

~~Married~~ Fifty years married.

On March 13, 1878, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashton, in Riley County, Kansas, forty seven people assembled. Two of the forty seven, Ralph I. Strong, and Jane Ashton, began a journey together that was destined to last for more than fifty years. This firm knot was tied by the Reverend William Knipe, of Manhattan, Kansas. As far as is known twenty of the forty seven, then present, are still living. ~~Five boys and four girls were born to this worthy couple.~~

On March 13, 1928, ~~thirty one~~ ^{Twenty nine} relatives and friends assembled to celebrate this fiftieth anniversary, at their home in north Latah County Idaho. Twenty seven of these were a new set of guests. Geo. G. Strong, and Alvah Strong, ~~enjoying~~ having the distinction of being present at both events. Five boys and four girls were born to this worthy couple, all living except one boy who died in infancy. There are a host of grand children, and several great grand children.

Those present and at ~~this latter event~~, were Mrs. Amanda McClure, Mr. and Mrs. George Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. George Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur