

### 'OLD CASTLE' BUILT BY DR. W.J. WORKMAN



The Old Castle, Original House, 1888



Dr. W.J. Workman built 1888. "The Old Castle" of poured gypsum walls. Purchased and remodeled by Paul Clark, 1909.

### ASHLAND LODGE NO. 277, A.F. & A.M.

No history of the Ashland community and its beginnings would be complete without a brief history of Ashland Lodge No. 277, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The Ashland Lodge traces its start back to a meeting of Master Masons held on March 27, 1886, less than a year and a half after Ashland itself was founded. A large number of the brethren (settlers who had previously joined the Masonic fraternity elsewhere) were present at the initial meeting called for the purpose of petitioning for a new Lodge in Ashland.

Later meetings in 1886 and 1887 were held "under dispensation" from the Grand Lodge of Kansas until the Ashland Lodge received its official warrant, constitution and charter from the Grand Lodge on March 22, 1887. Elected and installed as officers were: Cale W. Carson, Worshipful Master; Samuel H. Cummins, Senior Warden; George E. Gage, Junior Warden; George A. Blair, Treasurer; and Thomas E. Berry, Secretary.

Minutes of the early meetings indicate that Lodge dues at that time were set at \$2.00 per year. Among the bylaws recommended for adoption was one declaring that "the Tiler of the Lodge shall receive \$1.00 for each meeting tiled by him, provided he act as janitor, and nothing if he does not."

For 90 years the Lodge Hall was located on the second floor of the building that currently houses the *Clark County Clipper* office, sharing the hall for many years with the Odd Fellows Lodge. In the spring of 1977, recognizing a need for more convenient facilities, the brethren sold their building and purchased

a ground-floor building across the street north of the present post office.

Utilizing volunteer labor from both Lodge and Eastern Star members, and many generous contributions from members in Ashland and elsewhere, the interior of the building was completely remodeled at a cost of several thousand dollars. Ray Crosby served as the able chairman of the building committee.

The "new" hall was occupied by the Lodge in October of 1977, and has since provided modern and convenient meeting facilities for the Lodge and a large public meeting room on Ashland Main Street which is used regularly for various community meetings and activities.

Down through the years the membership roster of Ashland Lodge No. 277 has included many of the leading business and professional men of the Ashland area, as well as a good representation from the farming and ranching community. To attempt to name them would take up far more space than is available in the brief history.

The Masonic fraternity has always been, and is today, a force for good in the Ashland community. Today the Lodge--about 100 members strong--continues to meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays. The local members practice their craft as Masons have practiced it since time immemorial . . . with a special emphasis on the basic tenets of Freemasonry--brotherly love, relief and truth.

Submitted by Ron Morrison

### ASHLAND CHAPTER NO. 245 O.E.S.

The first inspiration for an Eastern Star Chapter in Ashland occurred February 4, 1902. A meeting was called to order by Mr. Daniel Snyder who introduced Mrs. Katie Crumbine of Dodge City, Kansas. A petition dated January 15, 1902 for dispensation to organize a new chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was read. The petition recommended Mrs. Lottie M. Snyder to be Worthy Matron, Mr. Warren A. Messing, Worthy Patron and Mrs. Mattie C. Carson, Associate Matron.

The petition was signed by the following, who were the charter members.

Ida H. Campbell, James P. Campbell, Mattie C. Carson, George B. Dugan, Lettie M. Snyder, Daniel Snyder, Nettie A. Berryman, Roy L. Bone, Ella T. Taylor, Cale W. Carson, Sue W. Burket, Isaah B. Burket, Ora P. Messing, White F. Taylor, Kate Ravenscraft, W.A. Messing, Jennie E. Michael, Lot Ravenscraft.

For 78 years the Order of the Eastern Star had a chapter in Ashland. In 1980 the chapter voted to join the Protection Chapter. Doreen Jacobs was the last Worthy Matron and Raymond Gibson was the last Worthy Patron.

Submitted by Irene Wilson





O.E.S. District Meeting and visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. 1948.  
Back row: Phyllis Smith, Lynott Root, Mary Root, Gwen Baker, Beulah Burns, Elaine Anderson, Edna Dakin, Bernice Nelson, Gertrude Christman, Emeline Davis, Dorothea Shaw, Beryl Martin, Ann Peterson, Jennie Abell, Bertha Gabbert. Middle row: Lottie G. Gardner, Marjorie Lowry,

Doris Calloway, Mary Ellen Dorsey, Gladys Peacock, Worthy Grand Patron M.G. Stevenson, Marjorie York. First row: Mildred Crane, Violet King, Jennie Cottle, Georgia Palmer, Ellen Haelsig, Pauline Baker, Helen Matthews, Nettie Berryman, Irene Wilson, Effie Smith, Gussie Jones.

Front row: Dorothea Shaw, Marjorie Lowry, Marjorie York, Emeline Davis. Second row: Georgia Palmer, Mary Ellen Dorsey, Beryl Martin Randall, Gertrude Christman. Third row: Beulah Burns, Phyllis Smith, Edna Dakin.



### THE MID-CENTURY STUDY CLUB

The Mid-Century Study Club was organized in May of 1956 with Joan Seacat, President; Marilla Blau, Vice President and Joanna Daily, Secretary-Treasurer.

The first regular meeting was held in September of 1956. Almost all of the members of the club lived in the Lexington Community, but as the years went by many of the members moved to Ashland, some moved away and others dropped out of the club.

Through the years we have also lost a large number through

death. Of the charter members only Venna Vallentine, Marjorie Hughs and Marilla Blau have remained members of the club.

The present officers are: President, Martha Shupe; Vice President, Alma Guyer; Secretary, Gladys Gibson; Treasurer, Bessie Bare; Parliamentarian, Edna Bare and Historian, Jennie Whitford. Other members of the club are: Marjorie Hughs, Venna Vallentine, Marilla Blau, Bonnie Swayze, Hazel Brown, Mable Pierce and Retta Irons.

Submitted by Marilla Blau

### MUM EMBROIDERY CLUB

The Mum Embroidery Club was organized January 29, 1910, to improve the members' needlework and as a social occasion. It adopted several projects during its earlier years. During World War I, the members knitted sweaters for the soldiers. They supported a French orphan for two years, and in 1920, the members

provided means to contribute to the City Library Fund.

In early days the women brought their children along. Sometimes as many children as members would attend the meetings. All kinds of needlework was brought including socks to darn, and clothes to mend. After their children were grown and had





May, 1942. Top row: Mrs. Foncannon, May Rinker, Mrs. McCasland, Peterson, Kinman, Nunemacher, Harriet Kinman, McKinley, Jones, Klinger, Stevenson. Sitting: Ashcraft, Arnold, Baker and Freeman.

homes of their own, the club consisted mostly of elderly women.

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary on January, 1960, with a dinner at the Cogley Hotel. They are still celebrating each



Back row: Pauline Baker, Beulah Burns, Bertie Brazelton, Georgia Palmer, Mabel Freeman, Helen Rankin, Gertie Christman, Mrs. Parker, Inez Kumberg. Front row: Reta Dielman, Hazel Klinger, Helen Baker, Gertie Hughs, Lillie Nunemacher (Charter member), Laura Spotts, Lon Gibson.

year with a dinner at the same hotel (now the Hardesty House). The picture is of members attending the 50th anniversary meeting.

Submitted by Inez Kumberg

#### PAST NOBLE GRAND



Back row: Myrtle Booth, Mildred Oak, Edna Young, Myrtle McCurley, Velma Williams, Leona Simmons, Edith Clarkson, Mildred Herman (Malt), Ruth Fox, Alice Bowen. Second row: Maggie Brown, Tillie Young, Sadie Rankin, Myrtle Dickey, Dora McFarland, Eva Cox, Nellie Fuller Redger,

Millie File, Myrtle Fox, Bobbye Johnston, Vedra Stuck, Ethel Hughs, Latha Taylor. Front row: Eva Hollaway, Ethel Belt, Mrs. T.T. Smith, Minnie Roberts, Pearl Mackey, Mrs. Chas. McCasland, Letha Callison, Lizzie Moore, Katie Aldridge, Jennie Cottle.

Ashland Past Noble Grand Club, organized October, 1931, met in the homes of the members. Its flower was the sunflower, and the object of the club was mutual helpfulness. They met on the first Friday on each month. The object of the meetings was to promote friendship between club members and lodge members. Hostesses were two except when needed for special occasions. There were 44 members in 1957.

Elective officers were: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and chaplain. Election of officers was held at the November meeting. Officers were installed at the December meeting. All officers served one year. The creed was read in unison, colors were orchid and gold. The meeting was followed by lunch and a social hour.

Submitted by Millie File



## P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter BA of the P.E.O. Sisterhood was organized April 30, 1918. Ruth Wallingford, Chapter I, Wichita, had suggested that the members of Ecclesia Club (organized 1916) request admittance. The charter members were: Hazel Carson (Brooks), Lena Carson, Rose Fitts, Elizabeth Hill, Helen Majors, Elsie Rhodes, Mary Stephens, Naida Stevenson (Cravens), Maude Wallingford, and Ruth Wallingford.

Founded in 1869 as a college sorority, P.E.O. later became a community group. An educational and philanthropic organization, it assists women, including those from foreign countries, who seek higher education. It owns and supports Cottey Junior College for Women at Nevada, Missouri. Nine girls from Ashland have attended Cottey, twelve have received college loans, and one, a grant.

Chapter BA helped the Red Cross effort during both World Wars. They sponsored rook parties, plays, held bake sales, sold Christmas cards and candy to raise money for a library. Many members have served on the Library Board.

Social functions include parties and picnics for husbands or families. For over forty years a luncheon meeting has been held in observance of Founders' Day. A reciprocity group of nine chapters from this area was organized in 1941, and meets annually in April.



Kansas P.E.O. Convention, Dodge City, Kansas, 1947. Mary Lou Broadie, Jonell Ashcraft, Shalah Mull, Joanna Ashcraft, Vinette Humphreys, Lou Berryman. Play was put on by Chapter BA. Mary Stephens coached the play and Maxine Alderson wrote it.

Mary Louise Broadie served as president of the Kansas State Chapter in 1954-55. Mary Stephens has been a member for sixty-five years, and the following are fifty-year members: Mary Louise Broadie, Louise Berryman, Margaret Ray, Edna Bare, Joanna McGuire and Jean Hooper.

Since 1972, the proceeds from silent auctions within the chapter have been given to P.E.O. educational projects, local causes and other charities.

Submitted by Catherine Cauthers Klinger and  
M. Eleanor Cossman Haydock

## THURSDAY CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

In the fall of 1928, several ladies of Ashland formed The Thursday Contract Bridge Club, establishing By-laws for the name, meetings, membership and finance.

This club is still in existence meeting twice monthly through the winter months with two tables of players.

The following is a list of ladies in order of their acceptance for membership: Lena Carson, Ann Lonker, Joanna (Ashcraft) McQuire, Flora Abell, Helen Mead, Mirth Jones, Frances Cossman, Alice Wade, Margaret Porter, Estella Salyer, Jennie Abell, Helen Charles, Lou Owen, Marcella Smith, Gladys Wallingford, Caroline Closson, Mabel Freeman, Glenna Archibald, Harriette Kinman, Vera Stewart, Mary Stephens, Ruby Grimes, Lois Martin, Georgia Palmer, Elsie Rhodes, Kitty Wilson, Rosemary Goings, Glynda Mills, Madge Randall, Sis McCuish, Pearl Heath.

Submitted by M. Cecelia Callison

Thursday Contract Bridge Club in the 1940's. Back row: Flora Abell, Mabel Freeman, Vera Stewart, Harriette Kinman, Mary Stephens and Glenna Archibald. Front row: Estella Salyer, Caroline Closson, Joanna Ashcraft McQuire and Ann Lonker



## TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

Twentieth Century Club was organized in 1925 with Mrs. C.L. Cox as the first president.

It was federated with The Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs by January, 1926. According to the January 21, 1926, *Clark County Clipper*, the Twentieth Century Club entertained with a dinner at The Grand Hotel honoring Mrs. Muir of Goodland, the vice-president of the 7th District of Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. McArthur, the state chairman of the Cooperation of War Veterans Committee and Mrs. Clyde Ferriter,

a member of Wichita Twentieth Century Club were guests.

Officers elected in January, 1927, were: President, Mrs. T.M. Rinker; Vice-president, Mrs. R.D. McKinley; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Kennedy; Treasurer, Mrs. W.H. Gray; Critic, Mrs. R.R. McFadden. Other members included: Mrs. R.N. Nunemacher, Mrs. F. Meade, Mrs. H.M. Wallingford, Mrs. C.E. Abell, Mrs. W.E. Melson, Mrs. M.A. Wallingford, Mrs. R.R. McCasland, Mrs. Paul McCasland, Mrs. W.C. Ashcraft and Mrs. W.H. Jones.

Through the years, Twentieth Century Club programs have



emphasized self-improvement and community development, their motto: "Our only greatness is that we aspire." Active involvement in the community has included: remembering shut-ins, rest home residents and school faculty members; sponsoring

musically gifted students for Federated Music Contest; helping with beautification on Ashland Main Street; and for more than 20 years, it has been in charge of Red Cross Bloodmobile visits.

Submitted by Eldora McMinimy

## VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

This article is intended to give a brief history of the men whose names identify veterans' organizations in the Ashland community:

**Major Elliott Post, Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)** was "organized and mustered in" at Ashland on April 22, 1887. Major Elliott served under General George Custer. While stationed at Camp Supply, Oklahoma Territory, in 1868, Elliott was ordered by Custer to attack an Indian camp on the Washita River. The Kiowa Indian Chief, Black Kettle, along with about 100 other Indians, was killed. In his apparent zeal, Major Elliott pursued the fleeing Indians and in so doing, was himself killed.

**Harry Baker Post, American Legion**, was organized in the years immediately following World War I. Harry Baker was a native of Ashland, one of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Baker. Harry was a ranch hand, single and one of the early casualties of World War I.

**Willard Aldridge Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars** was organized June 9, 1946. Willard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Aldridge, was reared on a farm north of Sitka. He was one of ten children, and had three brothers who served in World War II. Willard was killed at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, when his ship, the Battleship Oklahoma, was sunk.

Submitted by Mike Humphreys



Standing on the steps of the Old Court House, Mexican and Civil War veterans: Top row: William Michael, John Brown, Colonel Banning, Manfred Brown. Second row: Wm. L. Zane, Sam Hughs, Daniel Burket, George W. Curtis, (holding flag), Alexander McMain, Ben Zane, W.N. Wallingford, Fred Dorns. Front row: J.M. Mendenhall, Mr. James Henry Sawyers, David Deffenbaugh, Ethel Brown, Dena Sughrue, I.N. Cassity, Daniel Snyder, Jake Heindel.

## WILLARD ALDRIDGE AUXILIARY NO. 7770

The V.F.W. Auxiliary was instituted February 9, 1947, with the first president being Beryl Martin. Charter members were: Mmes. Ray Allison, Jerome C. Berryman, Robert Beydler, Vernon Clarkson, Hubert Crane, Dan Foote, Edd Hensley, John Lynch, I.V. McCurley, W.B. Martin, Dean Matthews, Ed Myers, Ben Rainbolt, Don Reed, Robert Roberts, Loren Smith, G.T. Wilson, G.T. Wilson, Jr.



Third Place Winner, 1974, Ashland County Fair. Standing: Jennie Ward and Bea Coverdale, Seated: Verna McPhail and Peggy Reed

Auxiliary projects through the years have been: gift items sent to the V.A. Hospital in Wichita, donations of money for the Soldiers' Home at Fort Dodge, donations for cancer aid and research, endowment fund, National Home, Health and Happiness fund and Christmas fund. We have donated things for the nursing home.

In 1976, the V.F.W. and Auxiliary took over management of the American Legion Building. We remodeled the building. One of the projects since 1976 is to serve a Veterans Day dinner to the community with turkey and dressing. We usually deliver about twenty meals to shut-ins in the community from this meal.

We have walkers, wheel chairs, crutches and hospital beds to loan to anyone who has need for them. We are an active group of fifty members.

Submitted by President Kay Young

## WILLARD ALDRIDGE VFW POST 7770

The VFW Post was organized June 9, 1946. There were 45 names on the charter with 21 recruits present at the first meeting. The meeting was held in the Odd Fellows Hall. The Pratt Earl H. Ellis Post Degree Team with Fred J. Terryman, Senior Vice-Commander in Command, placed the new post in operation and gave the obligation to the recruits.

They delayed giving the Post an official name because so many recruits were not present because of harvest. It was called Clark

County Post 7770 until a more suitable name could be chosen.

Officers were elected: Paul Joe Myers, Commander; J.C. Berryman, Senior Vice-Commander; Bill Beydler, Junior Vice-Commander; Dean Matthews, Chaplain; John Foster, Quartermaster; Dr. Jerry McNickle, Post Surgeon. Post advocate was left open until next meeting. Raymond Schwartz, 3 year director; Donald Reed, 2 year director; Bill Martin, 1 year director. Commander, Paul Joe Myers appointed J.D. Lynch, officer of the



day; Dean Matthews, service officer; Harold Riley, adjutant.

An early meeting place was the basement under Zimmerman Hardware. The basement on South Main was built in 1951 and was Post Home until 1976. They entered into an agreement with American Legion Harry Baker Post 89 to lease their building with an option to buy in 1981. It was agreed the building would be

#### Y.W.C.A.

The Young Women's Christian Association seeks to develop members physically, mentally and spiritually and to bring together women and girls of diverse experience and faith.

In the early twenties (1920's) young ladies teaching in small Kansas towns, who had enjoyed belonging to Y.W.C.A. in college, wanted the high school girls to share the same experience. Interested advisors and women in the community organized the Ashland Y.W.C.A. and the charter from the Kansas District (with headquarters in Wichita) was granted in 1926. There are 7 other districts in the U.S., but the Kansas District is considered one of the largest in the world both in area and in membership.

Newspaper articles mention the existence of the Y.W.C.A. in Ashland as early as 1918; existing records show the first president to be Mrs. Anna Mary Henderson Alger (1927-1928) who was a former Girl Reserve sponsor.

Mrs. J.E. Humphreys, Mrs. H.A. Mull, Mrs. John York and Mrs. W.A. Shattuck have served as board members to the Kansas District Y.W.C.A.

#### UNITED NATIONS WEEKEND A Y.W.C.A. PROJECT

In 1953, the Y.W.C.A. theme of the year was "To help fortify freedom with faith and fellowship." To carry out this theme, the Ashland Y.W.C.A. planned an experience in international living. Foreign students who were enrolled in area colleges were invited to Ashland for a United Nations Weekend.

Eight students from Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, representing five foreign countries, were transported to Ashland. They stayed in homes and participated in various activities of their choice. There was a community get-together of hosts, guests and others on Saturday night. They became acquainted and enjoyed food, fun and entertainment. Sunday the students attended the church of their choice, and were returned to their schools after a meal.

In the early years of this project, the Y.W.C.A. president and project chairman spent many hours on campuses, visiting with students, acquainting them with the aims of the project and assuring them that they would have no expense and were not being exploited. The project grew for nineteen years, from eight students representing one college and five countries, to some seventy students from six universities representing sixty countries. A project such as this does much to further international peace as proven by the many students who have kept in touch with host families and Ashland friends for many years.

Noriyuki Fujii, who was a guest in 1956, graduated from Wichita University in 1958. He returned to Japan and was later president of Empire Tourist Service in Tokyo. In 1975, he called the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and asked permission to visit our community with a group of thirty-two young people on a "Japanese Goodwill Mission." The purpose was to make friends with American working youth and women, and to observe work-

called Veterans Memorial Building.

The VFW is a service organization. One of their projects is supplying crutches, wheel chairs, hospital beds, etc., for people to use at home.

Submitted by Marven McPhail, Quartermaster

## ASHLAND COMMUNITY



During the active years, Y.W.C.A. sponsored Girl Reserves, Y-Teens, Mother-Daughter Teas, served athletic banquets and were the organizers of the U.N. weekends.

Submitted by Lola J. Baker



United Nations Weekend Guests, 1955

ing conditions in this country. After the visit in Ashland by these young people, Mr. Fujii said, "I've never forgotten the most wonderful experience of my life, a United Nations Weekend in Ashland, Kansas."

The United Nations Weekend project had the cooperation and participation of many people in the community. The last United Nations Weekend was held the weekend of October 21, 1971.

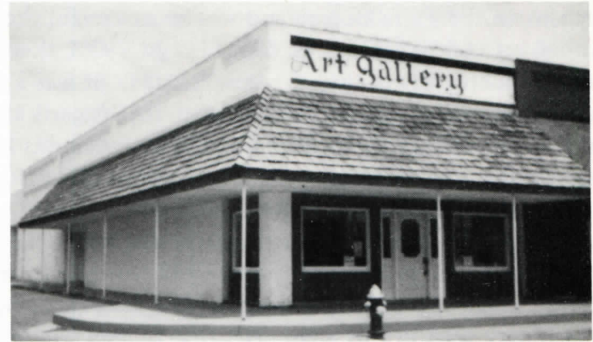
Submitted by Leona Simmons



# Businesses

## THE ARTLAND BUILDING

The building that houses The Artland Gallery was first owned by Thomas Berry. The next owner was M.L. Doom, in 1887. The same year M.S. and J.A. Blooser were the owners. In 1910, the owner was Robert Mayse. In 1910, J.G. Brown was the owner and it housed the Harry Brown Bakery. In 1911, Irvin Brown became the owner. In 1912, it was owned by J.W. Berryman and housed the Schamo Grocery and Bakery. In 1934, this building was owned by Home Lumber and Supply Company, who leased to Elmo Johnson Buick Agency. In 1945, Lewis George bought the building and went into partnership with Elmo. The building has since been used for the school lunch room and bus garage. A new high school was built, so they used the new cafeteria for school lunches. In 1964, the building was turned over to Frank Brewer as an art building. Mr. Brewer left in 1967, Nadine



George put in art supplies and sells art work on commission. It is known to be the best art gallery between Wichita and Taos!

