#### Information on Alva Dennis

Alva Lile Dennis was born on January 26, 1879, in Montague, MI to William H. Dennis and Carrie V. Gillett.

Marriage Record for Alva Dennis and Jessie Oyler on November 28, 1901

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Birth Announcement for the twins which appeared in the Montague Observer on October 2, 1902.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dennis, Sept. 24, twins—a boy and a girl. Alva is the happiest man alive.

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Two announcements in the Montague Observer that appeared on March 25, 1909, announcing his store opening.

Alva L. Dennis makes his debut this week as a full fledged groceryman. He has a well assorted stock and is hustling for patronage.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

To the Citizens of Montague and Vicinity:

Having recently purchased the Chisholm property on Dowling Avenue, Montague. I take pleasure in announcing to the public that I have purchased a complete line of fresh groceries and provisions which are now offered for sale at my new store.

It will be my aim to give my customers a "square deal" in both selling and buying, and by so doing, I trust to merit a share of your patronage which is now respectfully solicited.

Alva Dennis.

Item in the Montague Observer on December 8, 1910 that mentioned Alva Dennis' name.

## In Holiday Attire.

Some of our stores have already put; on Christmas attire and look very attractive. L. G. Ripley & Co. have a splendid display this year and will be the Mecca for X-mas shoppers. J. S. Potter's emporium is also neatly decorated for the Yuletide and the counter and show window displays are very attractive. The grocery stores of J. P. Jacobson, C. F. Cordes, N. G. Osterhouse, Alva Dennis and Geo. Springer are being stocked to the limit with goods for the holiday trade. But don't forget to visit the Ohrenberger Hardware store when making your rounds. The genial manager, I. L. Lanford is leaving nothing undone to complete the stock of this big store where many articles suitable for substantial gifts will be found.

Item from February 29, 1912, Montague Observer – Business Sold.

Alva Dennis of Dalton was in the village yesterday. Mr. Dennis has sold his grocery business at Dalton to Paul Campbell of Whitehall and will leave for Ohio as soon as the business transaction with Mr. Campbell is closed.

# Alva Dennis is night clerk at the Park Hotel at Muskegon.

Item in Montague Observer on April 20, 1912 indicating his store is in Dalton.

Alva Dennis who operates a general store at Dalton was in the village yesterday. Mr. Dennis says Dalton is getting right to the front with its new creamery, pickle salting station and telephone exchange. The office building for the exchange is now being built.

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1910 Federal Census showed him living on Knudsen Street in Montague. His occupation at that time was Grocery Store Merchant.

1920 Federal Census showed him living in Detroit. His occupation was a bookkeeper in a lumber shop.

1930 Federal Census showed him living in Detroit. His occupation was Collector for a department store.

1940 Federal Census showed him living in Auburn Heights. His occupation was listed as gardner.

Can't seem to find any additional information after this time.