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Velma A. Adam Dayton

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Birth: Sep. 1, 1901
 Monterey County
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Death: Jul. 18, 1987
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Velma was the great-granddaughter of William Thom (b. 1793 in Lanarkshire, Scotland and d. 1875) and Margaret (Thomson) Adam. William Thom Adam worked as a collier, a spirit seller and grocer, among other things.

Velma was the granddaughter of John Robert Adam, who was born 1851 in Salt Lake City and christened by Brigham Young. His parents eventually settled near Hesperia where he was raised. Sometime before 1879, he married Mahalia (Haun) Adam. John died in 1923 and Mahalia sometime later.

Velma was the daughter of William Zimry 'Buckskin' (born in 1879 and died in 1964) and Rosetta 'Rosie' (Doty) Adam. Velma was born 01 (or 30) Sept. 1901 on the farm settled by her grandparents in 1888. One source says that she died in her home at the age of 86 on a portion of the same farm less than a mile from her birthplace. Another states that she died at Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton following a long illness.

In 1918, Velma Adam married Clyde Dayton, a neighbor boy. They farmed, built a home, boosted their community and raised two sons, Newell C. (who was residing in King City at the time of her death) and William P. Dayton of Hesperia. Clyde passed away in 1972 and Velma married Frank Roberson in 1979.

Velma was a third generation native of the Hesperia area and her beloved hills where she had lived all her life. She was the Queen of Pioneer Day celebration in Paso Robles, Ca. in 1972. She participated in all of the Pioneer Day parades and in 1939, she won a trophy for her horse and sidesaddle riding skills aboard her Tennessee Walking Horse, which she rode and in later years, until the 1972 parade, drove hitched to her buggy. She continued to ride until a few years before her death, when age and poor health forced her to give up her favorite pastime.


Velma Dayton Roberson earned a share of fame and success with her water witching stick. For more than a half century, she was a tireless worker for and one of the greatest boosters of the Farm Bureau and the Hesperia Farm Bureau Building which has been a long-time social, civic and meeting center for the area in southern Monterey County. She was also a long-time member of Dry Bones Church in Hesperia.

Columnist, historian, gardener, horsewoman and lover of the hills, Velma began writing a column for The Daily Press and the King City Rustler in 1954 and built a reputation as a sharp reporter and commentator on the passing parade and politics of the area. Her columns, which appeared for nearly 35 years, reflected the peace and serenity of the area she loved so dearly.

Not one to mince words, Velma quite often editorialized on the nation's politics in her column, chastising politicians and bureaucrats she took exception to, but also praising those she felt were doing a good job.

Her readership reached far beyond the hills of Hesperia, Pleyto and Bryson. She received numerous letters from many former residents who still subscribed to the Rustler and were faithful readers of her column.

'Varmints' which ravaged her garden, were another pet peeve Velma wrote about. She apparently inherited her 'green thumb' from her father, who grew 'the sweetest watermelons in the South County'. Velma often sat alongside him on his buckboard as he rode about the country peddling his produce. Funeral services were held at the Kuehl-Nicolay Funeral Home in Paso Robles. The Rev. Bill Oeland, pastor of Dry Bones Christian Faith Center officiated at the noon graveside services at Pleyto Cemetery and a potluck followed in Hesperia Hall.

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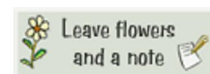
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[William Zimry Adam \(1879 - 1964\)](#)

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[Velma A. Adam Dayton \(1901 - 1987\)](#)

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