Submitted by Nadine George

## ASHCRAFT DRUG STORE

Walter C. Ashcraft came to Ashland from Wichita, Kansas, in 1923 and bought the Sidenstricker Drug Store where Walkers is now located. He and his high school sweetheart, Joanna Coble, from Sedgwick, Kansas, were married in 1925. She worked faithfully by his side to build the Ashcraft Drug Company which had these slogans: "The Store You Can Patronize With Confidence" and "You Are Always Welcome at Ashcraft's."

There were five young men who started behind the fountain at Ashcraft's and later became pharmacists. They were Victor Burton, Russell Brown, Francis Andrews, Lynn Burton and Corwin McIntyre. Jerry McNickle and Walter Coble Ashcraft started behind the fountain and became doctors.

Mr. Ashcraft had air conditioning installed in the store and it was the first ever seen in Ashland. The customers soon flocked in to enjoy sodas in cool comfort.



Ashcraft Drug Store in 1929, when located where Walkers is now. Clerks are Victor Burton (left) and Russell E. Brown (right). Man on left is Walter Mathews and man on right is Charles Cress.



Ashcraft Drug Store, October 9, 1948

In 1948, he bought out the Rexall Drug Store from Russell Charles. He remodeled it into a fifty foot front building, taking in the building formerly occupied by the B.T. Brodie Men's Clothing. His decoration with the brands of local ranchers and farmers became quite a conversation piece. Once a California tourist, after stopping at the fountain for refreshments, said, "Well, sir, if there is a store as fine as this in Los Angeles, I have never found it."

The thing that others will remember the longest about Walter Ashcraft is that he was eminently successful in his chosen line of business, and he gained that success through the integrity and ability that created for him a public confidence seldom achieved in commercial life.

Submitted by Joann Ashcraft McGuire

Ashcraft Drug Store on opening day at present location.





## ASHLAND OIL COMPANY

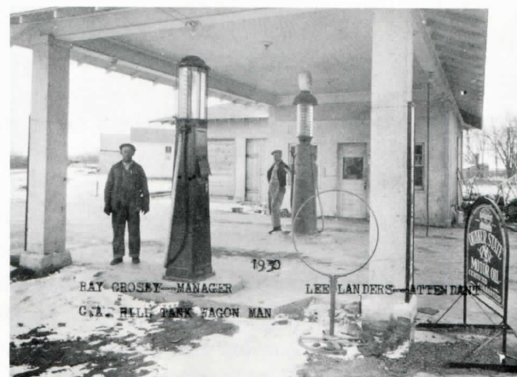
During the middle 1920's, a number of farmers in Clark County decided to organize and buy their own lubricating needs for their machinery by the carload. This was done under the encouragement of the Farm Bureau and was so successful that the organization of Ashland Oil was formed. In 1927, they purchased the property where they are now located. It was a small building having one 10 gallon visible pump. A bigger building was built and service facilities added and a manager was hired. Mr. Ray Crosby was hired as manager, Charley Hill was tank wagon man and Lee Landers was attendant.

The first electric operated gas pumps in Ashland were later added and the buildings improved until 1950, when the present building was opened, providing full service for cars, tractors, and other machinery used in this area. The first rubber tractor tires were sold at Ashland Oil.

Ashland Oil is presently managed by Jeff Podzemny. Shirley Brandenburg is the bookkeeper, Mike Millam is bulk truck driver, and Robert Lee Moore is the service attendant. Brian Steele is hired as part time service attendant.

Board members are: Kenneth Dome, President; Tom Bet-schart, Vice-President; Mike Harden, Secretary and Treasurer, and other board members are Larry Park and Gilbert Krier.

Submitted by Ray Crosby and Shirley Brandenburg



Ashland Oil Co., 1930



Ashland Oil Co., 1950

## ASHLAND AUTO SUPPLY

In 1963 Ray Crosby established an auto parts store on Highway 160 selling parts both retail and wholesale. He named his store Ashland Auto Supply. Ray's store was the second Big A store in Kansas with the Big A warehouse in Great Bend, Kansas. Now there are 60 Big A Stores in Kansas.

In 1966, Bill R. Anderson purchased the Ashland Auto Supply and moved the water well service from the country to Ashland to be part of the store. The store was then known as Ashland Auto Supply and Well Service.

Submitted by Elaine Anderson



Ashland Auto Supply

## ASHLAND SWIMMING POOL

Ashland's first swimming pool was built in 1916, south of Block 12 and east of Cedar Street. Michael and Nancy Lemmon built it. It was approximately 100 feet long and 35 feet wide. The office and dressing rooms were at the north end. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmon managed the pool until his death in 1922. A family by the name of Blaylock managed it a while, then the Earl Jarrell family leased it. In March of 1936, the Orville Dickey family leased it and managed it until Ashland built its first Municipal Pool in the park in 1947. All that remains of the old pool are memories in the minds of grandparents of today who were the children of that era.

Submitted by Orville Dickey



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Little girls count on their fingers, big girls count on their legs.

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## ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Clark County Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club were the fore-runners of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce. We know that it was in existence before 1923, but the earliest records in the Chamber of Commerce office date from a re-organization which took place from 1938 to 1940.

The purpose, as stated in the Constitution and By-laws, was "to promote a greater co-operation among the various sections and interests of Clark County and, by a united effort, endeavor to solve the problems and meet the needs of the various sections and interests and to promote the best interests and general welfare of the county and its citizens. This organization shall be non-political and non-sectional."

Officers in 1938 were: E.A. (Chet) Stevenson, president; Elmer Walker, vice-president; M.C. Nelson, secretary-treasurer.

Directors were: H.A. Morain, Appleton Township; Wes. Blazer, Brown Township; W.C. Ray, Center Township; John York, Cimarron Township; I.J. Klinger, Edwards Township; Hugh McIntyre, Englewood Township; J.C. Vallentine, Lexington Township; Lyle Mayfield, Liberty Township; Vernon McMinimy, Sitka Township; C.R. Smith, Vesta Township. A motion was made February 13, 1938 at the organizational meeting that the Constitution be amended to read, "The annual dues will be fifty cents rather than a dollar."

In 1940, the president was R.L. Crosby, vice-president was R.E. King, and secretary-treasurer was C.E. Zimmerman, with the board of directors the same as above.

Submitted by Stephen F. Stein

## THE CITIZENS STATE BANK

The first meeting for the organization of the Citizens State Bank was held January 26, 1906, in Englewood, Kansas, with the following present: C.D. Perry, W.P. Fulkerson, C.M. Sawyer, J.H. Clay, Cecil W. Newby, A.V. Smith and W. C. Smith. The Charter was granted February 8, 1906, and the bank opened for business.

W.A. Lonker purchased controlling interest in the bank in 1915. He served as Cashier and Director until 1930. At this time he was elected Vice-President and Managing Officer. In 1942, he was elected President and served in this office until his death in 1957.

The bank was located at 112 W. 8th in the building pictured. Plans were made in 1928 to build a new building at 722 Main. On December 1, 1929, the bank was moved to the new modern building, the same which it occupies today. In 1964, the interior of the building was extensively remodeled.

The following have served as presidents: C.D. Perry, 1906; W.P. Fulkerson, 1906-1910; R.N. Molyneux, 1910-1942; W.A. Lonker, 1942-1957; George E. Broadie, 1957-1981 and Mary Louise Broadie, 1981 to present.

Submitted by Mary Louise Broadie



The Citizens State Bank, 1906

## THE CLARK COUNTY CLIPPER



Clipper office, June 12, 1909

Like Ashland itself, the *Clark County Clipper* is also marking its Centennial year in 1984. The newspaper actually predates the establishment of the Ashland community, the first several issues being published in Clark City before Ashland was organized.

On September 25, 1884, two Clark County settlers, Marquis and Church, one a surveyor and the other a real estate agent, saw the need for a newspaper in a growing community and established the *Clark County Clipper* at Clark City. The paper sold for a nickle a copy, and the two owners, whose total investment in type, press and paper was about \$300, were major advertisers in their publication.

Commenting on the birth of the newspaper in 1884, the *Kansas Cowboy* printed an item as follows: "Marquis and Church have just started a paper at Clark City, Kansas, called the *Clark County Clipper*. The *Clipper* is a wide-awake, newsy paper, and promises to be a necessity and a success."



The first *Clipper* published in Ashland, when Clark City merged with the new town, was on November 6, 1884. Two weeks later Marquis went back to the land business full time and Church was the sole "proprietor."

Among the advertisements in an early *Clipper* was one for "Beard Elixir"--guaranteed to force luxurious mustaches, whiskers or hair on bald heads in 20-30 days. (The present *Clipper* publisher would find great benefit in such a product.)

There have been only 13 changes of editors during the 100 years the *Clipper* has served the residents of Clark County. Some of them didn't last too long, averaging about 3½ years each (one for only two months), until the late Walter Ray purchased the paper in 1921. One of the early editors who stayed longer than many others was H.C. Mayse, who published the newspaper from 1885 to 1917.

Walter Ray and later his son, Harold Ray, were in charge of the *Clipper* for 50 years of its existence, from 1921 to 1971. Ron and Lois Morrison became the owners in July of 1971. They have continued to publish the *Clipper* since that time along with the *Minneola Record*, the only other Clark County newspaper, which they acquired in 1973.



*Clipper* office photo taken in the late 1920's. Harold Ray, Walter Ray and Jim Dezell.

During the past 13 years, the Morrisons have updated the plant with new equipment and converted the newspaper printing process from letterpress to offset.

The major emphasis of the *Clark County Clipper* today is on local news and service to its readers and advertisers, a century-long tradition in which the owners and employees take great pride.

Submitted by Ron Morrison

#### CONCRETE MIX, INC.

Concrete Mix, Inc. came to Ashland March 1, 1980 to help build the new swimming pool. The plant has furnished concrete for new projects such as the new City Library, the new addition to the hospital and renovation of the county jail. Several new driveways have been poured. Work has also been done for the Shaw Feed Yard, Seacat Feed Yard and John Seacat's starting pens and veterinary clinic. Also several new buildings for various farmers in Clark and Comanche Counties.

Concrete Mix is owned by C. Lee Rainey, a former Ashland resident, now of Hutchinson, and managed in Ashland by Don Maris.

The plant is equipped with three trucks and plans to continue service for the community and surrounding area in the future.

Submitted by Don Maris



Concrete Mix, Inc. Plant, first day. Standing, Bill Steele, Don Maris on tractor.

#### CULVER CHEVROLET-OLDSMOBILE

The first Chevrolet garage in Ashland was Brown and Harvey owned by Virgil Brown and George Harvey who had their business in what is now the Hardesty House. They began this business sometime after 1918.

W.A. (Bill) Willard purchased the Chevrolet agency from Brown and Harvey and had an ad in the *Clark County Clipper* announcing the purchase on September 27, 1928. In March, 1929, he moved to the present location at 120 E. 8th Street. An article in the *Clark County Clipper* March 14, 1929 states "that a modern fire proof garage with adequate facilities for various departments of the business was recently built by Mr. Willard." The building measures 120 x 50 feet and is of brick. The display room measures 30 x 50 feet. Bill Willard continued in business until his death in 1950.

Wayne Smith, his son-in-law, continued the business as Willard Chevrolet. Wayne sold it to Elvin Graham, who operated as Graham Chevrolet and Oldsmobile and in turn sold the business to Ron Culver in 1967 and it is now known as Culver Chevrolet and Oldsmobile.



Present employees are Carl Abbott, Al Breit, Alan Nordyke and Don White.

Mrs. Willard died March 10, 1984 and the building is now owned by her daughter, Phyllis Smith.

Submitted by Al Breit



### DICKEY FLORAL

The floral and greenhouse business had a humble beginning in Ashland. Mrs. Mabel Wallingford built a small greenhouse using it as a hobby. This was in 1934. People kept wanting to buy flowers from her, so she expanded and went into the floral business in earnest. Mrs. Lucile A. Fisher, sister of Francis Arnold, who was born in Ashland, often came to visit her family and she and Mrs. Wallingford were good friends. Lucile was a successful florist in New York City so a trading of ideas took place. Mrs. Wallingford had her greenhouse and in the summer had a flower garden so she grew a big share of the flowers she used. Her work shop was in her basement. Mrs. Wallingford was also a registered nurse. When she had relatives whose health began to fail, she was called to nurse them and she had to neglect the floral business, so, in 1942, she sold her greenhouse and business to Orville and Myrtle Dickey.

The Dickeys moved the greenhouse to 1216 Cedar. Orville and Myrtle managed it until Myrtle died in December, 1962.



Dickey Greenhouse, c. 1980

Orville continued the business with the help of Mrs. Leola Butler Brown and Mrs. Carol Fairbank for the next 10 years. March 17, 1972, Orville Dickey and Lorraine Bassnett were married in the Baptist Indian Mission, Canton, Oklahoma. Since then, there has been a continual expansion of the Floral Shop.

Submitted by Orville Dickey

### DOUGIE'S CERAMICS

My beginnings in ceramics were many years ago in Liberal, Kansas. I was helped by Easter Seals by retraining and schooling



following several illnesses and strokes to begin my Home Bound Business in Ceramics. I was trained in Des Moines, Iowa. In 1980, we started my shop in our home and moved across the street in 1981, to the little building we are now in. Jack, my husband, does most of the pouring to make the greenware. We have classes for learning and have worked through Pride in Education and 4-H groups. People come from surrounding towns. We hope to do porcelain and doll making in the future.

If I find someone needing help to shake the shackles from the minds or daily routine and need something to occupy themselves, I am anxious to help, as I have been helped in my time. So many people have been kind and encouraging. We are proud of and enjoy our business.

Submitted by Eulela Douglas

### FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

Clark County Farm Bureau was chartered to offer insurance on July 4, 1919. Rollie McCall was the Farm Bureau agent in the county at that time. Later, Farm Bureau Insurance was incorporated (July 2, 1951), when Gay A. Hughs was the County Insurance Agent and insurance was offered to Farm Bureau members. Since then, there have been several agents come and go. The present agent is Cletus Mages, who came here as Farm Bureau Insurance Agent in 1975.

Submitted by Martha Hammock



Farm Bureau Office

### FELLERS HOME & AUTO SUPPLY

The following advertisement ran in the *Clark County Clipper* in February, 1946, telling of a new business at 112 West 8th:

**FIRESTONE**  
*Hello Folks!*

We Fellers would like to introduce ourselves. Not Mr. and Mrs., just Polly and Jack and boys, Bob and Tom. Now that we've met, may we introduce our outside salesman (Don Reed and his wife Lyndia.)

We like this community fine and hope it likes us as well.

Altho it may be sometime before we get a complete line of Firestone merchandise, we do have a few items for immediate sale. Among these items are both tractor tires, tubes, truck tires and tubes, several sets of dinnerware, car batteries, an outboard motor, and a few gallons of Prestone.

We'll get a few passenger car tires along, but in the



meantime, we're equipped to handle your re-cap needs.

Fellers Home & Auto Supply  
Phone 130 Ashland, Kansas

*THE HOME OF FIRESTONE*

The Fellers' family worked together supplying the needs of their customers during the post-war years. Many car and household items which were in short supply during World War II sold

quickly.

This business was closed out after three and one-half years, when the Fellers purchased the Ford Agency in 1949.

It is interesting to know that Freemond Peterson, of Protection, met the Fellers family at this business in 1947. He returned home and told his daughters, "I've met two boys who will make fine sons-in-law." His prediction came to pass in 1958 and 1961, when Bob and Tom married Patricia and Phyllis Peterson.

Submitted by Patricia A. Fellers

### FELLERS MOTOR COMPANY

Ford products have been sold at 812 Main in Ashland for seventy years. George McNickle started the Ford Agency in 1914, selling Model T's. He successfully continued in this business for 35 years.

Jack Fellers and Art Wurth purchased the business from Mr. McNickle in 1949. The new owners called the business Fellers Motor Company. The following men continued as employees: De Nelson Lynch, Pop McIntyre and Junior Wise.

Mr. Wurth soon sold his share of the business to Jack and Pauline Fellers. They continued making it a family affair. Pauline did the bookkeeping while sons Bob and Tom helped as they could. Pauline worked with Jack until her death in 1967. Robert Fellers joined his father in business on a full time basis in 1958.

The building was remodeled in the early 1960's to improve offices, show room, parts and shop areas. The purchase of the lots north to 8th Street provides a spacious car lot.



Melvin Kennedy and Bob Harmon were employed in the early 1960's and have been with the business some twenty years. Jack Fellers began a semi-retirement after thirty years in 1979.

Fellers Motor Company is now managed by Robert Fellers with help from his wife, Patricia, and sons, Jim, Steve and Paul.

Submitted by Patricia A. Fellers

### GAMBLES

The Gambles Store was first opened in Ashland by Floyd and Georgia Palmer in June of 1935. The Palmers ran the store in the building now occupied by Losson Pike's law office until 1953, when they moved to Main Street into a building formerly occupied by the Burton Cafe. In 1965, Cleo and Bessie Bliss purchased the Gamble business from the Palmers. Cleo and Bessie later purchased the Gamble Store in Coldwater and ran

both until they sold the Ashland business to Al and Theda Seidel in 1973. Dave and Myrna Heath and Al and Theda were in the store until 1980. In 1981, Al's Service-Gambles became Seidel-Heath Inc. DBA Gambles and is now owned and operated by Dave and Myrna Heath.

Submitted by Myrna Heath

### MEN'S CLOTHING STORES

So far as can be ascertained there was no such thing as a "Men's Clothing Store" in Ashland in its formative years. It is probable that such merchandise was available at "General Stores" or "Mercantiles." Women's apparel could be bought from several local millinery and dress making shops.

*The Ashland Journal* of May 20, 1887, mentions that there were four "Dry Goods-Clothing" stores located here, viz: E.S. Miner & Co., Brooks Bros., Berry Bros., and Dillon & Co. All were located on Main Street so far as can be determined.

In 1905, J.C. Smith rented his building on Lot 10, Block 32 (north side of present Milligan Drug) to Frank and Alvin Mull who established a men's clothing store. The business was continued by Frank until 1913 when B.T. Broadie acquired the stock. He remained at this location until 1933 when the building (along with others adjacent) was completely destroyed by the "fire." Immediately following the fire, Mr. Broadie bought new fixtures and moved one door north into a new building owned by J.W. Berryman (Lot 9). The stock was sold to F.J. Blum in



One of the western scenes surrounding inside walls of store, painted by Frank Brewer, 1965.

1936. Earl Haelsig assumed ownership on or around 1942 and sold it to Edwin and Alice Metzger in 1959. Wendell Haley took over in 1966 and was followed by Warren Branson of Coldwater, then Verle Akers who closed out the stock in the early part of 1974.

Submitted by Mike Humphreys



## GENE'S CLOTHING



Gene and Pat Sanders  
"Gene's Men's Store"

In 1974, the local men's clothing business was dissolved and the doors were closed, with all the inventory moved out. The Ashland Chamber of Commerce took an interest in getting a men's store re-opened on Ashland Main Street. Gene Sanders was president of the Chamber at that time and pursued the problem to no avail. He had worked as a local auto mechanic, but during the course of the search began to wonder if he might enjoy the clothing business. After contacting the local bank, he made the decision to go into the business himself. On December 2, 1974, after a very busy two months of buying merchandise, the store opened and has remained open for ten years as a fine men's wear business.

Submitted by Pat Sanders

## HARDESTY HOUSE HOTEL

In July, 1885, the Ashland Town Company sold lots 7 and 8, Block 39 in Original Ashland to Samuel H. Cummings, etux. Frank M. Arnold and C.W. Carson acquired Lot 7 in October 1886 from Cummings and Lot 8 in March, 1887 from Ethelbert Taylor.



Hardesty Hotel, Ashland, Kansas, September, 1981, *Clark County Clipper* photograph.

In June, 1909, Carson sold his interest to F.M. Arnold. In September, 1909, a brick building was erected with "party walls in conformity with agreements" on these lots. This agreement was between F.M. Arnold and E.O. Palmer and between F.M. Arnold and H.C. Mayse.

Bert and Katie Hodson purchased the property from F.M. Arnold in February, 1920. In November, 1927, the Hodsons announced plans to build a hotel and dining room (adding a brick second story). They sponsored a contest to name the hotel. Virgil Brown and George Harvey opened a garage on the premises at the time. "Hodson Hotel" was the winning name, and by April 1, fifteen of the rooms were open to the public. Katie Hodson died in March, 1946.

