

## MRS. MELNOTTE HAD FIGHTING ANCESTORS

### Deceased El Paso Woman a Descendant From Well Known Soldiers.

Mrs. Mignon Melnotte, who died last week, was the daughter of Mrs. Ben Sweeney, of this city, by a former marriage to John Drake Stevenson, of St. Louis, Mo., who was a descendant of Pierre Menard, first lieutenant governor of Illinois, and comes of a fighting lineage.

Deceased's grandfather, Capt. Mathew R. Stevenson, was at Jefferson barracks many years. Her great grandfather was Col. John Drake Stevenson of the First New York volunteer infantry that was ordered to California

in the Mexican war. Her grandmother's brothers were Capt. Louis Hancock Kennerly, one of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's staff officers; Capt. Samuel Kennerly and Lieut. James Kennerly, of the confederate army, and she was the grand niece of Maj. Gen. John S. Bowen, who was in command of the west division of Missouri troops and second in command to Gen. Pemberton in the siege of Vicksburg and the battles of Baton Rouge and Shiloh. Mrs. Bowen (the general's wife) was renowned for her help through the civil war, acting as nurse in hospitals and on battlefields. Mrs. Bowen was one of the founders and at different times vice president, secretary and treasurer of Missouri chapter of the U. D. C..

Deceased was also a grandniece of Col. Lew A. Clark, of St. Louis, a hero of the battle of Nicaragua, and was related to the Kennerlys, Glasgows and Haines, all old families of St. Louis.

Through her mother's family she was great granddaughter of Lord Robert John William Wesson, of London, England and Ireland.

Mrs. Melnotte was a cousin of Mrs. Phil Young, of this city.