

## Sylvester & Emma Williams Shellhorn Gamblin

**Sylvester Gamblin** was born in 1856 in Texas. He was in Mogollon at least by 1910 as he is listed in the census of that year as a salon keeper. He owned the Midway Theater in Mogollon. It was built around the turn of the century by Harry Herman for Syl. Today it is known as The Mogollon Theatre and is reported to be the oldest Movie house in New Mexico.



Mogollon Theater, present day

From the September 29, 1893, Issue of the Enterprise: “Syl Gamblin, a prominent grocer of Mogollon, arrived in the city Saturday. Syl goes to Gainesville, Texas, on business, but just exactly what kind of business he didn't choose to tell. If some fair maiden finds the matrimonial noose hanging over her she can charge the trouble to Syl.” — SILVER CITY, NM.

Sylvester married **Emma Williams** about 1920 in New Mexico. Emma was born on 12 May 1869 in Ohio. She died on Aug 3, 1966 in Silver City, Grant, New Mexico. She was buried in Alma Cemetery, Catron, New Mexico. Emma was previously married to **Charles A. Shellhorn** and had two children, Herman and Harriet (Hattie) Shellhorn. [\[see previous history of Charles Alfred Shellhorn & Emma Williams Shellhorn\]](#)



Sylvester Gamblin died in 1947 in New Mexico.  
He was buried in Alma, Catron, New Mexico