For many years a barber shop and shoe shine stand were in the south side. In February, 1949, Bert and Rose Hodson sold the hotel to James E. and Marie Cogley. In November, 1969, Marie (Cogley) Eskew and Glenn Eskew sold the property to Jack and Betty Hardesty of Ashland who are present owners with Jack's mother, Edith (Roberts) Hardesty, as manager in residence.

The hotel is listed in *Country Inns, Lodges and Historic Hotels of the Midwest and Rocky Mountain States*.

Submitted by Betty (Mrs. Jack) Hardesty

## HEATH'S LUNCH

In late summer, 1950, Gay Hughs called Carl and Pearl Heath and started the conversation with, "Do you want to buy a cheap cafe?" The answer was, "Yes, how cheap?"

The cafe was in the old Judge Price building, owned at that time by Frances Cossman and now by her daughter, Mary Eleanor Haydock.

After looking at it, the Heaths decided it really was "cheap," and needed cleaning and refurbishing in the worst way. So, it

was closed two months for clean up. The Heaths stayed at the Cogley Hotel (now Hardesty House) and their son, David, and granddaughter, Carle, stayed with A.H. and Adeline Callison (Addy is Pearl's sister).

Knotty Pine and cowboy wallpaper were applied to the walls. Maynard Brown ordered the wallpaper from a firm in Canada. He sold wallpaper as a sideline to his mortuary business. The stoves were taken apart and soaked for days in lye water. A water wash air conditioner was installed and new ceiling and floors were installed.

Carl talked with the customers while cooking anything they wanted, at any time of the day. Carrie Roberts always wanted a bacon and tomato sandwich which Carl delivered, saying, "Here you are, and I hope you choke." Pearl sold pie to more folks than wanted it, just for fun and profit. A line formed every Saturday night, as the place was small and the food tasty.

Submitted by Pearl Bunker Heath



Carl Heath



## HEATH'S GROCERY

In February, 1962, Carl and David Heath purchased the Urban Grocery on Main Street, Ashland, Kansas. Mr. Jake Urban had been in business for twenty years in Ashland, and before that, twenty years in Sitka, Kansas.

David was home from the United States Navy and attending Kansas University. Carl had cut meat and managed the market for both Fisher's IGA and Robert's Grocery.

Some of the personnel were Clemmie Dome, June Urban, Ruby Mahieu, Davey Osborn, and several other Osborn boys. Myrna Seidel Heath and Pearl Heath also helped out from time to time.

Submitted by Pearl Heath

cCc

Mules and men are alike in that they never make any headway while they are kicking.

cCc



Carl and David Heath

## HEATH'S HIGHWAY 160 CAFE

After traveling far and wide looking at cafes and talking with many cafe people, Paul and Florence Harden decided to build a cafe on Highway 160 in Ashland. Their son, Duane, was the contractor. Paul, the producer, and Florence planned the colors of Chinese red, soft green and natural wood. She chose a parquet ceiling and match-stick curtains.

The original idea was for Max McCormac to manage the cafe. As opening time came closer, Max backed out and Paul negotiated with Carl and Pearl Heath. The result was that Pearl managed and Carl and Max cooked, with good results. After a while Max got itchy feet and went to Oregon. There were several cooks and cook's helpers before Ed and Madge Callison came from Wichita. They ran the cafe for several years, leaving to take over the Callison Cafe in the West Bowl, Wichita, Kansas.

Pearl planted tulips and petunias around the cafe, and Carl put in cedar trees at the back. There was no trash accumulation or out door garbage in the yard; a weed didn't dare show itself. Visitors were always welcome to visit the spick and span kitchen, and the restrooms were always spotless. You could have breakfast for dinner if you desired and the waitresses wore white uniforms furnished by the cafe. Some of the personnel were: Au-



Pearl and Carl Heath, Florence and Paul Harden, Heath's 160 Highway Cafe, about 1953

drey Larrick, Eva Snead, Jean and Billie Gillespie, Peggy and Patty Vannaman, Kay Randall, Donna Spotts, Myrna Jarrell, Pat Nelson, Bill McCormac, Mary Robinson, Rita Mae and Carolyn Waugh, Butch Callison, David Heath, several Vandever girls and Wanda Ritter.

Submitted by Pearl Heath

## HELEN'S BEAUTY BAR AND YARN SHOP

On April 1, 1984, Helen's Beauty Bar will celebrate its 29th anniversary. It was built by the late Dennis Weikal as an addition on their home at 1023 South Main. It is owned and operated by Helen Weikal.

About 1967, Helen added her Yarn Shop, which she operates along with her beauty work. She keeps a supply of needlework supplies and this is the only shop of its kind in Ashland.

Submitted by Helen Weikal



Flowering crabapple tree, 1963



## HENSLEY MILLINERY COMPANY

Katherine A. Hensley and her twin brother, Andrew A., were born May 17, 1887, in Ashland. In 1904, Anna A. Hensley started the Hensley Millinery Co. with her sister, Elizabeth, as partner. A few years later, Elizabeth was married to Albert Muncy, and they moved to Miami, Texas, to make their home. At that time, "Katie" was made half owner with her sister, Anna. In 1916, Anna and Pete Yunker were married and Katie was in charge. Anna and Pete made their home in Bloom, Kansas.

The first telephone switch board was placed in the store and Katie was the operator. During World War II, Rev. Vance and Kate were appointed as a committee to care for the needy. Clothing, food, etc., were brought to the store and they would take it to where it was needed.



Katie Hensley



Katie Hensley and Grace Randall Smith in Chicago

Edna Foncannon, Effie Smith and Katie started the Ashland Cemetery Association. They bought trees for the cemetery. Katie would stay in the cemetery for hours on Decoration Day and ask people for a quarter donation to buy trees. One year

they decided they wanted to plant shade trees on both sides of the road going to the cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Vandever heard of their wants and donated small trees enough to do this. After Katie passed away, Edna and Effie never called another meeting. They had a small amount of money in the treasury and they gave half to the City and with the other half, they bought the "white cross" on the north side of the Catholic Cemetery in "Loving Memory of Katherine A. Hensley."

Dora Perry McFarland helped in the store for many years. She and Katie made many a beautiful hat for brides (Edna Cox, who is still living, was one of the brides they made a hat for) and any special occasion you might need a hat for. Hazel Welden, Ruth Clark Mull, Kathryn Vandever Hensley, Mary Kay Yunker Bailey, Barbara Ann and Eleanor Hensley were others who worked in the store.

Grace Randall Smith and Katie made a tour around the United States and attended the World's Fair in Chicago. They were gone a month. Kathryn Hensley and daughters took care of the store in her absence. Barbara and Eleanor enjoyed going to market with Katie in Kansas City, Mo., and Oklahoma City.

In 1925, Katie built the new building which she so enjoyed for 29 years until August 5, 1954, when she passed away. A few years later the building was sold to Don Milligan.

Katie loved the business life and each person who visited in the store or bought merchandise from her. She made her home with her brother, Paul, and wife, Kathryn, and family, which was a pleasure to all.

If anyone loved their parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives and friends, which were many, it was Katherine A. Hensley.

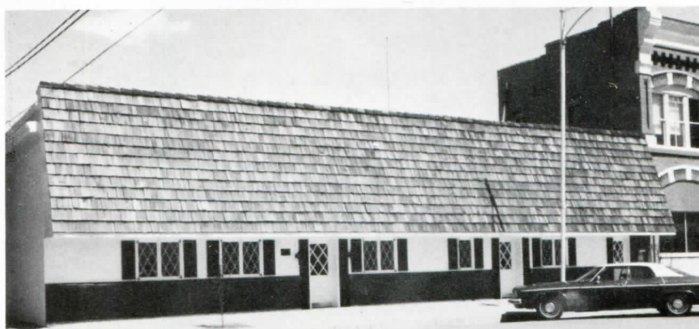
Submitted by Kathryn V. Hensley

## THE HOME LUMBER AND SUPPLY COMPANY

### General Office



Home Lumber General Office, 1955



Home Lumber General Office, 1980

In the May 11, 1905, issue of the *Clark County Clipper* the following news item was found on page 3: "A number of citizens in Ashland and the surrounding country met Saturday and organized the Home Lumber and Supply Company. Capital stock was \$10,000, divided into 1000 shares of \$10 each. Mr. J.W. Berryman was chosen President; B.D. Messing, Vice President; E.A. Shattuck, Treasurer and H.C. Mayse, Secretary . . . This is a good company and prospects for success are splendid." It's possible that skeptics of the day might have discounted such editorial optimism by pointing out that the editor of the newspaper was also secretary of the newly-formed corporation!

From the original yard at Ashland, the corporation has grown to include 18 yards: Protection, Coldwater, Meade, Plains, Dighton, Emporia, Eureka, Eldorado, Medicine Lodge, Anthony, Caldwell, Lyons, Sterling, Nickerson and Ellinwood, Kansas; Buffalo and Laverne, Oklahoma. While the number of yards has been multiplied by 18 the amount of capital has multiplied over 300 times.

Mr. Berryman was president from 1905-1940; T.R. Cauthers, 1940-1953; Jerome C. Berryman, 1953-1960; R.V. "Tex" Shrewder, 1960-1975 and F.M. "Mike" Humphreys has served since 1975. Besides Shrewder and Humphreys, the present Board of Directors consists of Mrs. James W. (Eloise) Berryman, Thomas Berryman, Scott Glen, Floyd "Bus" Couch, Hugh Stevenson and



Tom Fellers. Louise Cauthers Berryman, a director for 24 years, resigned this year.

While most of the employees in the office have been men, it would be an oversight to omit recognition of two women book-keepers, who by their skill and loyalty, have made significant contributions to the success of the company. Miss Essie Haver served from 1919 to 1953 and Mrs. Mary Preisner Urban has served since

1957.

The company is one of the largest lumber concerns in the state and has maintained its general offices here since its founding. Present employees in the office besides Humphreys, Couch and Urban include Paul M. Baker (since 1959), John Humphreys and Dawn Rolf Carter.

Submitted by Mike Humphreys

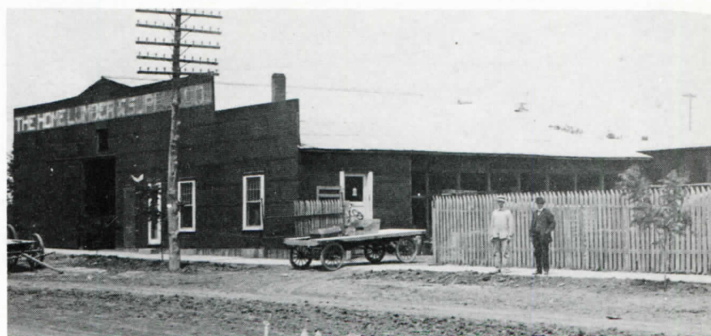
## THE HOME LUMBER AND SUPPLY COMPANY

### Yard

While we are one of the oldest businesses in Ashland, we are aware that several lumber yards had come and gone before us. The earliest lumber yard in Ashland was Bullen & Averill established in 1884. The site was the present location of the Ashland Cleaners (Lots 1-4, Blk. 34) on South Main. The *Clark County Clipper* reported that they received an average of 20 (wagon) loads of lumber per day. Not only was the yard bustling with unbelievable sales activity but it is reputed to be the site of the first hanging in town. The victim, an alleged assassin, was a cowboy by the name of Joe Mitchell. Mike Sughrue, the under-sheriff, was so outraged with this act of lawlessness that he threatened to resign. The Ashland townspeople regretted and repented; the cowboys stayed home on week-ends; Martin's Saloon (up by Clark City) closed forever and "Mike" reconsidered and stayed on as a premier law-enforcement official until his death in 1901.

Besides the Bullen-Averill yard there were at least eight other yards which had come and gone prior to the opening of the Home yard in 1905, viz; Weeks Bros., Chicago Lumber, Rock Island Lumber, Oertmeyer, A.C. Houston, J.H. Clay, Big Jo and Ashland Lumber.

The Home Lumber yard started business on May 5, 1905. The first manager was Mr. Addison Baker (later to serve as probate judge for the county for many years) who was hired for \$50 per month. Mr. Baker stayed only a few months as did his replacement, Mr. T.H. Temple. Next came "Long Charlie" Gilchrist who left in 1910. Loren M. "Jack" Johnson, a local boy, then took over the management duties and continued 36 years until his death in 1946. Following "Jack" came his son, Ted, then Charles Guyer, Don Walker, Paul Baker, Lee Snell and Bob Hoffman. Bryan Crick has been manager since 1981, assisted by Aaron Bates.



Original Home Lumber



Remodeled Home Lumber Yard

Original site of the yard was the northeast corner of the intersection of 9th and Highland. A short time later the yard was moved to its present location at 7th & Highland. A new building was built in 1929 and extensive interior remodeling was completed in 1979.

Submitted by Mike Humphreys

## HOWELL INSURANCE, INC.

Howell Insurance, Inc., an independent insurance agency, owned and operated by Don and Olga Howell originated in 1973 when the Howells purchased the expirations from the Matthews Agency owned by Dean and Helen Matthews. The agency is a multiple line insurance agency representing numerous property, casualty, life and health insurance companies. The trade area principally is in Clark County and surrounding counties. Don Howell has served a term as director on the state board of the Independent Insurance Agents of Kansas as well as serving on numerous committees for the association. Currently, he serves on the association conference committee and is the Kansas representative on the farm insurance committee of the Mid-America Conference.

Submitted by Don Howell





### JESS M. LINN CLOTHING AND SHOES



Inside of Linn's store in the 1920's.

In 1921, Jesse Linn purchased the R.N. Nunemacher men's store (1914-1921) west of the Stockgrowers National Bank (Lot 14, Block 32, now Howell's Insurance). Work clothes, dress suits, tailor-made suits, expertly measured by Jess (name he used), were sold here as well as ladies' hosiery and shoes.

On Saturday nights during wheat harvest, this store was open until 12:30 or 1:00 to accommodate farmers and ranchers who shopped and saw a western movie. Cowboys from the Harper-Campbell Ranch ordered expensive Justin boots and large Stetson hats made to their specifications.

The store closed in 1934.

Submitted by Iona Linn Coe

### McPHAIL INTERIORS

McPhail Interiors is new to Ashland Main Street but in name only. It is owned and operated by Dean and Verna McPhail. They are new to Main Street but have been in business since April 1, 1970. They started a small shop on Highway 160 and named it "McPhail Upholstery and Repair." April Fool's Day was their



grand opening day, a winter storm failed to dampen their hopes. The small business grew and in January, 1976, the shop was moved next door to a larger and remodeled building. Grand Opening Day! another snow storm but many ventured out to see the new shop and wish good luck for Dean and Verna.

September of 1982, Dean and Verna purchased Wesner's Furniture from Faye Wesner. It had been in operation thirty-seven years. After remodeling and a new store front the Grand Opening was held October 30, 1982 for McPhail Interiors. It was a beautiful fall day and many came to wish the new owners "Good Luck."

McPhail Interiors offers a full line of new furniture, bedding, wall and floor coverings, window treatments, in addition to their re-upholstery department. They hope to serve Ashland and the surrounding areas for many years to come.

Submitted by Verna McPhail

### MISHLER'S SERVICE CENTER

On May 15, 1964, Chester and Bonita Mishler purchased the plumbing inventory of Al's Service and began Mishler's Service



Center. They began the business by doing plumbing, heating and air conditioning sales and service. At first they were located in the same building with Al's Service until they could find an available building. About two months later they were able to rent the front part of the Becker building, now known as the school bus barn. In 1967, the Stacy Burns building located next door east became available for rent and they moved into it and continue to occupy those premises. The business has expanded to the extent that today they do electrical wiring, backhoe ditching, trenching, have appliances and TV sets available for sale. They specialize in service and employ four servicemen.

Submitted by Bonita Mishler

### PLANTLAND FLORAL & GIFTS



Plantland Floral and Gifts was established by Claudette and Tom Hensley and opened March 3, 1978, at 813 Main Street under the name Plantland. Originally the plan was for a small blooming and foliage plant shop, but there was a great demand for bedding plants, so a greenhouse was constructed behind the building to accommodate the "growing" business.

To meet increasing requests for a full service florist, Claudette took a course in floral design. At the same time, Tom was de-



veloping the wholesale bedding plant business.

In August, 1980, the present building at 715 Main, was purchased and the floral part of the business was moved and expanded to include a gift line; hence, the name became Plantland

Floral and Gifts, and the original branch Plantland Garden Center.

Submitted by Claudette Hensley

#### PLANTLAND GARDEN CENTER AND WHOLESALE GREENHOUSE

Plantland Garden Center and Wholesale Greenhouse is owned and operated by Tom and Claudette Hensley. When Plantland Floral moved to its present location at 715 Main Street, Plantland Garden Center remained at the original location at 815 Main Street. The wholesale growing business was expanded until it was apparent that there was not enough growing area to accommodate the demand; therefore, in the fall of 1982, construction was begun at 919 South Main on a greenhouse garden-center complex with approximately 10,000 square feet of growing area.

With every aspect of energy efficiency in mind, the large greenhouse was set into the ground five feet to minimize fuel usage, preserve moisture, give better wind protection, and for other ad-



vantages in cooling and lighting.

Building on the Garden Center was completed in the spring of 1984.

Submitted by Tom and Claudette Hensley

#### RED CLIFFE DAIRY

To support farming income, Paul and Estella Salyer started the Red Cliffe Dairy in 1935 and supplied milk to the CCC camp constructing Clark County State Lake Dam. They strived to keep from 40 to 42 heavy milking cows in production at all times. Army trucks picked up the milk and orange juice daily, but town customer delivery was available by way of a Model A Panel Wagon embellished by Ike Osborn's maternal grandad with "Red Cliffe Dairy." Approximately two years later, the dairy relinquished the CCC contract. About 1939 the dairy herd was disbursed with the condition that the Salyers purchase the milk from three of the farmer-purchasers and the dairy continued until about 1942. It was then that the dairy and all except three or four cows were sold. Milking and processing required many man hours of work (4:00 AM - 10:00 PM)! Cecil Rankin (first employee) was married and living in his own home. However, complete room and board were furnished Red Landers, Ike Osborn, Slim Black and John Osborn in the Salyer 5-room home. All of the activities of these six years (my age span covered 7 through 13) included additional farm employees, such as John Osborn (who became as close to me as any brother),



Paul with Sharon, Ivan and Tom

Bill Dome, and Raymond Bloxsom. Household help included Helen Martin of Protection and several other girls, Alice and Laura, whose last names I can no longer remember. It has been exciting to me to recall those years of very hard work and stress spiced with the adventure of youth.

Submitted by Tom Salyer, oldest child of Paul and Estella Salyer

#### RED HILLS MOTEL

The Red Hills Motel was built in 1957 by Gene Becker. It had a total of 8 rooms, an office and utility room. In 1958, a two bedroom apartment, an office, a large pantry, and two bedroom units were added to the motel.

John and Hazel Thomas purchased the motel in 1962.

Fred and Jimmie Allen bought the motel in 1979 and are present owner-operators. The Allens have 6 children, twin boys, Curtis and Kevin are juniors in the local school. Fred, Jr. and Billie Hall are living in Ashland, 2 older children are still in Oklahoma.

Ada Ballard and Melaine Foster are housekeepers at the motel.



The motel features central heating and cooling, cable-color T.V., and direct dial telephones, plenty of parking space for their guests.

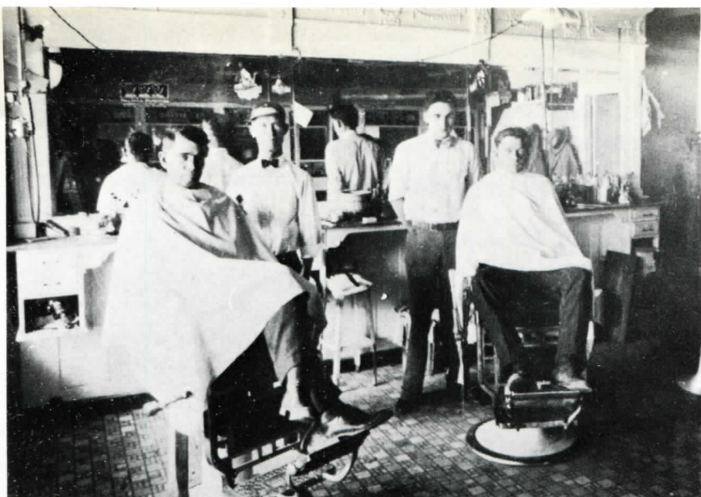
Submitted by Jimmie Allen

#### SCHWEITZER BARBER SHOP

I started barbering with Earl Boren in October, 1962, and worked with him until 1968, when I opened my own shop on

Highway 160. In 1976, I purchased Earl's shop downtown where I am still located.





Jerome Belt and Earl Boren, Belts Barber Shop, 1927

### HISTORY OF CURTIS S. SLATON, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (Management Service Bureau 1959-1973)

Dean E. Matthews and C.R. Lowry formed a partnership for the purpose of keeping records on a custom basis. The firm was known as Management Service Bureau and was managed by C.R. Lowry from an office in the Matthews Agency, 114 West Eighth Avenue.

During the fall of 1961, Mr. Lowry sold his interest in the business to Mr. Matthews. During the winter of 1961-62, Curtis S. Slaton was hired to manage the business for Dean Matthews.

