

Matt “Matti” Kangas



Left: Matt Kangas logging in Lincoln County, Oregon. They lived in the town then called, Taft.

Below, Matt with his wife, Liisa (Sulkko) Kangas and their first child, Orval Kangas who was born in 1903 in Rock Springs, Wyoming.



Genealogy Notes on Matt Kangas and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sulkko Kangas

Matt Kangas Genealogy Notes

- 1874 – Pulkkila communion records from SSHY: Matti Kangas born 19 Feb 1874, parents Antti Kangaastalo and wife Maria age 28; Christening date 7 March 1874; Godparents: Erik Makkonen and wife Kaisa; Heikki Jurva and Kiasa Guszen.
- In Pulkkila church record the birth day of Matti Kangas is 19 Feb 1874. He was christened 7 Mar 1874. In the birth record, written in 1901, the b-day is 22 Feb, but I think the pastor has accidentally written his b-day as 22 Feb because sister Greta was born 22 Feb.²¹⁷
- Matt Kangas, was born in Pulkkila, Finland, county of Oulu, in 1874. Matt came to America in about 1892, landing first at Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada. He crossed into Minnesota and called that his home state for about 10 years, though he worked in logging and mining in several midwestern states.
- 1910 Federal Census, Lincoln County, Morris Precinct lists Matt Kangas with wife Lizzie and children: Arvo, Edna, George, married 4 years; with cousin, Matt Sulko. Matt Kangas' emigration date was 1893.
- 1918 – Draft Regis for WWI; Matt Kangas (no middle name), of Taft, Lincoln Co., OR, age 42, b. Feb. 22, 1876, fisherman of S. Elmore & Co, of Taft; wife: Lizzie Kangas of Taft, Or; 12 Sep 1918.
- Sharon Kautto writes: Matt Marcus Kangas, was born in Pulkkila, Finland, county of Oulu, in 1874. Matt came to America in about 1892, landing first at Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada. He crossed into Minnesota and called that his home state for about 10 years, though he worked in logging and mining in several midwestern states. His parents, John and Maria Kangas came later, and stayed in Embarrass, Minnesota. Matt met and married Elizabeth Sulkko in Rock Springs, Wyoming in December of 1902. Elizabeth was born in Ylistaro, Finland, county of Vaasa in 1882. Most of the early pioneers in north Lincoln County Oregon found available homestead land through advertisements in the Finnish newspaper "Toveri" (The Companion) which was published in Astoria, Oregon (the northern coast of Oregon). Matt Kangas owned and operated a dairy farm in Taft, Oregon until his death in 1943.
- Obit in Finn translated by Päivi: "With longing, I announce that my husband and the father of my children, Matt Kangas, died at the General hospital of MacMinville, Ore., on 8 April 1943, after several years of suffering from rheumatism which eventually turned to cancer, leading to his death. He was born in Finland, in Pulkkila, province of Oulu, on 22 Feb 1874. The closest family left grieving his passing consists of myself,

his wife, 4 sons, 3 daughters and 1 grandchild; 2 daughters-in-law and 2 sons-in-law; 2 brothers, John and Antti Kangas; 2 sisters, Kreta Mäki and Mrs. Edw. Wilson. The burial service took place at Taft cemetery on 11 April, in the presence of family and friends. Now your pains are over, you may rest in peace, overwhelmed by sorrow we remain here, missing you. Your wife Lizzie and children.”



Elizabeth “Lizzie” Sulkko Genealogy Notes

- 1910 Federal Census Lincoln County lists Lizzie with Matt Kangas and her brother, Matt Sulko. Her immigration date is unclear, possibly 1901.
- Elizabeth Sulkko was born in Ylistaro, Finland in the county of Vaasa in 1882. As a young girl Liisa worked in a bakery and in 1900 when she was 18 years old she came to Rock Springs, Wyoming, a coal-mining town employing a great many Finnish immigrants. She met Matt in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Matt and Lizzie lived in Diamondville after their marriage. The family came to Lincoln county in 1905. George was born there in 1908. Lizzie m. (2) Frank Ojala in 1948. Institute of Migration has a Liisa Sulkko who came to New York 26 Nov. 1902. She was 19 years old in 1902.