

Mrs. Dellaphene Marie Haines Badgley Butts



Thank you to Marie Elwood and the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum for identifying Dellaphene and providing more information!

We found Mrs. J.F. Badgley in several historical Billings Gazette articles and in BPL's archival materials relating to the Midland Empire Fair (which has evolved into the present-day MontanaFair). Mrs. Badgley was recognized in 1932 for her nationally-lauded skills in traditional braided rug-making, especially with wool. She was a resident of Brusett, MT, a small town west of Jordan in Garfield County.

According to a 1932 article circulated in several Montana newspapers, Badgley was considered a national authority on braided rug-making, collaborating with the Montana Extension Service to develop directions that were distributed through extension offices nationwide. Curiously, the article also mentioned a "at least one large national dye company" was also actively referencing Badgley's work, although the company isn't specifically named.

A 1926 article similarly describes her expertise and mastery of craft six years prior, and a 1924 Billings Gazette article lists her skill and knowledge being discussed at a local Mother's Club meeting. Her name is frequently found in Midland Empire Fair winners for first place in the Woolen Braided Rug category between 1927 and 1931, beyond which she disappears from the record.

From Marie Elwood and the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum:

Dellaphene Marie Haines was born on March 7, 1876 in Paropaw (or Paw Paw) Kansas. Her parents were Joseph M. Haines and Laurel Jones Haines. She married James F. Badgley on April 29, 1899 in Gallatin County. Their son Cecil was born either in 1906 or November 24, 1905 in Bozeman (sources differ). In 1910 the family can be found in Bozeman; in 1920 in Blackfoot, Garfield County MT; and by 1930 in the Lone Tree school district in Garfield County. On March 26, 1931, James Badgley passed at the age of 57. He is buried at the Steve Forks Cemetery in Garfield County.

On June 26, 1936 Dellaphene married William L. Butts in Anaconda, MT and by 1940 the couple was living in Bozeman. Dellaphene passed on July 31, 1965 and is buried at Sunset Hills Cemetery with William. Her son, Cecil Forest, married Beatrice Walton on July 17, 1931 in Livingston, Montana. They had a daughter, Joan Yvonne. Cecil passed on June 21, 1991 and is buried in Sunset Hills Cemetery.