In the fall of 1966, Mr. Matthews purchased the Latha Taylor laundry building at 112 West Eighth Avenue. The building was completely renovated by Jerome "Shorty" Marshall and Vernon

I've heard many interesting stories from Earl about former barbers, Jerome Belt, Clay Thomas, Theo Fox, Simmons, Sandburn and others. The biggest part of the business was giving shaves when barbers gave ten shaves for each haircut! A few women were customers for haircuts.

Times have changed and many men and boys go to beauty shops for haircuts. I have seen many changes in my twenty-two years of barbering . . . from short hair, to flat top, to long hair and now back to shorter styles.

I am now the only barber in Ashland, Protection and Coldwater. People tell me that at one time there were three barber shops in each town. The shops had two to three chairs.

I have enjoyed knowing the fine people in Ashland.

Submitted by Gerold Schweitzer

Webb. The Management Service Bureau office and equipment was moved into the new location during January of 1967.

Curtis S. Slaton continued to manage the business for Dean Matthews until October, 1973. At that time Curtis purchased the entire business from Mr. Matthews as he began to plan for retirement. Curtis still operates the business under the name of Curtis S. Slaton, P.A. in the Management Service Bureau building at 112 West Eighth Avenue. There is a full staff of five individuals in the business at this time.

Submitted by Curtis Slaton

### SMEE'S MOTOR COMPANY - SPORTSMAN SUPPLY COMPANY

Always being interested in mechanics, after finishing my eighth grade of schooling in 1931, I went to work for Larry Nossman in his garage. In 1933, I went to the C.C.C. on North Bluff Creek working in the garage. In 1936, I opened a car repair and paint shop back of the Weikal Standard Oil Station. George Mc-

Nickle, owner of the Ford Agency, hired me in early 1937, and I worked for him until World War II came along. In 1942, I joined the District Engineers Corps, went to Panama and worked in the garage.

After returning home, my wife and I started "Smee's Auto Repair" (1944) east of the old Forrest Smith Locker Plant. In 1955, Mr. P.G. Abell built us a new building at 822 So. Main, changing our name to "Smee's Motor Company." We were in the garage and implement business until 1966. At that time we disposed of the business by auction. Keeping the same building we operated Sportsman Supply Company, which we ran along with our garage business.

In 1976, we sold our sporting goods business and retired. My wife and I worked side by side most of a period of 45 years, that had lasted from 1931 to 1976, with Ashland and surrounding communities being very good to us.

Submitted by Bud Smee



Smee's Motor Company, Sportsman Supply Company, 1955 to 1976

### T.T. SMITH GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE

My father, T.T. Smith, came to Ashland in 1906 and took charge of the C.W. Carson Department Store. When that business changed hands, he and George Taylor bought the B.L. Stephens Store, located in the third building from the Clipper office, now known as The Big Blue. They operated this business for several years as Taylor and Smith.

He bought George Taylor's interest and continued the business as T.T. Smith General Merchandise Store, selling groceries and

dry goods. This business served a large trade area and many people came from Oklahoma to purchase supplies. He was a very generous man and extended credit knowing that some would not be able to pay. The store hours were long, many businesses stayed open until late at night, particularly on Saturday night.

My mother, Effie, worked in the store with him and was also the bookkeeper. In winter time people would gather around the old pot bellied stove and visit.



Cal Fox, another pioneer, worked for him many years. He did the delivering of merchandise to people twice a day, with a team and wagon and later a Model T.

In 1930, they disposed of the store.

Submitted by Mary Ellen Smith Dorsey

*Stein Dental Clinic story on Page 467.*

### DON SPOTTS LUMBER CO.

Don Spotts worked for the Panhandle Lumber Co. in Texas and New Mexico for three years. He moved to Wellington, Kansas, where he served as manager of the Amsden Lbr. Co. until May, 1947, when he returned to Ashland, his home town, to build the Don Spotts Lbr. Co. The rough work of the buildings was done by Don and a crew of workmen who came to Ashland looking for work. The interior finishing was done by local construction crews.

The yard was opened for business by Don and Ben Ellis. In 1951, Richard and Betty Arnsperger arrived. After several years involvement serving in the Kansas Legislature, Don and Carol sold the business to Rich and Betty in 1972.

Don Spotts Lumber, as it continues to be called, manages to survive with the support of many customers, friends and contractors. Among the people who have served on the payroll are Frank Haley, Bill Gibson, Tom Betschart, Renae Osborn, Mick Reynolds, Robert Bond, Debbie and Doug Inderlied, Joe and Jan Fast, and Jim Arnsperger. We are grateful to all who have



shared in helping to maintain and improve the Ashland and Clark County area community.

All this was made possible through financial aid originally granted by W.A. Lonker, the late president of the Citizens State Bank.

The company is located at 916 Main, the site of a former livery stable and creamery.

Submitted by Richard Arnsperger

### THE STOCKGROWERS STATE BANK

The Clark County Bank opened for business June 23, 1885, at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Main Street, as a private bank under the ownership of George Theis, Jr., with a paid-in capital of \$4,000. It was the first bank in the county.

In May of 1887, the First National Bank of Ashland was organized by James A. Blair, of Blair & Company, bankers of New York, and Oliver E. Ewart, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. An agreement was reached with Mr. Theis which resulted in a merger between the two banks. Mr. Theis became Cashier of the new First National Bank.

It soon became apparent that a new bank building was necessary because of rapid growth. A group of business men, including A.J. Kinnear, J.C. Smith, C.P. Woodbury, the Berry brothers and O.P. Cooper, combined with the bank owners to develop plans for a solid block of brick buildings, two and three stories high, to house an opera house, the city offices, a bank and other retail and office space. On May 19, 1887, the *Clark County Clipper* carried an announcement that a contract for the construction of the present bank building was awarded to W.A. Ritchie, Winfield. The building was designed to dominate the main intersection of the town. The bank building is a two-story Romanesque style structure of reddish-orange faced soft clay brick. A semi-circular pediment on the south bears the legend "A.J. Kinnear 1887" and another pediment over the corner entrance is inscribed with "First National Bank 1887." The architect was F.A. Weston of Colorado.

The new bank prospered until the drought of 1889, and was reorganized in April of 1891, as a state bank because capitalization had fallen below the allowable minimum for a national bank. George Theis was the principal stockholder and the name was changed to The Farmers and Stockgrowers Bank of Ashland. Mr. Theis operated the bank until 1899, when he sold it to C.Q. Chandler and J.W. Berryman. In 1900, the bank was rechartered



W.H. Stevenson, James W. Berryman and D.C. Rhodes



Stockgrowers State Bank, 1984



as The Stockgrowers National Bank and became a member of a chain operated by the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City. Mr. Berryman purchased the other interests and assumed complete control in 1907.

In 1933, the national charter was relinquished once more, and the bank was reorganized under a state charter and given the name which it bears today, The Stockgrowers State Bank.

The bank was under the direct management and ownership of J.W. Berryman from 1901 until his death in 1940. James W. Berryman succeeded his father as president in 1935 and retained the office until his death May 12, 1974. Thomas L. Brower was president until February, 1981, at which time John T. Fellers, present president, assumed the office.

Total assets have grown from \$4,480 on June 23, 1885 to \$28,529,000 on December 31, 1983. Deposits and loans have shown a corresponding increase. Officers are: John T. Fellers,

President; W. Frank York, Vice-president; G. Noel Park, Vice-president; N. Christine Blue, Cashier. Other employees are: Ellen Harrington, Carol Nicholson, Marva Ellis, Ruby Zuehlke, Virginia Betschart, Mary Pike and Wayne Nusz.

For 99 years the bank has continued to promote the growth and well-being of its customers and the community by providing financial services. Remodeling of the bank interior and exterior was done in 1958, and again in 1976. Continual effort has been made to maintain the historical significance of the bank building. It was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on April 26, 1972. Plans for a new building for the bank were announced in April of 1984, in the hope that a new structure could be completed in 1985, the Stockgrowers State Bank's centennial year.

Submitted by John T. Fellers

### CHARLES E. STROUSE - JEWELER

My wife and I and two boys, Bill and Monte, came to Ashland in June, 1936 for the Olson Drilling Company. In 1937, we finished the second oil well on the Morrison Ranch 15 miles northeast of Ashland. Work in the oil field shut down, so to help pay expenses, I set up a watch maker's bench in Fred Bloom's clothing store. In a few months our drilling started up and I went back to the oil field. In 1938, we were shut down so I set up my work bench with George Pike in the building just north of the Citizens Bank. While I was there I bought our home just north of the court house.

In 1940, we went to Michigan with the First Rotary Rig to drill in a Glacier Drift Cable Tools. Took one year to complete a 36 hundred foot well. We finished our first well in 20 days, from then on it was all rotary.



Charles in his store at work bench in Ashland, 1947

We came back to Kansas (1941) and worked here until 1945 when I left the oil field for good and opened a jewelry store in the Floyd Blakeley Building on South Main. I now own these buildings. In 1950, Mr. Humphreys asked me if I would drive a school bus. I did not think I could take that much time away from the store so he asked me if I would drive until he could get a driver to take my place. Twenty-four years later, with my wife's help in the store, I was still driving the bus.

I took up flying in 1945. Walter Ashcraft and I bought a plane and built the first aircraft hanger at the new Ashland Airport. Two years later, we sold the plane and hanger. Wilbur Harmon, George Pike, Bob Webb, Paul Fox and I formed the J3 Flying Club. We built the Rock Hanger which is still on the airport. We bought a J3 Cub Plane, 3 years later wrecked the Cub and bought an Air Coupe Plane. George Pike and I bought the other members in the club out. Ten years later we sold the plane and hanger ending the J3 Flying Club.

My wife died in 1975 and to keep myself occupied, I started building Grandfather Clocks and from 1978 to 1983 I made 51 clocks. I still have my jewelry store but am more or less retired. I am also Bus Supervisor for the School District. In 1978 the Ashland Golf Club built a new golf course and I spent about three years helping to get it ready to play on, now I spend a lot of time playing golf. In 48 years of living in Ashland, I've increased my family with another boy and girl and five English bulldogs.

Submitted by Charles E. Strouse

### J.M. VALLENTINE SLAUGHTER HOUSE

J.M. Vallentine owned and operated a slaughter house and feed yard in conjunction with the Meat Market. This business was located on both sides of Bluff Creek, east of Ashland (Block 50, Lots 6-16) toward the south end of the later location of the city park. The *Clipper* (March 5, 1908) reported that J.M. Vallentine's Slaughter House was thought to be the best equipped in southwest Kansas. Many livestock produced on the farm in Lexington, then operated by his son, Cloyd, were brought to the

Ashland slaughter house and meat market. The volume of business generated was large, and it required that livestock be purchased from many other farms and ranches in the Ashland vicinity for slaughter. When the equipment from the meat market and possibly parts of the slaughter house were sold in 1922, it required seven large trucks to move the facilities to Liberal.

Submitted by John Franklin Vallentine

### VALLENTINE & SON MEAT MARKET

Before coming to Clark County, Major operated a butcher shop in Emporia. During 1886-1902, he slaughtered livestock on

his farm in the Lexington community for family use, neighbors and local retail sales. In 1902, he purchased the J.H. Turvey



butcher shop in Ashland and re-opened as the City Meat Market.

This first meat market was located on the east side of Main Street south of the lot later housing the telephone office. Behind the building was an ice house dug into the ground and the residence house. An advertisement in the *Clipper* (Dec. 11, 1902 issue) announced the following: "dressed poultry on Saturday, fresh pork sausage, Tuesday, Mutton on Thursday, fish and oysters, Friday, also, salt and cured meats, fresh beef and home-made lard any time at the City Meat Market."

Major's second meat market was located in the brick building on the west side of Main Street which he bought in 1903. This building now houses the *Clipper* office. Here Major developed a complete meat market equipped with mechanical refrigeration and operated with his son, Guy, and later, his son, Roy, as J.M. Vallentine & Son. Behind the store building in 1906, was erected a cement stone ice house, from which residents of Ashland were furnished ice.



Vallentine & Son Meat Market

For several years, a Mexican restaurant was located in the basement of the meat market. He sold hamburgers for 5 cents, chili, 10 cents and hot tamales, 10 cents.

Major continued to operate the meat market until his retirement in 1918, and sold the building to the AF & AM Lodge the following year.

Submitted by Venna Vallentine

### VANNAMAN LIQUOR STORE

Vannaman Retail Liquor Store is located at 816 South Main, in the front section of the building which originally housed Vannaman Hardware.

The hardware was purchased from H.D. Foncannon in 1949 and operated as a retail hardware and appliance store until 1969, at which time the inventory was liquidated and the store closed. It remained closed until 1977 when the Vannaman Liquor Store was opened.

Submitted by Doris Vannaman

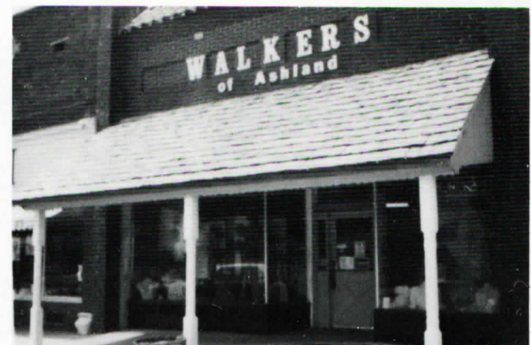


### WALKERS OF ASHLAND

J.C. Primm owned the Ladies Ready to Wear Store on Main Street in what is now Milligan's Drug Store. He sold the fixtures to Eula Leslie McCollister and Grace Ray Yeager in 1937. They rented the building. Mr. Primm had earlier disposed of the merchandise.

They moved their store in 1948 to the building that Ashcraft Drug Store had formerly been in.

Eula sold her partnership to Grace Yeager in 1948. Art and Addie Ganson purchased the merchandise from John Yeager in 1958 and sold merchandise and fixtures to Mada and Zearl Walker in 1977. In 1981, Joanna Ashcraft McGuire sold the building to the Walkers.



Submitted by Zearl and Mada Walker

### YOUNG CONSTRUCTION CO.

In 1965, Jerry traded a 1954 Oldsmobile car for a 1948 flat bed truck to start hauling dirt. In early 1966, Jerry and Kay Young bought Cleo Bliss' backhoe and trencher, and started their own business. In 1968, Jerry did some work for Troy Mahoney north of Ashland where there were oil wells. They needed a pumper at the time so Jerry started pumping their wells. We had our office in our home until 1976 when we moved it south of Schweitzer Barber Shop on Main Street. In April, 1979, we

bought Schweitzer Barber Shop on the highway and made an office.

In 1981, we bought the old Dairy Plaza and made a shop out of it because it was next door to the office.

In 1982, we incorporated the business. We do just oilfield work now and employ two pumpers and usually three roustabout men.

Submitted by Kay Young

### ZIMMERMAN HARDWARE

Chester Lee Zimmerman and family moved from a farm 6 miles northwest of Ashland into town in 1923, at which time he

took employment in the hardware store owned by Mr. Eyman Phebus. In 1928, he and his brother Arthur formed a partnership





Zimmerman Hardware, March 18, 1929

and purchased the store from Mr. Phebus and operated the store under the name of "Zimmerman Hardware." In the mid 1930's the partnership was dissolved. Arthur was a skilled music technician, specialized in the tuning and rebuilding of pianos. Chester continued to operate the store.

I remember in the dirty thirties, it was my job to dust and try to keep things clean-which was a total impossibility.

Dad would advertise in the *Clark County Clipper*, under the topic "Keg-O-Nails." He continued in business until 1948 and sold the store to Farris Brockman. This deal did not work out. In the early 1950's, he sold the store to Al Seidel and continued working in the store until 1973. After his retirement from active work he serviced and repaired small appliances at his home.

Submitted by Josephine Clark (daughter)

## Other Communities

### ACRES

Acres is located on the angle road midway between Ashland and Englewood.

The Swayze ranch was where Manning, Kansas was started on the Santa Fe railroad siding. About two years later the name was changed to Acres, when it was discovered that Kansas had another Manning. The Post Office was established in 1890.

Acres had a freight train to move cattle, grain, feed and coal, and a passenger train to carry people, groceries, and mail. Acres consisted of a depot, stockyard, blacksmith shop, hotel, lumber

yard, store, post office and two elevators as well as two houses.

The population in 1930 was around 30 people. The Clark County WPA built outdoor toilets at Acres and helped land-owners plant shelter belt trees.

David Lunsford was the last postmaster and depot agent, and he closed out the grocery store in Acres. He also managed one or both of the elevators.

Submitted by Raymond Lunsford

### ENGLEWOOD

In 1884 Colonel C.D. Perry founded and named this town after his home town, Englewood, Illinois. The first officers were N.E. Osborn, President; B.B. Bush, Secretary; and Grant Hatfield, Treasurer. The business houses were on Douglas Avenue, from Cattle King Hotel three blocks west on Main to Saint Elmo Hotel three blocks east. Residences were scattered from the north hills to the Five Mile Creek on the south and from the Frank Cox Ranch west to the R.V. Harden place east.

In 1907 Englewood moved south of Five Mile Creek. This change was due to a money making scheme and inability to secure good titles to the lots in Old Town. New Town consisted of three churches, school, doctors, lawyers, three hotels, refreshment parlors, pool halls, blacksmith shop, lumber yards, meat market, photographer, barber shop, newspaper, mercantile stores, hardware stores, jeweler, flour mill, concrete block factory, soft brick kiln, livery barns, feed yards, laundry, elevator and other industrial enterprises.

The present school house was finished in 1965. Business houses were almost depleted. The school and Methodist Church were transferred to Ashland in 1970. One hundred years later the town consists of two churches, two elevators, post office, filling station, beauty shop, tavern, swimming pool, produce company, port of entry, two social clubs, mechanic shop, fire department, and a cafe serving one hundred people, ten at a time. Mayor Robin Roberts and the city council members Barbara Lind, Bob Graves, Eugene Woodruff, R.V. Sutherland and John Butts are the present governing body.

Submitted by Mary Cox

### SITKA

Day Creek Valley east of Ashland was settled in 1884-1885 and named "Sitka" in January, 1886, by an early pioneer, R.B. Pratt, who felt the weather was much like his previous home, Sitka, Alaska. The first wood frame building was the Sitka House built in 1886.

The first rural school district in the county was formed at Sitka and the one-room building was opened March 1, 1886 with 16 pupils.

The C. K. & W. railroad tracks were laid through Sitka in 1887 and the town became a major supply point for the area from Oklahoma on the south to Lexington community on the north.

In 1906-1907 George Harvey bought the Sitka townsite and had it platted. Harvey and Wallingford offered 1019 lots for sale for \$25 each on March 30, 1909.

In 1914, a 2-room public school was built in east Sitka; the school district was reorganized in 1921 and Sitka became one of



the first consolidated school districts in the state. There were 79 students in grades 1-8 in 1924. The St. Mary's Catholic Church had a parochial school from 1921 until 1932.

The Methodist Church was built in 1912 and dedicated January 5, 1913. The St. Mary's Catholic Church was dedicated in 1917.

From 1915 through 1920 the town also had a depot, two livery barns, several grocery stores, two hotels, two lumber yards, a blacksmith shop, bank, restaurant, barbershop and drug store. The population of Sitka increased to over 200 people.

The railroad built through Buffalo, Oklahoma, in 1921, and improved automobile travel, combined with the effects of the Dirty Thirties helped to make Sitka no longer necessary. The school closed in 1949, the Methodist Church in 1953 and the Catholic Church in 1957. The bank merged with one in Ashland and other businesses closed one by one. The last passenger train made its run April 5, 1959, and the depot closed in 1961. The post office was officially closed May 22, 1964.

In 1984 remaining are 2 grain elevators, a restaurant in the school house, an oil field supply business, two abandoned churches and 4 houses.

Submitted by Eldora McMinimy

### THE SITKA HOUSE

The first two-story frame building in Sitka was built by Mr. Tinsman in 1884 (the lumber freighted from Dodge City). It was used as a hotel for travelers and cowboys who drove cattle to the



Sitka House built in 1884

Dodge City market over the Fort Supply-Fort Dodge Trail. Families who lived in it were Tinsman, Foster, Bob Edgar and Ed McCasland. After the death of McCasland in 1890 the house was vacant, open to any one who wished to stop over night or to live there. Then it became known as the "Haunted House" until Fred Kumberg bought it in 1912. It was discovered the footsteps one heard in the hall upstairs and the three steps down at four o'clock every morning and afternoon were caused by vibrations when the train passed over a certain place east of Sitka. We learned later that there are caves under Sitka because it is in a direct line between the Big Basin and the Salt Beds in Oklahoma. The Salt Beds were formed when the salt was washed out of the caverns under the Big Basin causing that ground to sink.

Submitted by Inez Kumberg



House moved from Clark City 1884. Moved to 220 West 9th about 1889. Owner: Charles Strouse since 1939.



Dr. Jones House George Theis built in 1888. Probable construction: Dr. Workman blocks. Dr. W.H. Jones bought in 1920, 825 Maple (now vacant).



Ashland House Hotel built in 1888. Lackey Hospital, 1920-1927. 116 West 7th.



Eisenhart built 1891, probable construction: Dr. Workman blocks. W.C. Smith bought 1907. 420 West 6th. (Blue Heron Woodworks)



## Families

### CLEON AND MARIAN ABBOTT

Cleon and Marian Abbott moved to Ashland as newlyweds, December, 1955, when Cleon started his present job, printer for *The Clark County Clipper*.

