

**Record of**  
**Mollie May Ridenhour**  
**Great-Granddaughter of Barnabas Madison Poe**

Born: September 25, 1880; Maries County, Missouri  
Father: Adam **Ridenhour**  
Mother: Eliza Ann **Anderson**  
Married: July 11, 1900; Vienna, Maries County, Missouri  
Died: December 27, 1946; Fulton, Callaway County,  
Missouri  
Buried: Pilot Knob Baptist Church; Osage County,  
Missouri

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Husband: Richard **Ready**  
Born: January 10, 1872; Maries County, Missouri  
Father: Levi **Ready**  
Mother: Belle **Kelly**  
Died: March 31, 1956; St. Mary's Hospital; Jefferson City,  
Cole County, Missouri  
Buried: Liberty Church of Christ, Maries County, Missouri

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Children; Date and Birthplace:

Marshall June 29, 1903; Maries County, Missouri  
Richard Henry April 20, 1906; Maries County, Missouri  
Ray March 11, 1908; Maries County, Missouri

Sources: "History of Maries County"; Everett King, 1963  
Data provided by Alfred **Wagner**  
"The Cemeteries of Maries County, MO" Gail Howard and Mozelle  
Hutchison, 1986  
Mollie **Ridenhour Ready** and Richard **Ready** Obituaries  
Social Security Death Index  
Obituary of Richard Henry **Ready**, Maries County Gazette, Vienna,  
Missouri; August 16, 1995  
Obituary of Ray **Ready**, Maries County Gazette, Vienna, Missouri;  
September 25, 1996  
Marriage License, Richard **Ready** and Mollie **Ridenhour**  
Family/Search.org – Data submitted by Dianna Whitmer

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NOTES:      There was also a daughter who died in infancy.  
              Mr. **Ready** re-married May **Moreland**; November, 1947

**Mollie Ridenhour Ready Obituary**

Published in a Maries County, Missouri newspaper, date unknown

Mollie Ridenhour **Ready**, youngest daughter of Adam and Eliza **Anderson Ridenhour**, and member of two of Missouri's oldest families died Saturday evening December 27th at 6:15 in the institution at Fulton where she was committed a few months ago.

Last April Mrs. **Ready** underwent a serious operation in a Jefferson City hospital from which she never fully recovered. Returning home it soon became evident that she must again have institutional care. She was re-entered in the Rolla Hospital and later in a nursing home at St. Clair, Mo. Everything was done that loving hands and money could do to relieve her suffering and later to relieve the mental disorder that her physical condition had brought on. But in her weakened condition she could not rally and pneumonia claimed her at the age of 66.

At the age of 12, Mrs. **Ready** lost her mother and in a short time, also her older and only sister, Elizabeth, leaving Mollie to look after the family home for her father and four brothers. At the age of 20 in 1900, she was united in marriage to Richard **Ready** and to this union four children were born. The oldest, a daughter, died in infancy. Those surviving, besides her husband, are Marshall of the home, Richard Henry of Freeburg and Ray of southeast Missouri.

The Ready's made their home in the Vienna, or Excelsior, neighborhood where their quiet, courteous neighborliness made them both liked and respected. To describe the deceased's life more accurately, one might say that those who loved her most where those who knew her best; such was the general feeling for Mrs. **Ready** by this writer and her family. In my mother she seemed to have found the traits of her own mother whom she had lost so young and in we sisters she found the sister who also had passed on. To Mrs. **Ready** right was right and wrong was wrong. There was no middle ground and the same code of justice applied to her own as well as to others. Fastidiously neat in every task, her husband, children and herself were ever a testimonial to her industriousness.

Early in life she united with the Baptist Church at Pilot Knob in the Buck Elk community in Osage County where she grew up and where several generations of her family had lived and worshiped. She remained a member of the Baptist Church her entire life.

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Besides her husband and three sons, Mrs. **Ready** is survived by one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry **Ready** and four grandchildren, Corbert, Georgia, Gerald and Earldine **Ready**; two brothers, Alex **Ridenhour** of Summerfield and Louis **Ridenhour** of St. Louis; two aged Aunts and several nephews, nieces, sister-in-laws, cousins and friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held Tuesday Dec. 31, 1946 under the auspices of the Birmingham Funeral Home and was held at the Pilot Knob Baptist Church, interment following in the church yard near her parents and sister.

Source: Scrapbook compiled by Minnie Elsie (**Backues**) **Crider**

### **Richard Ready Obituary**

Published in a Maries County, Missouri newspaper; March 31, 1956.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at one o'clock in the Birmingham Chapel, Vienna, for Richard **Ready**. Interment was made in the Liberty cemetery where graveside services were said. The Rev. T. E. **John** conducted the rites.

Death came Saturday morning in St. Mary's hospital where he had been a patient since suffering a stroke at his home the previous Sunday.

Mr. **Ready** was the son of Levi and Belle **Kelly Ready**, born Jan. 10, 1872 in Maries County. When he was quite young his mother died and he was reared by his grandmother on what is known as the "old Pross place" now owned by Mrs. Netti **Hefti**.

In 1900 he was married to Mollie **Ridenhour** and to this union four children were born, a daughter who died in infancy, and three sons, Marshal and Henry of Vienna and Ray of Farmington. Mrs. **Ready** died in 1946.

In November, 1947, he and Mrs. May **Moreland**, who survives him, were married. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Rose **Bishop** of St. James and a brother, Perry whose address is unknown, and five grandchildren as well as a number of other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Freedom Baptist Church.

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