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My dear Miss Gilpin -

How Thrilled I was
to read the recent article about you
in the Denver Post. I cut it out and
placed it in the Rio Grande Book.

The enclosed envelope is for
return of the clippings I sent you
about Sam Wilder & Eugene. I am
the only one left to assemble the
historical material on upper Big
Sandy and am concerned about
it. You see no one knew
the name Gilpin in reference
to your Half Ranch where Sam
first located. I did not hear of his
death until after burial.

Just now I'm deep in assembling material for the State Historical Library at Reno. My uncle, James Hugh Sturtevant was in the Washoe Valley in the fifties. I have many of his letters. He and Mark Twain were respectively Sheriff and News Reporter at Carson City.

I must look up your other books and read them. My diabetic eyes are much better - thank goodness -

Sincerely

Gertrude Dunning Jamison



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James Gammon Made Bank Representative

James B. Gammon of Denver, 1947 Colorado A & M College graduate and son of Mrs. Eugene Gammon of 219 West Myrtle Street, has been appointed livestock representative of the Denver National Bank.

Mr. Gammon, whose appointment was announced by Henry A. Kugeler, president of the bank, was formerly field man with the Colorado Farm Bureau Mutual Casualty Co. Born at Colorado Springs, he is a member of a pioneer Colorado family and the fourth generation of the family to enter the cattle business in this state.

The first member in Colorado was Julien Gammon, who arrived from Iowa in 1863 and settled in the Big Sandy country near Ramah, Colo., in 1874. Ramah, in the Colorado Springs area, was the family home for many years.

James Gammon, who attended Fort Collins schools before entering A & M College, served in the Pacific theater during World War II. Before joining the insurance firm he worked four years for the Dixon Motor Co. at Tucson, Ariz.

Niagara River, running into

Samuel Wilder, Early Resident, Dies at Ramah

An early day resident and one-time polo player, Samuel Wilder, 89, died this morning at the Simla hospital after a short illness. Until about five years ago he had been ranching at the Wilder Ranch a mile north of Ramah.

Wilder came to Colorado Springs close to 1882 at the age of 16 for his health. He was the son of Samuel Wilder who organized the American Express Company and later founded the Central Bank and Trust Company of Rochester, N. Y. He was a native of Rochester.

Wilder was in Glocker Penrose Hospital for a time and later became a cow puncher for his health. He worked on the old Giltman Ranch at North Creek and was a confidant of William Otis whose home was in Austin Bluffs in the early days.

He traveled extensively and played in international polo competitions as a young man. The Wilder Ranch at Ramah was purchased about 1889 and was his home until it was sold a few years back.

Wilder in later years made his home at the Antler's Hotel during the winter and after selling the ranch moved into Ramah.

His early schooling had been at a private school in Massachusetts and he had large real estate holdings in Rochester.

Only known survivors are two sisters, Miss Emma Wilder and Mrs. Howard Clapp, and a nephew, Wilder Clapp, all of Rochester.

Remple Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and services are to be announced later.

Eugene Gammon, Pioneer, Passes On

One of the Pikes Peak region's well-known and beloved pioneers passed away of a heart attack last Friday at his home in Livermore, Colo., near Fort Collins.

He was Eugene Gammon, the first white child born on the Big Sandy, in the Ramah district, north-eastern El Paso county. Before moving to Livermore in 1936, Mr. Gammon had spent his entire life on the historic old home place, the 3H ranch, a few miles west of Ramah.

Following services in Fort Collins Saturday, funeral services were held at the Law drawing room.

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Colorado Springs, at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Dr. W. G. Schaefer, pastor of the First Evangelical United Brethren church, officiated. There were many friends and beautiful floral offerings. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Mercer, William Matheson, Tom Eppler, O. C. Carter, Guy Henderson and Rex Hixson.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Gammon, of Livermore; a son, James Gammon and two granddaughters in Denver; two sisters, Mrs. Erma G. Ryan of Manhattan, Kan., and Mrs. Mary Gaden, Mutual, Okla.; and nieces and nephews, including Kenneth E. Gammon of Colorado Springs.

A son, Gene Arthur Gammon, gave his life for his country, while serving with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater, during World War II.

Charles and George Gammon, brothers, preceded Eugene Gammon in death.

Eugene Gammon was born, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julien Gammon of Ramah, on Oct. 15, 1878, being 72 years old at the time of his passing. Julien Gammon had settled on a homestead near Ramah in 1874, and the Gammon ranch and home, and the historic old OZ post-office, became signposts of progress in the early pioneer days. Early-day fairs and gatherings were held there, before there was such a thing as a county fair. The Gammons were sturdy, progressive stock of a kind that builded civilization in the frontier. No name was finer in the history of eastern Colorado and the plains.

It was here that Eugene Gammon grew thru childhood and adolescence; here, too, that he married and reared his fine family, on the old home ranch. And it was here that he became active in all those things that are good for a people and a community. He, his wife and the boys always co-operated in church, agricultural extension service and community affairs that were worthwhile. Mr. Gammon was the leader and his sons members of the first 4-H club of its kind in that part of Colorado, the highly successful Hollis R. Mills 4-H Sheep club. At the time of his passing, Mr. Gammon was a member of the board of the Livermore Community church.

Not only an outstanding citizen and progressive rancher-stockman who grew up with eastern Colorado, and made it the greater for his co-operation, Eugene Gammon was a friendly man, always courteous, completely honest, kind and gentle—a gentleman. Many friends, with relatives, will miss him greatly. But the influence of his quiet goodness will live on in east-central Colorado, thru the years, in the heart of a country to whose enrichment he contributed so much of integrity.