Cleon Gale Abbott was born June 6, 1930, Haviland, Kansas, to Carl and Laurina Olson Abbott. He has one brother. He attended the Greensburg schools and became interested in printing while working at *The Kiowa County Signal*. He attended KSTC (Pittsburg), studying printing. He enlisted (1951) in the USAF, serving four years in Mississippi and Germany.

Marian June Walters, daughter of Alvin and Adelaide Peterson Walters, was born June 14, 1929, Grant County, Kansas. She and her two brothers grew up on their parents' farm. She graduated from Grant County Rural High School, earned her degree in Personnel Administration at the University of Kansas (1950). She was employed by Kansas State University, Manhattan, as Home Demonstration Agent working in Morton, Stanton, and Kiowa counties. In Kiowa County she met Cleon. They were married November 26, 1955, at the Methodist Church, Ulysses.



Carl, Cleon, Marian and Gail, 1984

The Abbott's children are: Gail Denise, born May 23, 1960, attended Ashland schools, graduated from KU in Nursing, 1984; Carl Walters, born May 7, 1964, attended Ashland schools, studied auto mechanics at Pratt Community College. He is employed by Ron Culver Chevrolet-Olds.

A son, Steven Cleon, born November 14, 1965, died January 27, 1967, of sudden infant death syndrome.

The family is active in the United Methodist Church and the community. Marian is part time clerk at the post office and does bookkeeping at C. & N. Enterprises, Inc.

Submitted by Marian Abbott

### CHARLES EDWARD ABELL

Charles Edward Abell, known as "Ed", was born March 16, 1878, and passed away June 24, 1937 in Los Angeles, California.

He came to Clark County with his parents, F.M. and Alice Abell, brothers George and Pearl in September, 1898. The entire family was engaged in ranching around Ashland. Ed was known far and wide as an astute and knowledgeable judge of live-



Mrs. Francis Marion Abell  
and her son, Ed Abell



Left to right: Two Wilson children, Janice Wallingford Wilson, Edna Abell Wallingford, Frank Abell

stock. He was a friend of young and old.

Ed was married to Irene Myrtle Moore of Pomona, Kansas, daughter of an early day doctor of that area. They were the parents of Edna, Clarice and Frank. The family resided in Clark County until moving to California in the early 1930's, where his son Frank and granddaughter Janice Lee Wallingford Wilson and four great-grandchildren still reside.

Submitted by Juanita Pyle

### FRANCIS MARION ABELL

Francis Marion Abell was born October 29, 1851 and died March 18, 1922 at Wichita, Kansas. He married Alice Hulse Abell, who was born May 4, 1858 and died May 6, 1911. The Abell family ancestors originated from Seymour, Indiana. Mrs. Abell was an orphan, nothing is known of her family.



"The Hacienda" - Rock House, built in 1878, Abell Ranch Headquarters

They had three sons, C.E. Abell, George C. Abell and Pearl G. Abell. They lived around Belvidere, Kansas for a number of years on part of what is known as "the old Robbins Ranch." All took part in early ranch life, and were a part of the Commanche Cow Pool in 1897 near Medicine Lodge, Kansas. They moved to Quenemo, Osage County, to a farm in eastern Kansas for education for the three boys. Eastern Kansas was too confining, so the family sold their farm and moved to Clark County in September, 1898. The headquarters was located four or five miles northwest of Ashland beside the Fort Supply Trail, and was established by Henry Faris, a Texas cattleman in 1878, long before the organization of Clark County. Faris built the main ranch house which he called "The Hacienda," the corrals and barn all with native stone. These improvements were kept in perfect repair by the Abells, just as they were when finished in 1878. In 1914, Mr. Abell married Anna Helen Brooks, a former companion of Mrs. Alice Abell. She survived him.

Submitted by Juanita Pyle

### GEORGE CARL AND FLORA HERRON ABELL

George Carl Abell was born at Plainville, Rooks County, Kansas, March 14, 1882. He moved with his parents, Francis M.





Flora Abell, c. 1945



George, Pearl and Juanita,  
c. 1928

Abell and Emma Alice Abell, and brothers Charles and Pearl to Clark County, September, 1898. George passed away April 17, 1940 at Dodge City, Kansas.

Flora Juanita Herron was born in Quenemo, Osage County, Kansas, July 12, 1888, the daughter of Robert Isaiah Herron and Sarah Vaughn Herron. She passed away January 4, 1979.

Before moving to Clark County, the Abells lived in Quenemo where Flora Herron and George Abell received their early education. They were married June 5, 1911 in Kansas City, Kansas at the home of the bride's parents. They moved south of Minneola where they were engaged in ranching and farming and building and maintaining an attractive ranch homestead. Their daughter, Juanita Alice, was born February 28, 1923 at Kansas City, Missouri.

Submitted by Juanita A. Pyle

#### HERBERT AND EDNA ABELL

Edna Pearle Abell Wallingford, daughter of Myrtle and Ed Abell, was born December 8, 1902 and passed away December, 1982. She married Herbert M. Wallingford June 7, 1924. Herbert was the son of Lily and Mark Wallingford.



Herbert and Edna Abell, 1960

Edna and Herbert both graduated from Ashland High School in 1922. They were the parents of one daughter, Janice Lee Wallingford, who was born April 17, 1925. Janice Lee married Charles Wilson, a native Californian, and they were the parents of four children.

Submitted by Juanita Pyle

#### PEARL G. AND JENNIE TAYLOR ABELL

Pearl G. Abell, known as "P.G." or Pearl, was born November 23, 1883, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, the son of Francis M. and Emma Alice Hulse Abell. He came to Clark County with his parents and brothers Ed and George, September, 1898, where he lived until the time of his death June 9, 1974 in Ashland, Kansas.

Pearl was married to Jennie G. Taylor, November 15, 1916.



Edna A. Wallingford and  
P.G. Abell, c. 1960's.



Three Taylor sisters: Ann (Petersen), Daisy (Forman) and  
Jennie (Abell) with Ruth Forman

Jennie was the daughter of an early day Clark County physician, Dr. Whiteman Forman Taylor, and Ella Tabitha Taylor. She was born in 1885 and grew up in Ashland with her brother George and sisters Daisy and Ann. She passed away October, 1949.

The Abells lived in the original Abell ranch headquarter home for most of their married life. This home was located a few miles northwest of Ashland. They later built a brick home on West 8th St. in Ashland, where they were living when they died.

In the early 1930's, Pearl was a State Representative for two terms. He was a lifelong member of the Republican party.

Submitted by Juanita Pyle

#### CLARENCE AND KATHERINE ALDRIDGE

Clarence Edmund Aldridge was born on February 7, 1890 in a sod dugout on land homesteaded by his parents, Jasper and Eliza Aldridge, about 8 miles north of Sitka, Kansas. He grew to manhood in the Lexington community and married Katherine May Moores in March, 1911.

Katherine was born in eastern Commanche County in Mule Creek community. She came to Clark County as a country school teacher.

To this union four children were born: Vergil Leroy, January 9, 1913; Iva May on February 28, 1916; Marvin Cecil on November 22, 1919; and Raymond Edmund on January 1, 1926.

Clarence and Katie lived on the farm until retiring to live in Ashland in 1960. Clarence kept active and worked with starting the Pioneer Museum and was on its board of directors. He also worked, making displays and repairing equipment for the museum.

Katie died June, 1970 and Clarence, January, 1978. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery in Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Iva Osborne

#### JOHN FRANCIS ALDRIDGE

John Francis, the eldest son of Jasper and Eliza Aldridge, was born January 18, 1888. He attended the Rogers School in Lexington Township. He left home at the age of 18 to farm on his own farm (as his father gave him 80 acres) on which he built a dugout for his first home.

Jasper and Eliza gave each of their children a 320 acre farm when they got married. John married Zola Irene Claypool, November 29, 1912, then father Jasper gave him 240 acres more. All ten children of John and Zola's were born and reared on this farm and each child attended Sitka Grade School. Zola contracted pneumonia in the spring of 1929 and died on March 27, 1929 at St. Anthony's Hospital, Dodge City and was buried on March 30, 1929 in Highland Cemetery. John remained on the farm until June, 1952 at which time he retired and moved to Tucson, Arizona to live with eldest son, Francis. John died June 19, 1962 in Tucson, Arizona and was buried in Highland Cemetery beside his wife, Zola.

There were ten children from this union: Frances Monroe;



Opal Virginia; William Newton; Russell Argil; Ava Dean; Willard Henry; Catherine May; Ethel Pauline; James Alfred and Ivan Ray.  
Submitted by Bill Aldridge

#### RAYMOND E. AND PAULINE ALDRIDGE

Raymond E. and Pauline Aldridge were both born, raised and educated at Ashland, Kansas, and since 1947 have lived and farmed in Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas.

Raymond, the youngest son of Clarence E. and Katherine Aldridge, was born January 1, 1926 and grew to manhood on their farm northwest of Sitka, Kansas. He served in the military in the Korean War and in 1953 married Pauline Zimmerman Aldridge. After his discharge from the Air Force, he and Pauline and her four sons have farmed near the Colorado-Kansas State line in Cheyenne County, Colorado and Wallace County, Kansas, and now with the two older sons, operate Aldridge Farms Inc., and the Triple A Feeders feedlot.

Pauline was the older daughter of Chester L. and Leeanna Zimmerman and graduated from Ashland High School in 1934. In 1936, she married a classmate, Virgil Aldridge, the oldest son of Clarence E. and Katherine Aldridge. Four sons, Richard, Donald, Robert and Jerry, were born to this union. In 1947, Virgil, Pauline and boys moved to Eastern Colorado and owned and operated a farm in Kiowa County, Colorado. Virgil died in 1949.



Raymond Aldridge family

After Raymond and Pauline were married, they continued to live in Eastern Colorado. They sold the land in Kiowa County and since 1955 have lived at their present location in Eastern Cheyenne County. In 1957, a daughter, Paula Rae, was born.

At this writing all five children are married and there are fifteen grandchildren.

The family is active in church, school and community affairs.

Submitted by Pauline Aldridge

#### JASPER NEWTON ALDRIDGE

Jasper Newton Aldridge, son of Hiram Aldridge of Ohio and Sarah Fogle of Indiana, was born November 9, 1858 on a farm near Franklin, Clinton County, Indiana. He came to Clark County, May 21, 1885 and filed a claim. His first home was in a dugout on the present farmstead location. Newt, as he was called later, filed for a total of 306.2 acres.

Apparently, the Daniel D. Babione family arrived near the same time as the Newt Aldridge family, because he and Eliza Jane Babione were married March 8, 1887 which was only one year and ten months after Newt filed his claim.

The Daniel Babiones filed on a claim which is known as the Babione Springs and never known to go dry.

Jasper Newton hauled freight from Kinsley into Indian Terri-



John, Florence, Grandma and Grandpa Aldridge, Walter, Clarence, Katie - 1912

tory for several years and traded with the Indians and acquired several quarters of land during this time.

My grandmother, Eliza Jane, also filed a claim. Newt died on May 24, 1924, at which time he owned 2,000 acres in Lexington Township and 640 acres in Sitka Township. He owned three large dwellings with large horse barns in the City of Ashland. He owned an irrigated tract in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and several lots in Wichita. We lost the land in the valley during the depression of the 1930's due to delinquent taxes and irrigated water rights. I have my grandmother's, Eliza Jane's, family Bible and personal records as far back as when they came to Kansas. Eliza Jane died on August 20, 1954 at the age of 87 and is buried at Highland Cemetery.

Newt and Eliza had five children, all born at the farmstead, all buried in Highland Cemetery. They were: John Francis, Clarence Edward, George Franklin; Walter Irvin and Florence Edna.

Submitted by Bill Aldridge

#### WILLIAM N. ALDRIDGE

William Newton, born April 30, 1917, attended Sitka Grade School, graduating in May, 1932. I then went to live with my aunt and uncle, Florence E. and Clifford C. Brittenham. As the depression was in full tilt, I didn't go to school that fall. Then in 1933, I started to Ashland High School, graduating in 1937. I worked for two years and then attended Fort Hays State College in the fall of 1939. After five semesters of college, war was declared and I left college and moved to Wichita. I married Dorothy Lee Robertson in Wichita August 31, 1941 and worked for Boeing until 1942. I then joined the U.S. Navy Air Corps and went to Hutchinson Naval Air Station for assignment. Duty was in the South Pacific. I was discharged October 18, 1945 as Aviation Metalsmith, Second Class.

I lived in Wichita from October 18, 1945 until April 15, 1950. I owned my own automobile business, "Aldridge Motor Company." In 1950, we moved to Ashland to do farming and ranching. By 1960, I had put together the Aldridge farms and ranches and other land totaling over 3,300 acres. We still have the ranch and it is operated by our youngest son, Gary Lee.

We have three children. Richard William, the eldest, is an electrical engineer with Gulf Oil Company, Houston, Texas. Glenda Sue married Chandler Berryman and lives in Ashland. Gary Lee lives in Ashland and operates the Aldridge Ranch Enterprises.

I am now retired and live near Dodge City.

Submitted by Bill Aldridge



Bill and Dorothy Aldridge, 1941



on a tour with the university choir.

Keith and Kathy were married in 1963 and moved to Boulder, Colorado, where Keith taught vocal music and received a masters degree in music education. Kathy received a bachelors degree in interior design at Colorado University. In 1966 they moved to Lubbock, Texas where they lived for eight years.

When the Allens moved to Ashland in 1974 their children were: Mary, age nine, Gail, age seven and James, age three. At the present time Mary is a student in the music school at Wichita State University, Gail is a senior at Ashland High School and James is in the eighth grade.

Submitted by Kathy Allen

#### JENISON (KLINGER) AND RONALD ALLRED

Katherine Jenison, daughter of Dwight David and Catherine Cauthers Klinger, was born August 17, 1947 in Ashland. She is named for her mother and her paternal grandfather on whose birthday she was born. She attended the Ashland schools. Jenison studied at the University of Madrid in Madrid, Spain her junior year and one semester at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico. She received a BA in Spanish and a MA in secondary education with emphasis in library science from the University of New Mexico. She has taught Spanish and English in the Albuquerque Public Schools for six years. She is currently employed as an administrative assistant by the School of Medicine, University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ronald Edward, son of James and Charlene McCarter Allred, was born October 3, 1946 in Roswell, New Mexico. He attended the Albuquerque Public Schools and received a BS in chemistry and a MS in nuclear engineering from the University of New Mexico. In 1983, he earned a Doctor of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ron is employed by Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque.



Jenison and Ronald Allred  
Catron and Clayton, 1979

Jenison and Ron were married in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque on May 1, 1971. They are the parents of Catron Jenison (born December 30, 1976) and Clayton Crawford (born July 14, 1978). Both children were born in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Submitted by Katherine Jenison Klinger Allred

#### ALICE BREIT ANDERSON

I came to Clark County from Ellis County with my parents, Frank and Anna Wasinger, the summer of 1916. We lived on a farm three miles north of Sitka and went to school in Sitka. One of our jobs after school was to find cow chips for fuel. On Friday, October 13, 1921, a bridle came off one of the horses and they ran away turning over the wagon. Everyone was hurt except me. Mother had a broken collarbone, Katie a broken ankle, Bill, a broken leg, and Agidia skinned her nose. Dr. Ramey and Ben

Towner from Protection came over and turned our home into an emergency room. Three weeks later Bill fell and broke his leg again and we had to take him to the hospital in Ashland where Dr. Burket did his first bone graft. He did an excellent job.



Alice Anderson

I married Joe Breit in September, 1933 and later we lived in Sitka with my mother after my father passed away in November, 1938. My mother died in September, 1955 and Joe died in 1959. He was a mechanic. I then moved to Ashland and worked at the Ashcraft Drug beginning March 1, 1955 and later worked for Don Milligan until 1976. At that time I married Albert Anderson and moved to Laverne, Oklahoma. When he retired from Sun Oil in 1978 we moved to El Dorado, Kansas. He passed away June, 1982.

Submitted by Alice Anderson

#### BILL R. ANDERSON FAMILY

Bill R. Anderson was born July 14, 1920 in Howard, Kansas to James R. Anderson and Fern L. Forsyth Anderson. Bill attended grade school and high school in Howard, Kansas. After graduation from high school, he attended sheet metal school in Wichita, Kansas. In 1942, Bill enlisted in civilian pilots training and after graduating, he joined the 86th Division as a Liaison Pilot. He served in both the European theater and the Pacific. He was honorably discharged in May, 1946.

Elaine Hartsook was born December 31, 1920 in Ashland, Kansas to Edward E. Hartsook and Bell Dyer Hartsook. Elaine attended country school in the first through seventh grades and the eighth grade through high school in Ashland, Kansas. Elaine graduated in 1943 in Vocational Home Economics from Kansas State University. She taught one year in Spearville, Kansas.

Bill and Elaine were married September 14, 1942 in El Dorado, Kansas. They have two daughters, M.J. "Marty" Graves, born June 27, 1945, wife of James R. Graves, and Ruth E. Hughs, born May 14, 1947, wife of Tim W. Hughs, and three grandchildren.

After Bill was discharged from service, they farmed southeast of Ashland, on the Jesse Dyer farm and the home place. In the middle 1950's, Bill established a water well service which drilled water wells, repaired windmills, installed electric pumps and windmills. In 1966, they purchased the Ashland Auto Supply, a Big A. Auto Parts store from Ray Crosby; they also continued to farm and ranch. Bill is a member of AF&AM and the VFW. Elaine is a member of the O.E.S. and VFW Auxiliary. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church and have been active in many county and civic projects.

Submitted by Elaine Anderson

#### DONALD D. AND HELEN HOWELL ANDERSON FAMILY

Don and Helen Anderson have lived in Amarillo, Texas for the past 17 years where Don is an independent geologist.

Don was born in Cimarron, Kansas, January 8, 1927 to Pearl and Art Anderson. He has one sister, Bonnie. In 1939, the Andersons moved to Ashland and lived there until 1948. Don



#### DON AND ELAINE (BOWLING) ALEXANDER

Elaine, the sixth child of Iva and Ben Bowling, was born May 9, 1934, in Ashland. She attended all 12 years of school in Ashland, graduating in 1952. Following graduation from high school, Elaine attended Newman Hospital School of Nursing in Emporia and graduated in 1955 as a registered nurse. She has continued to practice nursing in various positions: intensive care and school of nursing instructor in Emporia, intensive care work in Wichita, and public health and school nursing in Parsons, Kansas.

On July 3, 1954, Elaine and Donald L. Alexander of Cherryvale, Kansas were married in the Ashland Methodist Church.

Following Don's graduation from Wichita State in January, 1961, with a degree in mechanical engineering, the family moved to Parsons, Kansas, where they now reside. Don is employed as Plant Superintendent of KG&E's Neosho Station and Elaine works for the Parsons District Schools.

Four sons were born to the Alexanders. Mark, December 7, 1955 and Trent, February 20, 1958, were both born in Emporia, Kansas. Darrell, September 8, 1961 and Todd, July 10, 1966 were born in Parsons, Kansas. All the boys are graduates of Parsons High School. Mark and Darrell graduated from Pittsburg State University and Trent from Kansas State. Trent married Pamela Miller of Parsons on October 2, 1976. They have two children, Drew, 4 and Vanessa, 2, and they live in Ft. Worth, Texas, where Trent is employed by General Dynamics as an electrical engineer. Darrell married Sandra Boggess of Overland Park, Kansas on February 11, 1984. They reside in Overland Park, Kansas. Darrell is employed by Towncraft Wood Products as a designer. Mark is currently living in Parsons and Todd will attend Labette Community College in 1984.

Submitted by Elaine (Bowling) Alexander

#### FRANK ALLISON FAMILY

The picture of the family was made at Pike's Studio on a Sunday afternoon, August 18, 1918 a few days prior to Edwin's departure for military service at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. Just two months later Edwin died of pneumonia and influenza and his body was returned home for burial. This was at the time of the influenza epidemic. An outdoor service was held on the broad front porch of the W.H. Swayze residence at the north end of Main Street.

Frank Allison and Barbara Belle Swayze were married in 1892 at Fisher, Illinois. They lived in Illinois for several years where four sons were born: Edwin, Leslie, John, Ralph. Later they moved to Iowa where five children were born: Edna, Lulu, Clara (deceased at two months), and twins Dorothy and Donald.

March, 1909, the family traveled by train to Ashland to the William and Mary Swayze home. The Swayzes had come to Ashland in 1907. They were accompanied by four of their nine chil-

Back row: Lulu, John, Ralph, Leslie, Edwin and Edna.

Front row: Donald, Frank Allison, Ray, Barbara Allison, Dorothy.



dren: Clara, Ada, Alma and Roy.

A few months later, the Allisons moved to the Swayze Ranch in the Acres community where Ray was born. The family moved into Ashland in 1912. All of the children attended the Ashland schools and eight graduated from high school. The family were members of the Christian Church.

This family was a close-knit family; rich in love and respect for one another. The Arthur and Clark Zimmerman families, Roy Swayze family and the B.W. Allison and Guy McConnell families of Dodge City shared in this fellowship.

Submitted by Dorothy Allison Anderson

#### GAYLORD AND CATHERINE ALLEN

Gaylord and Catherine Allen moved to Clark County in November, 1947, where they worked for the Theis Ranch. Later, Gaylord leased the Proffitt Ranch and went into the cattle business until 1979 when he retired.



