Grandfather was in need of a new shirt and as they had no way of getting new material to make one his mother took a piece of material from an old bed tick which was dyed red, and made him a shirt. When the Indians saw him in it, they laughed and called him "Unca Kibe", by this name he was known among his Indian friends.

		2nd Child	ELNORA PAYNE
		Birth	8 January 1881
		Place	Glenwood, Sevier, Utah
		Married to	FREDRICK WILLIAM JONES
		Married	23 december 1900
		Place	Colonia Dublan, Chic, Mexico

Elnora was the second child of Helen Amelia Buchanan Payne, who was the third child of Helen Amelia Whiting and Archibald W. O. Buchanan.

Also, quoting Elnora, her cousin Golden Buchanan wrote:²

"Grandfather was given the name 'Unca Kibe Adawata' which means Red Mountain Boy or Chief. He was given this name for two reasons, first, because he had a red beard and second because of the following incident: Grandfather Archie was in need of a new shirt and they had no way of getting the material. His mother took a piece of old bed ticking which she dyed red and made him a shirt from that. When the Indians saw him they all laughed and called him 'Unca Kibe Adawata'. This name stuck and he was always known by it among his Indian friends."

¹ From a life sketch submitted to The Daughters of Utah Pioneers by Lucille Johnson, February 1962.

² Buchanan, Golden R., Archibald Overton Buchanan and Family, published by J. Grant Stevenson, Provo, Utah, 1978, page 46.

Golden Buchanan, in his well known work on the genealogical history of his grandfather's large family, went on to enlarge on the American Indian name given to Archie by his many loving and trusted Indian friends and family:³

NOTE: It should be noted here that the above incident and name is somewhat different than the name we have given before, "Unca Kibe-er-e-wach" which means Red Mountain Chief or Red Mountain Boy. We learn from other members of the family that this name was given to him because he had a red beard and was a large man in stature. We don't know which was correct, but we give you both stories.

And more.....

My wife and I have spent several years with the Indian people as Coordinator of Indian Affairs during the middle 1940's. At a meeting of a group of Ute and Piute people near Logandale, Nevada, on their little reservation I told a story of my Grandfather and the fact that he was called Unka-Kibe. Among the group there were several old women, one of whom sat dozing until she heard the name Unka-Kibe. She looked up at me and corrected me. She said, "No, Utsa-Kibe". Then through an interpreter she told of her memories of Utsa-Kibe in the Koosharem area. She told of going to his home. She remembered when he passed away, and then at the close of the meeting she came up and put her arms around me and with tears streaming down her face she patted me and said "Utsa-Kibe's papoose". Since that time I have had this name given to me on a number of occasions by Ute and Piute people in the Nevada Area.

Grandpa Archie passed away 7 May 1915 and was buried in the Glenwood Cemetery. At the news of his passing his Indian friends from all directions came in mourning. Many of the women sat and wailed and cried, as was their custom when a friend had passed. With his passing, history claimed the life of one who was indeed a pioneer. His story should be given to the world. He, in his position, was as important as was Jacob Hamblin and others who worked with the Lamanite people. His history, less well known but not less important.



Chief Black Hawk

*"I never did fully blame the Indians. I could understand their feelings and their reasoning. We were the strangers. We were the interlopers. We were the ones taking their lands. We were the ones killing their deer and polluting their trout streams. We were the pushy ones."*⁴

³ Ibid.

⁴ Archibald Waller Overton Buchanan, page 38.

The Archibald Waller Overton Buchanan Family



Back Row, left to right: Amy Loretta B. Ence, Henry Pomroy B., Eugene Deloss B., William Wallace B., Eunice Rosina B. Powell, Castina Maria B. Young, Ethelyn B. Brienholt, Nancy Edna B. Beecroft.

Middle Row, left to right: Helen Amelia B. Payne, Theda Jane B. Oldroyd, Sarah Elizabeth (Sade) B. Lemmon, Archibald W. O. B., Caroline Sophia Sorensen B., Archibald Walter B., Lorenzo Dow B.,

Front Row, left to right: Anna Delila B. Poole, Carrie Myrl B. Brugger, Archie Earl B., Mary Ann B. Black, Effie Louise B. Hackett.

The above photo is believed to have been taken ca. 1912-1913. Carrie Myrl and Archie Earl were born in 1892 so they would have been about 20 years old. Castina Maria was the mother of seven children at the time of this photo. With her family, she returned to the states from Mexico in 1911 having lived there almost a dozen years. Her son George was born at Kirtland, New Mexico on 30 October, 1911. In 1912 she moved with her husband and family to American Fork, Utah where a teaching job awaited them. This photo would have been taken in the months soon following.

Littleton, Colorado, August 18, 2006