Catherine and Gaylord Allen, 1984

Gaylord Turner Allen was born May 27, 1920 in Lyon County, west of Olpe, Kansas, the youngest of six children to Henry and Lottie Dilts Allen.

Catherine Victoria Allen was born at Americus, Kansas, the oldest of three girls to Edgar and Franc Wright Tomlinson. She attended the Americus schools and Emporia State University where she was graduated in 1934 with a major in Library Science. She taught schools in Lyon and Meade counties and Englewood. She was elementary school librarian when she retired in 1975.

Submitted by Catherine Allen

#### KEITH ALLEN FAMILY

Keith and Kathy Allen have lived in Ashland with their three children since July of 1974. At that time Keith took a position as vocal music instructor in the Ashland public schools. This was a return to her "roots" for Kathy, who had graduated from Ashland High School thirteen years earlier.

Keith was born in Altus, Oklahoma to Floyd and Sue Allen. He has one sister. Keith graduated from Altus High School and attended the University of Oklahoma where he received a bachelor degree in music education.

Kathy was born in Ashland to Victor and Edythe Harmon and grew up on their farm which is located on the Oklahoma-Kansas line south of Ashland. She has one sister, Sara Jo Davis. She also attended Oklahoma University where she studied interior design. It was at O.U. that Keith and Kathy met while they were



Keith, Kathy, Mary, Gail and James



graduated from Ashland High School in 1944. After spending a few months roughnecking in the oilfields, he joined the Navy and was stationed a brief time on the island Guam. Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he attended Oklahoma A & M Tech for 2 years. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1950. Don was employed by Phillips Petroleum Co. for 17 years and Mesa Petroleum for 7 years before becoming self-employed. His hobbies are golf, fishing and hunting.

Helen was born in Ashland on March 9, 1929, the third child of Nellie and Virgil Howell. She graduated with the AHS class of 1947 and from Kansas State University in 1951 with a Home Economics degree specializing in Clothing Retailing. Among her hobbies are golf and "antiquing."



The Anderson family. Helen, Greg, Don, Kim and Chris, 1984

Don and Helen were married on April 7, 1950. They have lived in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Wichita Falls, Texas; Abilene, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have three children: Chris, a biologist, living in Arlington, Texas; Greg, an engineering student of Texas A & M University, and Kim, who is studying communications at the University of Texas.

Submitted by Helen Anderson

#### DAVID ARNOLD

David Russell Arnold, born June 28, 1961, in Ashland, Kansas to Philip H., born February 20, 1933, and Helen Mae Gardiner Arnold, born April 10, 1933, of Ashland, Kansas, married July 16, 1983 to Constance Herl, born March 4, 1960 to Gerald D. and Henrietta Herl of Tribune, Kansas.



Connie and David Arnold, 1983

David attended both grade school and high school in Ashland and went to Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, where he received a bachelor's degree in animal science in May of 1983.

Connie was born in Tribune, Kansas, where she attended both Greeley County Grade and High School. She also went to Kansas State University and received a bachelor's degree in animal science graduating in December of 1982.

After their marriage, David and Connie moved into the headquarters house on the Arnold Ranch ten miles south of Ashland.

Submitted by David Arnold

#### FRANCIS HAMMOND AND MARY (DAKIN) ARNOLD PEARL (REYNOLDS DEGNAN) ARNOLD

Francis Hammond, son of Frank M. and Ifie (Espey) Arnold,

was born in Ashland, August 13, 1895. He moved with his family to Emporia while in high school, attended the University of Kansas where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi. He married Mary Dakin, January 28, 1919, daughter of G.O. and Carrie (Fairclo) Dakin. Mary, born August 18, 1894 at Arkansas City, came to Ashland in 1898. She graduated from Kansas State, Phi Kappa Phi (scholastic honorary), Royal Purple beauty queen, debater and home economics major. She taught high school physics and home economics in Ashland until her marriage.



Francis H. Arnold, 1917



Mary (Dakin) Arnold, 1918

The young couple lived on the Arnold Ranch, where Doris (1921) and Frank Dakin (1922) were born, moved to Emporia in 1923, where Carrie May (1924) and Philip Hamilton (1933) were born. Francis was associated with his father in the Commercial National Bank and Trust Co., as president at the time it was sold to the Citizens National Bank of Emporia, and liquidated (1943). While living in Emporia, Francis was active in business and community affairs. He was appointed by the Governor to the Kansas Merit System Council, was President of the Kansas Livestock Association (1940), Trustee of the College of Emporia.

In 1943, Francis purchased the Arnold Ranch from his father, Frank M., who had "put it together" in 1893. Mary and Francis always considered Ashland "home" during the years in Emporia, and retired to the country they loved. She was active in P.E.O., Ashland Study Club, DAR, always a student and scholar. Francis devoted many hours to fund-raising for the Pioneer Museum during its construction. Mary died January 31, 1966.

Francis and Pearl Reynolds Degnan were married May 1, 1971. She was born January 18, 1901, in LeClede County, Missouri, daughter of Joshua and Matilda (Cockrum) Reynolds, and widow of Frederick William Degnan. Pearl attended Pittsburg College where she was president of Pi Delta Theta sorority. Francis died March 18, 1983.

Submitted by Carrie Humphreys

#### FRANK M. AND IFIE MAY (ESPEY) ARNOLD

Frank M., son of Alexander Taylor and Sirilda (Thompson) Arnold, was born in Lee County, Virginia, May 4, 1859, and came to Ashland from Anthony in December of 1884. With C.W. Carson, he formed a loan and insurance partnership.



Frank M. Arnold, 1888



Ifie May Espey Arnold and daughter, Lucile

"The years 1884-1886 saw a stream of settlers come to Clark County," he wrote, "until practically all the Government land





c. 1910 - Frank M. Arnold in front of house he built on corner of 9th and Maple.

was taken (160 acres per man). Then came the drouth years, nothing raised, no possible means of livelihood. Most of the settlers left, leaving their land for mortgage companies and tax titles. Great portions of this were bought up by cattlemen at very reduced prices." A *Clipper* headline, June 21, 1888: "Arnold & Carson Have \$100,000 to Loan on Clark Co. Land, Also a Large List of Choice Farms, City Lots and Stock Ranches to Sell, at a bargain . . ."

Frank became a rancher in 1893, when he established the "Arnold Ranch" which is managed today by his grandson, Philip Arnold.

Frank and Ifie May Espey (born February 17, 1870, in Bushnell, Illinois) were married June 17, 1888, at the home of her father, George W. Espey, Ashland druggist. She was a graduate of the Pattersonville Educational Institute of Hull, Iowa in 1887. In 1904, the Arnolds moved to Nevada, Missouri, returning to Ashland in 1906 at which time they built the house on the southwest corner of 8th & Maple. In 1913, Frank, Ifie and children, Lucile, Francis, Marion and Iras, moved to Emporia, where he chartered the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. He served as president and was Chairman of the Board during its sale and liquidation in 1943. He was president and a charter member of the Kansas Livestock Association. Ifie was a charter member of the Ashland Study Club.

Ifie died in 1945, and Frank in 1949. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Carrie Humphreys

#### JAMES Q. AND CECILIA L. ARNOLD

James Quintin and Cecilia Lopez Arnold moved to Ashland in May of 1982 from Naperville, Illinois. While in Naperville, Jim was a computer scientist at Bell Telephone Laboratories, and Cecilia was a professional tennis player (playing the European circuit). They started Arnold Computing in Ashland, June of 1982.

They met at the University of Kansas. Cecilia has a B.A. in computer science and Jim has a B.S. and M.S., also in computer science. Cecilia played Number 1 on the KU tennis team from 1975-77. She and Astrid Daksa from Sweden (her doubles partner) were the first women to receive athletic/scholarships at KU.

Cecilia's numerous achievements include Mexico's Number 1 national ranking in tennis, victories on the European Grand Prix tennis circuit, and many miscellaneous tennis tournament championships. Jim was a National Merit Scholar in high school, at KU he was a Summerfield Scholar, graduated with Highest Distinction, and held a Graduate Honors Fellowship from the

Graduate School.

Jim is an Ashland native, the son of Philip H. and Helen M. Arnold. Cecilia is from Mexico City, the daughter of Ruben and Refugio Lopez. Jim's siblings are Jerry, Vicki, and David. Cecilia's family includes one sister and four brothers: Arlette, Jose Carlos, Roderico, Ruben and Alberto.



Jim with Erin, Jessica and Cecilia

Jim and Cecilia have two daughters. Jessica Lopez was born on September 28, 1981 in Naperville, Illinois. Erin Cecilia was born on January 15, 1984 in Coldwater, Kansas.

Submitted by Jim and Cecilia Arnold

#### JERRY AND JUDY ARNOLD

Jerry Wayne Arnold was born February 20, 1957 in Anchorage, Alaska, the second of four children of Philip and Helen Arnold. Jerry grew up on the Arnold family ranch south of Ashland and attended the Ashland schools from which he graduated in 1975. He attended Kansas State University, graduating in 1979. While at Kansas State, he became very active in competitive rowing, competing for the Kansas State Crew, coaching the men's novice crew and also spending two summers in Philadelphia rowing for the Undine Barge Club. After graduation, he returned to Ashland and went into ranching with his father.

Judith Anne Collinge Arnold was born November 19, 1958 in Emporia, Kansas to Irwin and Lola Jane Collinge. She was the fourth child in a family of five. Judy attended school in Emporia and graduated from Emporia High School in 1976. She attended Kansas State University for four years, graduating in 1980. During her junior and senior years, she was a member of the K-State rowing team where she and Jerry met. From Manhattan she went to Salina for two years of study at Marymount College in nursing. She graduated in 1982 with a bachelors degree in nursing. Currently, she is working in emergency room nursing.

Jerry and Judy were married August 21, 1982 in an outdoor ceremony in Oakdale Park, Salina, Kansas.

The Arnolds are currently living in Boulder, Colorado, enjoying the mountains before returning to ranching in Ashland.

Submitted by Jerry and Judy Arnold

#### PHILIP HAMILTON ARNOLD

Philip Hamilton Arnold, son of Francis Hammond (1895-1983) and Mary (Dakin) Arnold (1894-1966), was born in Emporia, Kansas, February 17, 1933. He attended primary school there until 1944 (5th grade) when the family moved back to Ashland. He completed public school in Ashland and attended KSU two years before marrying at Ashland on November 27, 1953, Helen Mae Gardiner, born April 10, 1933 in Ashland, daughter of Ralph W. (1889-1969) and Muriel G. Small Gardiner (1907 - ). She attended schools in Ashland before entering KSU, 1951-1953. Their first son, James Quintin, was born in Ashland, March



25, 1955. In December, 1955, Phil entered the U.S. Army and served one year in Anchorage, Alaska, where Jerry Wayne was born February 20, 1957.

In 1957, the family returned to the Arnold Ranch where they have resided until the present. Vicki Lyndel was born in Ashland on June 25, 1958. David Russel completed the family June 28, 1961 at Ashland.



Helen and Phil Arnold

Phil and Helen have been actively engaged in the Arnold Ranch management throughout their married life. In addition, Helen is involved in raising Quarter and Paint horses and Phil has served in many Boy Scout activities. He holds both the BSA Eagle and Silver Beaver awards. Both are active in the Presbyterian Church and are ruling elders.

Submitted by Phil Arnold

#### RICHARD AND BETTY ARNSPIGER

Richard Charles Arnspiger, second child of E.F. and Fern Walcher Arnspiger, was born February 10, 1927 in Wellington, Kansas. He was graduated from Wellington High School in 1945 and immediately drafted into the Army Infantry where he served in George Patton's Third Army Occupational Forces in Germany. After his discharge from the Army in 1947, Richard entered the spring semester at Kansas University. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, holding the office of treasurer and acting as house manager. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business, Richard joined the firm of the Don Spotts Lumber Company in Ashland, a company he now owns in partnership with his wife, Betty Spotts Arnspiger. Richard has served the community as City Councilman, Mayor, member of the Ashland District Hospital Board of Directors and has been actively involved in Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic Lodge. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder, former church school superintendent and teacher. Hobbies include golf, reading and his major interest is his family, children and grandchildren.

Betty Joan Spotts, first child of Donald and Carol Broadie Spotts, was born March 16, 1930 in Ashland, Kansas. She attended grade schools in Kansas, New Mexico and Texas, graduating from the Wellington High School in 1947. Betty enrolled in the Kansas University School of Fine Arts with major study in piano and organ and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, social sorority. She returned to Ashland and worked as high school secretary for J.E. Humphreys, taught piano and organ and was employed as teacher's aide in the elementary school. Betty serves the community as an EMT/Ambulance Director and member of the Ashland Hospital Board of Directors. Outside activities include P.E.O., Eastern Star and Twentieth Century Club. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as organist, elder, former teacher and in the Presbytery of Southern Kansas. Betty has held offices in Presbyterial, General Council, and was a commissioner to the Atlanta General Assembly in

1983. Betty conducts a personal Prison Ministry to inmates, parolees and their families. Hobbies include gardening, jogging and her number one interest lies in her beloved family.

Richard and Betty were married August 20, 1950 in the First Presbyterian Church, Ashland. Four children were born to them: Debra Kay, September 25, 1951; Janet Sue, January 9, 1954; Richard Charles II, April 9, 1956; and James Alan, February 18, 1958. They have six living grandchildren.

Submitted by Richard and Betty Arnspiger

#### WALTER C. ASHCRAFT, M.D.

Walter Coble Ashcraft was born March 22, 1937 into the hands of Dr. Ivan R. Burket at the Ashland Hospital. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1955, and received a BA degree at the University of Kansas in 1959. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1964 and after one year surgery internship, entered the United States Marine Corps., serving in California and Vietnam. He spent four years in general surgery residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center, followed by a two-year residency in Cardiovascular surgery at the Mid-America Heart Institute in Kansas City. After a one year fellowship in cardiac surgery in Sacramento, practice in thoracic, cardiac and vascular surgery was established in 1974 in Lander, Wyoming, where he continues to make his home.



Luke Ashcraft



"Buzz" and Clint Ashcraft

He was married in Lawrence, Kansas in 1967 and has two sons, Walter Clint Ashcraft, born July 26, 1969 and Luke Williams Ashcraft, born November 10, 1970.

Dr. Ashcraft has been known throughout the years to his friends, especially in Ashland, as "Buzz." His hobbies are flying, gliding, Nordic and Alpine skiing, and back packing.

Submitted by Walter C. Ashcraft, M.D.

#### M.J. AND RITA BURNS ATKINSON

Rita Burns Atkinson is the daughter of Stacy and Beulah Burns, long-time residents of Clark County, Kansas.

Rita Burns Atkinson was born in Clark County, Kansas and attended the public schools in Ashland, Kansas. While attending Colorado Women's College in Denver, she met and married Matthew James Atkinson, from South Carolina. Jim is deceased, having died March, 1981 at North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Rita and Jim had three children: Linda, who is married and lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Jimmy, Jr., who is married and lives in Boone, North Carolina, and Suzanne, who is single and presently lives with her mother in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Rita has two grandchildren at this writing: six-year-old Britt Foxworth, Linda's daughter; and three-year-old Matthew Atkinson, Jimmy's son.

Rita is active in her church, Trinity United Methodist in North Myrtle Beach, various clubs and bridge groups and also works as a secretary in a Myrtle Beach bank.

Submitted by Rita Burns Atkinson



#### CHESTER AND ALICE LOUISA BETSCHART BAILEY

Chester was born to Arthur Bailey and Lena Frances Braghead Bailey February 26, 1913. He attended a county grade school and Jetmore High School in Hodgeman County. He was a Master Mason and a 4-H Community leader for 15 years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting coyotes with his hounds. He met Alice Bond and was married February 12, 1947. His death was July 7, 1982.

Alice Louisa Betschart Bond Bailey was born to Frantz Betschart and Nellie Rose Betschart October 24, 1917, in Comanche County on a ranch south of Protection, Kansas. Alice attended grade school at Acres and the Ashland High School. She graduated from the Wilcox Beauty Academy and worked at this profession a number of years. She was a 4-H leader for 10 years, member Order of Eastern Star, member of an extension unit for a number of years, belonged to the Christian Church, and enjoyed quilt making and crocheting.

Alice married Orvel Bond July 7, 1936. One child was born, Barbara Joan. They were divorced. She married Chester Bailey February 12, 1947 and moved to the Bailey family ranch where two sons were born: William Arthur Bailey, December 22, 1947 and John Chester Bailey, March 8, 1950.

Chester Bailey adopted Barbara September 19, 1954. Alice still lives on the Bailey ranch and has eight grandchildren to keep her busy.

Submitted by Alice Betschart Bailey

#### JUDITH KAY STEVENS BAILEY

Judy and Allen Bailey were married November, 1973. To this union three children were born: Travis Keith, May 13, 1975; Michael Allen, April 13, 1976; and Sara Lynn, July 19, 1979.

The Baileys currently reside in Montezuma, Kansas. Allen is employed by Northwest Central Pipeline Corporation. Allen is a member of the National Rifle Association, the Pope and Young Club, and the Masonic Lodge at Cimarron, Kansas.

We both are members of the Order of Eastern Star, Preston Chapter No. 149, Cimarron, Kansas. Our family also are members of the First Baptist Church.

In August, 1983, Allen cut his first single record on the National Foundation Label. The songs recorded were "My Western Kansas Girl" and "The First to Know." "My Western Kansas Girl" was written by Allen for Judy. Allen was voted "The Most Promising Male Vocalist" in Hastings, Nebraska at the Nebraska Country Music Festival in November, 1983.

Submitted by Judy Bailey

#### ADDISON BAKER FAMILY

Addison Baker, son of Benjamin Franklin and Lucy White Baker, was born on December 23, 1848.

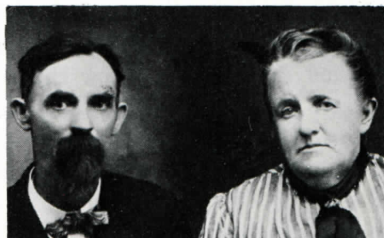
Anna Delilah, daughter of William and Ann Carter Holiday, was born February 6, 1854.

Addison and Anna Baker were married on October 13, 1871 and Mr. Baker came to Kansas and filed his first claim in Appleton Township, Clark County on June 12, 1886. He built a small soddy and returned to Ohio to bring his family to their new home. The first years were very trying; he fenced in a large area of grassland and took in stock to graze, for which he was paid fifteen cents a head to look after. His sons did most of the herding and farming, while he did carpenter work to help support his family.

Addison sold his claim in 1896 and moved to Ashland when

he was nominated to the office of Clerk of the District Court. He later served as Register of Deeds and held various Township offices. He served as a member of the school board and was Probate Judge of Clark County for ten years until his retirement from public office. He was a staunch Republican and an active and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Nine children were born to Addison and Anna Baker.



Addison and Anna  
Holiday Baker

Frank married May Johnson; Lucy died at one year of age; Metta married Thaddeus Hedrick; Clayton married Minnie Knox; Asa married Maude Baker; Vernon married Gwendolyn Falls; Harry was killed in World War I; and Walter married Dora Baker.

Anna Delilah Baker died on January 1, 1923 and Addison Baker died on October 20, 1942.

Submitted by Euna Baker Neihart

#### ALICE BAKER

Alice Baker of Des Moines, Iowa, moved to Ashland to be with her brother-in-law, Mark Baker, after his wife, Helen, died in November, 1975. She was with him until he had a stroke in May, 1983, and in September, she took him to Des Moines to stay with her. He finally had to be put in a nursing home there, and is making some progress at this writing. He is where she can see that he is well taken care of as long as he lives.

Alice loved Ashland and had accepted it as her home. The people were friendly and accepted her with open arms. She belonged to several clubs and enjoyed every minute of her stay. She and Mark attended the First Church of Christ and visited at the First Christian Church where she belonged to the missionary group there.

Submitted by Alice Baker

#### AMOS BAKER FAMILY

Amos R. Baker was born April 22, 1883, at Seltzer Springs, near Andover, Kansas, the fifth of nine children. He grew to manhood at Seltzer Springs and was united in marriage to Grace E. Criser, September 11, 1904 at Andover, Kansas. Amos and Grace farmed the Baker home place in the Seltzer community until December 12, 1915 when they moved to their farm east of Ashland. (In his lifetime, Amos lived in only these two homes.)

To this union, six children were born. Fern, Mrs. Carl Johnston of Ashland; Elva, of Ashland; Everett, of Burlington, Washington; and Alfred, who died January 19, 1918, were born at Seltzer Springs. Sylvia, Mrs. Loren Brock of Wichita, Kansas; and Ralph, of Ashland, were born after the family moved to Ashland.

Amos and Grace joined the Methodist Church at Seltzer Springs and Amos maintained his membership there until his



Amos and Grace Baker  
Golden Wedding Anniversary, 1954



death, November 6, 1961. Grace changed her membership to the Christian Church at Ashland and maintained her membership there until her death June 4, 1969.

A tribute to Amos and Grace appeared in the November 9, 1961 issue of the *Clark County Clipper* entitled "Farmstead A Testimonial" and I quote from this article: "The outstanding neat picture of the Baker homestead through all the years is a real monument to a man who inspired us more than he knew."

Grace and Amos celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary September 12, 1954, at their farm home. Their children were host and hostess to an open house. Reverend John Ball presided at the program; the Cow-Belle Trio, Mrs. Walter Broadie, Mrs. Paul Randall and Mrs. Lowell Randall, sang; and Mrs. Gay Hughs read her original poem.

Submitted by Fern Johnston, daughter

#### BENJAMIN CLAYTON BAKER FAMILY

Benjamin Clayton Baker was born December 20, 1880, in Wilmington, Ohio. He came to Kansas with his parents, Addison and Anna Holiday Baker, in 1886, living first on a claim in Appleton Township, Clark County and moving to Ashland in 1896.

Minnie Agnes Knox was born in Chillicothe, Missouri on February 13, 1887, the daughter of Henry Newton and Mary Davis Knox. After her father's death and her mother's remarriage, the family moved to a claim in the Readout area of the Oklahoma Territory.

Clayton and Minnie were married May 12, 1907, and established their first home east of Ashland. They moved into town while Clayton built a new home on a small farm northeast of Ashland, where the family was raised and where Clayton made his home until his death in 1947, and where Minnie spent most of her time until her death in 1973.

Clayton was a carpenter, at which trade he supported his large family. He farmed on a small scale, with the help of his sons, and maintained a dairy herd for several years.



Clayton Baker family in 1973. Back: Aeneas, Erroll, Robert, Donald, Kenneth. Middle: Marcia Dennis, Beth Green. Front: Kathryn Beydler, Cleo Meriwether, Marjorie Backenberg, Eva Boyd, Euna Neihart.

Thirteen children were born to this family and all reached adulthood except Barbara, who died at six months of age. The children attended the Methodist Church and the Ashland schools, maintaining a continuous attendance record of thirty-five years.

Aeneas married Pauline Davis; Cleo married Arthur Meriwether; Erroll married Rachel Overman; Euna married Wallace Neihart; Eva married Lloyd Sneed and after his death, Floyd Boyd; Robert married Dorothy Davis; Donald married Deloras Boren Nestor; Marjorie married Truman Backenberg; Marcia married Victor Dennis; Kenneth married Jan Baker; Kathryn mar-

ried Robert Beydler; and Beth married Eldon Green.

Submitted by Euna Baker Neihart

#### DON AND DELORAS BAKER

Don, son of Clayton and Minnie Knox Baker, was born February 27, 1918 at their home one mile north of Ashland. Don was the seventh child of thirteen. He graduated from AHS in 1936. While in school he enjoyed sports. He was an Eagle Scout and is a member of the Methodist Church, where he still enjoys helping with the Ground Hog Supper.

Deloras, daughter of Earl and Alice Boren, was born January 17, 1930 at Ashland. She attended school in Ashland until 1942, moving to Laverne, Oklahoma with her parents, where she graduated in 1947. She was active in basketball and music. Deloras attended O.C.W. at Chickasaw, Oklahoma, majoring in music. She played violin with the orchestra and sang with the choral group. She received her BA in Education from Alva, 1959.



Don and Deloras Baker, 1977

Don served in the Air Force as Master Sergeant during World War II and was stationed in Idaho, Florida and England. After his return he continued work in the carpentry business with his father.

In 1951, Deloras married Fred Nester, Jr. They were the parents of two daughters, Teddi Sue and Robin. Following Fred's death, she and daughters moved to Ashland.

On November 6, 1959, Deloras and Donald Baker were married. They celebrated their 25th anniversary recently.

Deloras has taught school in Ashland since 1956. First in grade school, 5th and 6th, and now as high school librarian.

Don and Deloras have two grandchildren of whom they are very proud, Jimmy and Jaclyn Osborn.

Submitted by Teddi Osborn

#### ELVA AND ROBERTA SMITH BAKER

Elva Baker was born in 1907 near Andover, Kansas, the second of six children born to Amos and Grace Baker. They moved to a farm east of Ashland in 1915. He attended school at a country school, then in Sitka, Kansas. He married Roberta Smith in 1928. After farming during the dust bowl for eight years, they

R.D. Smith and Herbert Smith with turkeys and chickens bought from surrounding territory. Picture taken by George Pike Studios in the early 1930's.





moved to Sedro Woolley, Washington, returning to Ashland after the death of Roberta's father, R.D. Smith, in 1939, and later taking his produce business. He served two years in World War II, bought land west of Ashland and retired as a farmer stockman.

Roberta Smith, daughter of Robert D. and Anna Mary Burke Smith, was born in Rock Port, Mo. in 1912, moving with her family to Ashland in 1922. She worked in the Ashland Post Office thirty years.

Elva and Roberta had one son, Bobby Don (Robert D.), born in 1932. He attended college at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, and was a certified public accountant. He was taken from us in 1980, leaving his wife Carol and children, Victoria (Roper), Bradley, Paul and stepdaughter, Richael Witt.

Submitted by Roberta Baker

#### GEORGE W. BAKER FAMILY

George W. and Mattie W. Baker were each born into Christian families in Kentucky and both came west early in life. He pioneered as a young man to the Buffalo, Oklahoma area. She came with her family, the W.N. Wallingfords, as an eleven-year-old girl, by train to Winfield, Kansas. From there the family traveled by covered wagon to the Clark County area to their claim west of Ashland in 1883.

While her father hauled lumber by wagon from Dodge City (a two week's round trip) for cash money, her older brother, Charlie, kept the family in meat: quail, prairie chicken, ducks, geese, rabbits, etc. They lived through drought, a great prairie fire, a grasshopper invasion, and the great blizzard of '88 that took lives of some neighbors. During the latter seige, when drifts were high and supplies were low, they ran out of meat. It was then that Charlie trapped twenty sparrows and "Ma" created a tasty sparrow pie!

The family moved to Ashland for educational advantages. At age sixteen, Mattie began teaching school in the county for \$28.00 a month. After teaching ten years in the county and Ashland schools, she was elected Superintendent of Schools for Clark County. In 1903, during her second term in office, she was united in marriage to George W. Baker.

He lived out his life in the Ashland vicinity as a carpenter. He was a devoted elder of the Ashland Christian Church as far back as his children can remember and until his death in 1945. She departed this life in 1957. To this union were born five children: Jean (1903), Mary (1905), Georgia (1908), Ella (1913), and Ellis (1914).

After teaching in Clark County and Wichita schools, Jean was married to L.O. (Larry) Nossaman in 1931. They have made their home in Great Bend, Kansas, where Jean taught for a good many years. To this union were born two children: Martha Jean, now Mrs. Paul Tichy who heads the neurological testing in Chi-

The day Mary left to be a nun, August, 1934. Mrs. Baker, Ellis, Ella, Georgia, Mary, Jean Baker Nossaman, Martha Jean Nossaman and George W. Baker.



cago University Hospital, and George Oscar, who is a scientist employed by Ford Aeronautics in Houston, Texas. The Nossamans have five grandchildren.

Mary taught in the Clark County schools before earning her R.N. degree at Wesley Hospital in Wichita. While pursuing her chosen profession, she embraced the Catholic faith and dedicated herself to a life of prayer in the Cleveland, Ohio order of Poor Clare nuns where she passed away, May 15, 1982, after forty-five years of service.

Georgia taught in Clark County and Kansas City, Kansas schools until her marriage to Robert M. Vaughan in 1943. Georgia continued teaching until retirement in Whicita which is their home. To this union were born two sons: Robert M., Jr. (Robby) who spent seventeen years as a professional in music and is now devoting his talent in Central Christian Chrch in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is in the insurance business; and Eugene J., attorney with Chapmann and Cutler of Chicago. The Vaughans are grandparents of four.

Ella was employed as executive secretary at the Sam P. Wallingford Grain Corporation in Wichita before her marriage to Emery H. Nielsen in 1938. Now retired from Dowell, Division Dowell Chemical of Houston, Texas, he and Ella live in Wheatridge, Colorado, which has been their home for thirty-one years. They are involved in a farming operation with their son, Charles, near Wilmore, Kansas.

Ellis worked on the Clark County Dam, then went into the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. In 1939, he and Virginia Searcy were married. Their daughter, Donna Carol (Mrs. Bob) Page, is the mother of two children and three grandchildren. Ellis served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in the Pacific theater for twenty-six months. In 1946 he was married to Mildred Rieman. After taking his engineering degree, he continued his career in the Soil Conservation Service in Kansas, California and Nigeria, from which he returned and retired for health reasons.

He and Mildred are parents of four children: Jon, maintenance engineer for Diamond Walnut Company in Stockton, California; Jim, manager of an alfalfa ranch near Ft. Jones, California; Nancy (Mrs. Timothy Russell) of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Kathy, a high school junior at Willets, California near the present family home. Ellis and Mildred have five grandchildren.

Submitted by Georgia Baker Vaughan

#### MARK AND HELEN GLEASON BAKER

Mark Baker came to Wichita, Kansas, in 1926, as a salesman for the Cotton Seed Oil Company and was married to Helen Gleason of Wellington in 1927. They came to Ashland in 1929, to make their home there.

Mark owned and operated the Ritz Theatre for 16½ years.



Ritz Theatre,  
Mark Baker, proprietor

Later he owned and operated the variety store for 3 years.

Mark built a home in 1936, only 1½ blocks from downtown.



Mark loved the out-doors and for 19 years, he and his wife Helen spent their summers at their mountain home in Red River, New Mexico. He bought a one-room cabin there and built on two bedrooms and a closed-in porch and made the cabin modern. It was a beautiful place on the banks of the river called Red River. After selling the cabin, they traveled a lot but always their home was in Ashland waiting for them when they would return.

Mark's wife passed away of a heart attack in November, 1975 which left Mark alone and despondent. His sister-in-law, Alice Baker, came to Ashland to be with him and as time went on, Mark became more aged and Alice took care of him for 8 years. Mark is now in a nursing home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Submitted by Alice Baker

#### PAUL AND LOLA BAKER

Twenty-five years ago the Paul M. Baker family moved to Ashland when he accepted the position as yard manager for the Home Lumber Co.

Paul McCoy Baker, Jr. was born August 27, 1919, the only son of Paul M. and Eugenia Kenny Baker, in Clarksburg, W.Va. Due to the loss of his mother at a very young age, he was reared by his grandmother, Grace Patton Baker. In 1941, he was drafted and received his basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas in the U.S. Cavalry. He was transferred to the Signal Corps where he served as a Master Sergeant at Camp Crowder, Missouri and Otaru, Japan until 1946. Following the service, Paul was employed in Missouri by the Meek Lumber Co. at yards in Joplin and Mountain Grove.



Paul and Lola Baker, 1983

Lola Juanita Criss Baker was born December 4, 1921, the daughter of Henry D. and Allie May Swiger Criss, near Clarksburg, W. Va. She and Paul were married June 20, 1941 in Petersburg, Va. During the war years, 1942-1945, they lived in Joplin, Missouri.

The Bakers have two daughters, Sharon Billingsley and Kathryn Stafford, both graduates of Ashland High School. There are three grandsons.

During their residency in Ashland, the family has been interested in community affairs and are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Lola now serves as Clerk of Session and is a member of P.E.O.

Paul, a dedicated golfer, is employed in the General Office of the Home Lumber and Supply Co. and Lola is a salesclerk for Walers of Ashland.

Submitted by Lola J. Baker

#### ROBERT M. BAKER FAMILY

Robert M. Baker and his wife Charlotte were both born and reared in Wichita, Kansas. They came to Ashland, Kansas in February of 1952, when on February 18, 1952, Bob opened an office for the practice of law on the second floor of the Citizens State Bank Building.

Their first son, Bill, was born May 30, 1950 in Topeka, while Bob was still in law school. Bill is now an engineer and a C.P.A.

with Phillips Oil Company, living in London, England with his wife and three daughters.

Daughter Kristen was born in Ashland on November 30, 1952, she lives in Wichita, Kansas with her husband Stan Wilson and four children. She is a registered nurse.

Jim, also known as James Richard, was born October 26, 1960. He graduated from the University of Kansas in May of 1984 with a degree in pharmacy. He hopes to enter medical school in the fall of 1984 and at present lives in Dallas, Texas. He is married but has no children.



Charlotte and Robert M. Baker

Bob was county attorney of Clark County in 1955-56 and again 1970-72. He was Mayor of the city of Ashland from 1972-74. He was Judge of the District Court, 16th Judicial District from 1974-1979, and was a member of the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department from 1953 until 1980 and was fire chief from 1954 until 1972.

Bob carries on an active trial practice in association with Gerald Woolwine throughout Kansas with headquarters in Ashland.

Charlotte and Bob have been active in national and international competitive trapshooting for many years and are widely known.

Submitted by Robert M. Baker

#### JOHN W. BALL FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ball served the Ashland Christian Church from December, 1947 until November, 1956.

John was one of triplets born October 24, 1911 at Clinton, Missouri to James T. and Elizabeth Wiseman Ball. The family moved to a farm near Tyndall, South Dakota in 1918 where he attended grade and high school. In 1939 he graduated with an A.B. from Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in 1945 received a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity from Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma.

While ministering at Ashland, Mr. Ball was active in the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts, manager of Ashland Christian Service Camp, and hustled a few cattle along with Roy Shupe.

John and Margaret Ball, Jeanie Scates, Judy Allen and Connie Albright, taken in front of Judy and Lee Allen's home, Grand Junction, Colorado, about 1978.





Margaret was born March 30, 1918 at Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan, Canada, where she attended schools and graduated from Success Business College at Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Balls were married in Canada, May 2, 1940, and completed a ministry at Brandon, Iowa. She took her United States oath of citizenship before the District Court in Dodge City, Kansas, January 10, 1949. She was active in the Bear Creek H.D.U., Christian Service Camp and has completed over 20 years with I.B.C. Church Supplies, Grand Junction.

Three daughters were born: Dorothy Jean, January 5, 1944, who is manager of Security Pacific Mortgage in Grand Junction; Judith Patricia, July 10, 1949, has worked for St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Grand Junction for 16 years; and Connie Jolene, July 18, 1953, who works for A.T. & T. in Denver, Colorado; also four grandchildren.

Upon leaving Ashland six years were spent with the Farmington, New Mexico Christian Church and since with the Northeast Christian Church in Grand Junction where John is Minister of Visitation.

The Ball family spent about a decade of service in Ashland and it will always be home, thanks to the access we had within the lives of Ashland's dear people.

Submitted by John W. Ball

#### ALFRED BARBY FAMILY

My father and mother were married in Ashland, Kansas, June 30, 1913. At the time my father, Louis Barby, was running the Beck Ranch (now known as the Theis Ranch Company) south of Englewood. My mother was Edith Stuart; her father, Harry Stuart, was a blacksmith in Englewood. My sister, Ruth, was born on the ranch in 1914, the year he gave up the lease and moved back to "Old No Man's Land", where my twin brother, Albert and I were born in a sod house in 1915. Russell was born in a frame house in 1917. Another sister, Donna Carrol, was born in Woodward, Oklahoma in 1931.

We moved to Laverne, Oklahoma on the south end of the Alexander ranch in 1921. We attended a country school called "Hog Wallow." I well remember the first day of school, mother and Russell on one horse, Ruth, Albert and I on another. One of us flanked the horse and she never stopped bucking until we all hit the ground. We all three piled on again, tears streaking down our faces, and away to school. What a day! We then attended the Laverne High School. Ruth and I graduated in 1933.

After that the dust storms and depression days of the Dirty Thirties, I went to Dodge City Commercial College in 1934 and 1935, then went to work as a bookkeeper for Robbins Ranch, a large Cattle Ranch operation in Kiowa County, and as general foreman until 1952 when I resigned to come home and run our

Alfred Barby family. Allen, Alfred,  
Gwenda Lea, Wm. Clyde (Bill), Jean Ann.

Alfred, the cowboy



own operation. We have expanded it to include the south half of the Harper Ranch in Clark and Comanche Counties and later the most part of Sitka, east of the Highway, for a residence.

My wife, Gwenda Lea, and I live in Meade County on the old Hulbert Ranch on Crooked Creek and have three children: Allen and Bill of Laverne, Oklahoma, and daughter, Jean Ann Barby O'Brien, now living in Kansas City, Missouri.

We have a diversified operation, mostly a cow-calf, running calves over to yearlings and sometimes finishing them in feed lots, farming and putting up hay and feed for the cattle, mostly Herefords, but to keep up with this changing world, we have done some cross-breeding. Hereford x Angus, Longhorn, Limousin, Amerifax and others.

At one time we were running about 2,250 cows using 125 bulls. Some 65 windmills in addition to the Cimarron, Beaver and Kiowa rivers, Crooked Creek, Snake Creek, Remuda Creek, Willow Creek and others supply water for the cattle. Up until about 1953, I had ridden a horse more miles than I had traveled in an automobile.

Submitted by Alfred Barby

#### LOUIS AND EDITH STUART BARBY FAMILIES

Louis Barby was born in St. Louis, Missouri, January 21, 1880 and attended school there for 3 years. As a lad, he used to watch the Longhorn cattle being trailed through the streets of St. Louis on their way to the stockyards. The rattle of hoofs and horns fascinated him so much he decided he wanted to be a part of it. He came west and landed in Englewood, Kansas, before 1900, started work as a cowboy for a rancher named Will Dickerson. Later, he worked for the XI ranch and for Fred Tainter Ranch Company in No Man's Land with Otto Barby. They formed a partnership on a ranch venture. Louis and cowboy crew went out to the Anchor D Ranch west of Guymon, Oklahoma and drove 1,000 head of bred heifers to the Beck Ranch at Englewood, Kansas, where he calved them out, running cows until the Fall of 1914.



Louis and Edith Barby,  
1913

Edith Stuart Barby was born in Mullinville, Kansas, January 1, 1893. She moved with her parents to Arapaho, Oklahoma Indian Territory for a time before moving to Englewood, Kansas. She attended the Englewood schools where she met Louis. They drove to Ashland, Kansas in a buggy and were married June 30, 1913. Louis and Edith had five children.

Louis Barby, Englewood, Kansas, 1908





Ruth Juanita, born June 12, 1914, Englewood, Beck Ranch. In Oklahoma, twins, Alfred and Albert, born September 3, 1915; Russell Louis, born January 21, 1917; and Donna Carol, born August 31, 1932.

Louis and Edith were ranchers all their lives and ran cattle in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Submitted by Alfred Barby

#### CHESTER ISAAC BARE, SR.

Chester Isaac Bare, fourth son of J.O. and Evarena Bare, was born September 30, 1898. His elementary and high school days were spent near Protection and in Ashland. After his parents moved to Protection, Chester stayed on the ranch, farmed, raised registered Angus cattle and Palomino horses. He was president of the Kansas Angus Association, and of the O.K.T. Angus Association for several years. He was chairman of the Clark County Fair Board and did much to encourage young people to improve life on the farm.

Chester and Bessie Booth were married December 3, 1922. Bessie had lived in Oklahoma and graduated from AHS in 1921. They lived on the Bare Ranch 41 years until Chester's death December 6, 1963. They had four children: Marguerite, Chester, Jr., Robert and Ruby and thirteen grandchildren.



Chester Bare family. Front: Marguerite Schneider, Bessie Bare, Chester Bare, and Ruby Swanson. Back: George Schneider, Chester Bare, Jr., Hope Bare, Joanne Bare, Robert Bare and Robert Swanson.

Marguerite, their eldest, was born October 5, 1923. She graduated from PHS and attended KSU where she met George Schneider. They were married in 1945. Marguerite lives in Seattle, Washington, where she is employed by the state. They have one daughter and one son.

Their son, Chester Isaac Bare, Jr., graduate of PHS, entered U.S. Service and was sent to the Philippines. There he was seriously injured in a jeep accident. After long hospitalization he resumed his studies and graduated from KSU and KU Medical Center with an M.D. He is a pediatrician in Raytown and Kansas City. June 14, 1953, he and Hope Watts, a home economist, were married in Havensville. They have four boys and two girls.

Submitted by Edna and Bessie Bare

#### EDNA MARIE BARE

Edna Marie Bare, an educator, began her career in 1912 and retired in 1962. She is the eldest daughter of J.O. and Evarena Bare. She graduated from AHS in 1912 as valedictorian, from Emporia State University in 1922 with a BS in Education and from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1939 with an MA degree. Her career began in the rural schools of Clark County. She then taught in Protection Grade School. After graduating

from Emporia, she taught for seven years in D C C H S. Resigning there she became art supervisor for the Larned School System. During the depression she was employed in Wichita as an investigator and an examiner of transients.

She studied in the Williams Institute of Mortuary Science and was graduated to be a mortician. Deciding it was a happier life to work with the living, she was employed as a science teacher in Collinsville, Illinois. There she was one of the Greater St. Louis Science Fair Committee. Her pupils had many exhibits and were awarded many prizes.



Edna Marie Bare, an educator from 1912 to 1962

For more than fifty years she has been a member of BPWC, O.E.S., P.E.O. and the Christian Church. A few other memberships have been in AAUW, KSTA, ISTA and NEA. Edna has been a school principal, school counselor, Girl Reserve Adviser, First Aid instructor and has had other duties associated with the educational system. The State of Illinois issued her a State Supervisory Certificate for teaching and supervising in all grades of the public schools. Graduate study has been at ESU, Chicago University, Wichita University, KU, GPCT in Nashville and at University of Wyoming.

It has been a happy life working with the youth and seeing them grow in knowledge and understanding to make them worthy citizens of the United States. Good health enables her to enjoy caring for her home, reading, painting, gardening and working on home crafts and genealogy.

Submitted by Edna Marie Bare

#### IDA MAY BARE

Ida Bare, third child of Jacob Owen and Evarena Bare, born March 4, 1892, in their pioneer home in Clark County, Kansas. She attended rural school, graduated from Ashland High School with honors in 1912, later with a B.S. and honors from K.S.U., and a graduate diploma from Chicago Missionary Training School.



Ida Bare, photo taken for U.S.A. Bicentennial Area Queen, July 4, 1976

She was called to supervise the Shaoshing Industrial Mission in East China. Following a year in Nanking University, she successfully managed the Shaoshing Mission until the great Chinese Revolution caused the U.S. Consulate to call all Christian foreigners to come to Shanghai, and later to leave China for their homelands. Heart-bruising!

Soon Ida was on a steamship bound to London, with several appreciated stopovers including the Bible Lands, Egypt and Paris. After a long stormy Atlantic, "we saw the Statue of Liberty welcoming us to U.S.A." A hurried train trip was made to Dodge City and home.



Previously, Ida had taught Bible since A.H.S. days, and five years in rural schools and four years in Kansas.

Later, for 13 years until her death, Ida took care of her widowed mother, aging, and with fractures that compelled her to her wheelchair or bed.

Presently she is somewhat "like a cat with 9 lives," age 92, living in her home in Protection, feeling symptoms of "age-itis," but happy, for the Lord has led her all these years. She joyfully thanks Him and you for your love and companionable encouragement.

Submitted by Ida Bare

#### JACOB OWEN BARE FAMILY

Jacob Owen Bare and Evarena McMinimy, while young and single, came to Kansas in 1885. Evarena, born in Kansas, came to Clark County January 1, 1885; Jacob, born in Indiana, came to Sumner County to visit friends. In 1887 he helped build Santa Fe Englewood RR through Antelope Valley just east of Sugarloaf Peak where each of them had a homestead. At the rural school house, where programs were held for entertainment, this young couple developed a friendship which resulted in matri-



Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Bare

mony. They were married by a Methodist minister in Ashland.

They decided to stay in Antelope Valley and make a home for their children. This was accomplished by skill and hard work which was necessary for survival on the beautiful prairie land. Most of their possessions were two quarter sections of land, a two room semi-sod house, a good well, three horses, a wagon, bull dog, milk cow, pig, and the essential tools and equipment for keeping house and farming.

In 1891 a little frame house was added. About 1897 there was a much larger addition with porches. An orchard and garden were essential parts of the improved place. These provided part of the food along with dairy products and home-made bread. Nothing was wasted. While the children were very small, they had dresses made of Jacob's shirt tails. These pioneers struggled to bring about an easier life for their followers. We were well fed, clothed and kept comfortable. We were a happy, well adjusted and influential family in the community due to the careful training and loving discipline of our parents.



J.O. Bare home

Jacob kept abreast of the news and exercised his influence accordingly. He made the living and was a good provider. By the nature of his work much of his time was away from the house. He frequently filled the water bucket before going about his daily tasks. Mother played the greater part in child care while we were infants and toddlers. One of her friends said of her, "She is the salt of the earth." In 1948 she was chosen by "The Kansas Executive Committee" as one of three very distinguished Kansas Mothers.

In 1914 our parents, to accommodate their large family of nine children, built a large new house on the farm. Within a few more years they moved to Protection where they lived until they left this world for a better home.

Submitted by Edna Marie Bare

#### ROBERT AND JOANNE BARE

Robert Bare, third child of Chester and Bessie Bare, was born March 7, 1926, on the Bare Ranch. He attended Liberty Country School through grade school and graduated from Ashland High in 1944. Attended Kansas State University and later married JoAnne Jones Sanborn.

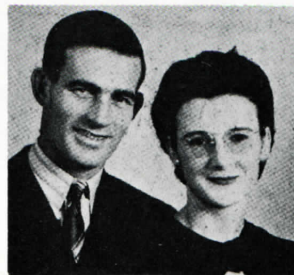
JoAnne was raised in Gray County and graduated from Kansas State University. She has taught most of her adult life. Robert and JoAnne have son, John, and daughter, Roberta. Both grew up on the Bare Ranch and the whole family raised Angus cattle and prize winning Quarter Horses of both national and international prizes, both in halter and performance. Reprise Bar was 1st runner up to the super horse award which is the highest award offered by the breed association. The Bare Ranch hosted many judging events for both cattle and quarter horses for 4-H, FFA and college students to work out on. The horses have been sold all over the United States, Mexico, Canada and Europe.

Submitted by Robert Bare

#### LEONARD C. AND AGIDIA 'JULIA' BARNES

Leonard and "Julia" were married March 10, 1945 in Salinas, California. Both had had a previous marriage. Julia was previously married to James Lloyd Rich of Protection, Kansas. To this union were born three sons: Myrel, Bill and Danny Rich.

Leonard was born June 5, 1917 and passed away September 30, 1975. Julia was born June 15, 1915 and passed away Novem-



Leonard and Julia Barnes

ber 8, 1982. They are both buried at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Ashland, Kansas.

Leonard served in World War II from 1944-1946 overseas. Julia worked as a salesclerk in Salinas, California. From 1946 to 1961, Leonard was employed by Northern Natural Gas Company.

In 1961, they moved to Ashland and rented an apartment from Mrs. Louise Berryman on West Highway 160. They purchased their home from Mr. Eddie Smith in 1962. Mother sold the home in 1976 to Virgil Chapman.

Leonard was educated in Edwards County and Julia at the Sitka School.



Upon moving to Ashland, Leonard was employed by the City of Ashland and Julia by Ellis Electric. In 1969 they purchased the "Highway Grocery" from Mrs. Ruby Cook. This they operated until 1971 when they sold it to Harvey Sharp.

Leonard was a Commander of the Local Ashland VFW Post No. 7770, of which he was a member. Both were members of the Roman Catholic Church, Leonard, St. Joseph's Church of Liberal, Kansas, and Julia - St. George's Church of Bucklin, Kansas.

Submitted by Myrel J. Rich

#### LESTER AND LOIS BARRICKLOW

Lois Brown Barricklow is the daughter of Vergil and Maggie Smith Brown. She has spent all of her life in Ashland, with the exception of a few years. She graduated with the class of 1937, after which she took nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, where she met Lester Barricklow of Bazine, Kansas. They were married in 1942 in Norfolk, Virginia, where Les was in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Lester's parents were Weldon and Winnie Dagenette Barricklow of Bazine. After he and Lois were married, and his service in World War II was over, they moved back to Ashland where Les has farmed and Lois has worked as a registered nurse.



Back: Rick and Loraine Geisinger, Linda and David Miller. Middle row: Michele Geisinger, Lori Miller, Les and Lois Barricklow. Bottom row: Justin Geisinger, Reed and Ryan Miller.

They have two daughters, Linda Miller of Salina, who is also a registered nurse, and Loraine Geisinger of Plains. Linda is married to David Miller, an engineer, who is an associate with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Consulting Engineers. Loraine's husband, Rick Geisinger, is a farmer-rancher. There are five grandchildren: Michelle and Justin Geisinger, and Ryan, Lori and Reed Miller.

Lois and Les lived on the farm in the Acres area until the home burned on December 30, 1973 and they moved into a home built in town February 8, 1975.

Submitted by Lois Barricklow

#### NEIL AND BELINDA BARSTOW

On May 3, 1949, Belinda Borth was born. She attended Englewood schools except for her last two years of high school,

The Barstow family  
in 1984.  
Belinda and Neil, Mandy,  
Danna and Erica



which she attended in Ashland, graduating in 1967.

June 5, 1971, Belinda and Neil Barstow of Johnson were married. They have three daughters, Danna, 9 years of age, Erica, 7, and Mandy, 5. They are both Fort Hays State University graduates, Belinda holding a degree in elementary education. She taught the first four years of their marriage, but has since spent her time at home with the children and helping in the business. They own Barstow Pro Rodeo Equipment, Inc., in Beloit, a rodeo equipment manufacturing business.

Submitted by Lela Borth

#### G. AARON AND KAY R. BATES FAMILY

George Aaron was born August 19, 1944, in Shattuck, Oklahoma to Merle Lewis (Bucky) Bates and Dorothy June Bates. He attended school in Buffalo, Oklahoma and graduated in 1962. He attended college at Panhandle State University and graduated from Oklahoma State University. He was a vocational agriculture instructor for 5 years, Clark County Extension Agent for 6 years and 7 years in the lumber business both in Colorado and Kansas. He is currently employed at Home Lumber and Supply Co.

Kay Ruth Pike was born August 30, 1957 in Ashland to Merle Lee Pike and Ruth Helen Pike. She attended school in Ashland and graduated in 1975.

They were married in Grand Junction, Colorado on December 8, 1976.

Kay was employed by a chain of City Market, Inc. grocery stores for 3 years in Colorado. They moved back to Ashland in November, 1980. Kay is currently employed part-time by the Clark County Treasurer's office.

The Bates' children are: Brett Aaron, born November 8, 1967 and Kristi Dawn, born May 20, 1970. (Both children from pre-



The Bates family in 1983. Brett, Kay, Aaron, Breanna and Brandon (previous marriage.) Brandon Merle, born January 18, 1980 and Breanna Kay, born December 13, 1983.

Brett is a sophomore in high school and enjoys football, basketball, baseball, hunting and fishing. Brandon is in pre-school. He enjoys going hunting, fishing, baseball and playing cowboys and Indians. Breanna is only 3 months at this time.

The family enjoys camping, hunting and fishing together. They also attend the First Church of God.

Submitted by Kay Bates

#### JACK AND NINA BAUGH

An outgrowth from Ashland, Kansas is the Jack and Nina Baugh family. Nina was born in the Ashland Hospital to Ivel and Wanita Harvey. Her fondest childhood memories include being raised on the farm with good animal friends, having Janice Leslie for a close friend and horseback riding buddy, 4-H, riding the school bus with Henry Fox as bus driver and having Jess and Earl Osborn for interesting neighbors. The pasture and creek with high red bluffs on the Harvey farm lent itself to a picture perfect



playground for horseback rides, fishing and picnics.

Jack and Nina were married in 1964 and between them have five children whose lives have been touched by Ashland. Three married children live in the Tulsa area and to date Jack and Nina have two grandchildren. Stan and Rod are working college students who share an apartment in Corona, California. Jack is an engineer with the Fleet Missile Systems in Corona and Nina is employed by a civil engineering firm in Riverside. They returned to Ashland for Nina's 25th high school class reunion in 1983 and enjoyed renewing acquaintances, but missed seeing many dear friends.

Having a heritage rooted in Christian faith is no doubt the richest heritage one could pass on to their heirs, and in addition to that being raised in a neat little Kansas community surrounded with some of God's very best (especially Mother and Dad) makes Ashland a very special place indeed. May we and ours continue to be a contribution to our country in our community.

Submitted by Nina H. Baugh

#### DEBRA PROCTOR BAZZELLE

Debra Proctor, daughter of Mrs. Marilyn Proctor Coxwell, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boren, was born March 15, 1955 at Midwest City, Oklahoma. She moved to Ashland August, 1959 with her mother and family.

Debra attended Ashland schools graduating in 1973. She played French horn in the band and sang in the Glee Club. She graduated from Salina Business College in 1974. After graduating she worked as bookkeeper for Newman Memorial Hospital, Shattuck, Oklahoma. Later she moved to Wichita where she was employed as secretary to the Educational Department by Osteopathic Hospital until November, 1983.



Jim and Debra Proctor Bazzelle, 1982



Adam Bazzelle, 9 months old

Debra is married to Jim Bazzelle, an electrician at Boeing Aircraft. They are the proud parents of a son, Adam, born May 18, 1983. Their home is in Wichita, Kansas.

Submitted by Debra Proctor

#### MARY MISHLER BEAMER FAMILY

Mary L. Mishler Beamer was born July 14, 1952 in Independence, Kansas, the third child of Chester and Bonita Mishler. The family moved to Ashland September 28, 1958 where Mary attended school, graduating in May, 1970. She then attended



Kenneth, Mary, Michelle,  
and Stephen, 1983

Dodge City Community College, graduating in May, 1972 with an AA degree in business administration. Mary served in the U.S. Navy from 1972 to 1976 as a Data Processing Technician at NAS Alameda, California where she learned to operate DP equipment and computers.

While at Alameda, Mary met Lawrence L. Beamer, a native of Ellisville, Missouri. Larry was also in California in the Navy, stationed aboard the U.S. Hamner until his discharge in late 1975. They were married here in Ashland in July, 1976, and returned to their jobs in California.

Mary worked as a temporary keypunch operator for the Army in 1977 and then was the automated inventory clerk and assistant office help at Zody's Discount Department Store in Fresno, California in 1979 and 1980. The Beamers returned to the Midwest in December, 1980 and moved to Ashland in October, 1981.

The Beamer's children are Michelle Marie, born February 23, 1978, in San Francisco, California, and in kindergarten in 1983-84. Kenneth Lee, born August 7, 1980 in Fresno, California and Stephen Clair, born March 15, 1982 in Ashland, Kansas.

Larry is self employed in Houston, Missouri. Mary is a full time mother and homemaker here in Ashland and works part-time helping her mother at Mishler's Service Center.

Submitted by Mary Beamer

#### GENE AND JANICE BECKER

Gene Becker, youngest of four children of Oscar and Florence Becker, was born in Ashland, Kansas on June 8, 1927. He attended Ashland public schools and worked with his dad in business during his school years. He joined the Army at age 17 and upon returning from the service completed school, graduating from Ashland High School in 1947. He attended Kansas University for 2 years before returning to Ashland to make his home. He married Bona Jean Anderson and they had two children, Randy and Janalyn. He worked in the post office for a few years before starting his own business. He built the Dairy Bar in 1952 and in 1958 built the Red Hills Motel. He also served on the Ashland City Council during the late '50's.

He married Janice Salyer on August 13, 1961. They had one



Gene and Janice Becker

child, Janene. They left Ashland in 1963 and moved to California where they owned and operated a hardware store. In 1969 they moved to Eugene, Oregon where he was in car sales. He suffered a heart attack in 1973 and his health forced him to retire. He died of a heart attack on September 11, 1983.

His wife, Janice, and daughter, Janene, reside in Eugene, Oregon. His son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Bobbi, reside in Medford, Oregon and his daughter and son-in-law, Janalyn and Andy, reside in Hurst, Texas.

Submitted by Janice Becker

#### BECKERDITE

Clarence and Golda Beckerdite came to Northern Clark County by wagon in 1919, from Nashville, Kansas. It took them about 3½ days.



They bought a place from Browns. It had been owned by Morris. This place was approximately nine miles south and four miles east of Kingsdown.

Clarence started farming part of the Young Brothers Ranch in 1921 or 1922. He rented it from Darrel Swayze. Clarence and Golda moved to the northern part of the Young Brothers Ranch in 1926. They had one son, Cameron, born in 1927. Golda passed away in 1943.

After returning from the Army in 1946, Clarence and Cameron went into partnership as the B Bar Ranch. This partnership lasted until Cameron bought Clarence's interest in 1975, after 29 years. They had taken over the entire Young Brothers Ranch in 1956.

Cameron married Ruth Walk in 1952. To this union four daughters, Ann, Claudia, Camme and Ruthie, were born. Ruth passed away in 1966 and in 1968 Cameron married Agnes Hertel. All of the girls were in 4-H for 10 years. Each received the Gold and Key awards. Ann, Claudia and Camme have all graduated from Kansas State University. Ruthie will graduate from KSU in December, 1984.

Ann has two sons and Claudia has a daughter and a son. Camme is in the Marines.

Submitted by Cameron Beckerdite

#### BELT FAMILY

May 30, 1885 was the date our grandmother, Sarah Runkle paid \$2.00 to file a Declaratory Statement for Osage Indian land settled upon the 28th of April, 1885, in Clark County. June 11, 1891, she received a document from the office of President Benjamin Harrison. The land, which we still own, had been paid in full.

Sarah united in marriage with Samuel E. Hulstine. This union bore three children, Ethel, Merlin and Leland. Ethel lived to be the oldest pioneer of the family. She lived all of her 89½ years in Ashland, until her death June 25, 1978.

Ethel married Jerome A. Belt in November, 1910. Lester and Edward were the children of this union. Lester left Ashland in 1932 to attend Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. He married and lived in Winfield, where sons Stephen and Jarold, were born. His second marriage was to Becky Lehne in Leavenworth, Kansas. They settled in Platte Woods, Missouri and have lived there thirty years. Their children are Leslie, Kerry, Rebecca, L.J. and Judith. Lester retired from construction work in 1981. The first building he built in Kansas City is still standing.



Eddie Belt, Betty Ann Hutsbeth, Les Belt and Becky Belt, 1947

Edward left in 1937 to attend Southwestern. Because of World War II, he enlisted in the Marines in 1942. He received a degree from Southwestern while in the Marines. He was the first American Legion Commander in Winfield, Kansas. He moved from Winfield to Seattle, Washington. Then to New Orleans, La., where he is now living, working and enjoying life to the fullest.

Submitted by Becky, Les and Eddie Belt

#### BENNETT FAMILY

My name is Diana Sue Smith Bennett. I was born in Ashland, Kansas in 1946 to Phyllis and Wayne Smith. I attended school in Ashland and completed the 8th grade. My family and I moved to Denver, Colorado in 1960 and I graduated from George Washington High School in 1964. I also attended Barnes School of Commerce in Denver.

In 1968, I met and married George Bennett. George was born in 1944 and attended Inglewood Elementary School and graduated from Morningside Park High School in Los Angeles. He went to Colorado State University for two years, then entered the U.S. Air Force in 1964. We lived in Duluth, Minnesota until his discharge in 1968, then moved to California where we both entered El Camino College. George later transferred to California State University, majoring in math and physics. I majored in business and art. George is now employed as Technical Director for Bengal Inc. of Los Angeles. I'm employed by Simi Unified School District in Special Education. We have made Simi Valley, California our home for the past seven years.

We have two children. Jennifer was born in 1973 and attends



Bennett family, 1984. Jeff, George, Sue and Jennifer

Hollow Hills Fundamental School. She is interested in piano, Girl Scouts and dancing. Jeff was born in 1975 and attends Hollow Hills Fundamental School. He is interested in most outdoor sports, soccer and Boy Scouts.

We enjoy our trips back to Ashland to visit our grandmother, Effie Willard, and my former classmates who are still there.

Submitted by Sue Smith Bennett

#### ANITA ISABEL SMEE BERAN

Isabel was born to Edward Coleman and Hattie Burke Smee on August 3, 1919 in Ashland, Kansas. She attended school there except for her sophomore year, when she went to live with her sister, Vivian, in Johnson City, Tennessee. She returned to Ashland and graduated in 1937. After graduation, she returned to Tennessee and worked as an inspector with Gloria Rayon Mill in Johnson City and at Oakridge Atomic Center as a payroll clerk.

In 1944, while visiting her sister, Irene, in Ashton, Nebraska, Isabel met her future husband, E.J. Beran, and they were married on May 27, 1945 in Omaha. He worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. Their oldest son, Larry, was born on March 26, 1946. In 1947, they moved to Ashton, where their second son, Edward, was born on May 3, 1948 in Loup City. They moved to Ashland, Kansas in 1949, where E.J. was employed by Wallingford Elevator. In May of 1951, the family moved to Gothenburg, Nebraska, where E.J. was employed as a surveyor for Central Nebraska Public Power. Their daughter, Rita, was born May 21, 1953.

Larry and Ed served in the Air Force and Army, respectively, during the Vietnam War. Larry later received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska and an M.B.A. from



Corpus Christi State University. He is employed with Exxon Company, U.S.A. His wife, Janelle, and three sons, Christian, Jameson, and Michael, live in Corpus Christi, Texas. Ed and his wife, Saeko, live in North Platte, Nebraska. They own and operate Beran Home Entertainment and Appliance Center in Gothenburg. Rita received a B.S. and M.S. degree in Microbiology and Biochemistry from the University of Nebraska. She lives in Wilmington, Delaware, and is employed by E.I. Depont as a biochemist.

E.J. retired in May, 1982, but both remain active in the local family business. Fishing and traveling are their favorite activities when time allows.

Submitted by Isabel Beran

#### GEORGE ALBERT BERRYMAN FAMILY

George Albert Berryman was born March 6, 1912 at Ashland, Kansas, the youngest son of Jerome Woods Berryman and Nancy Annette McNickle Berryman. He died on August 16, 1968.

On January 23, 1933, he married Anne Roach Clay (born October 30, 1912), daughter of Judge Sanders Eaves Clay and his wife, Katherine Curry Clay, of Danville, Kentucky.

George received his early education in the Ashland schools, attended Kemper Military Academy, and Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. Anne was educated in Danville Elementary and High School and Centre College.



Anne Clay Berryman



George Albert Berryman

The couple lived in Ashland, Kansas where George became vice president and director of the family-owned Stockgrowers State Bank. He also owned banking interests throughout the state. Other businesses were farming, cattle ranching and oil and gas production. For many years he was an owner and director of The Home Lumber and Supply Co. At his death he was the president and insurance representative of The Clark County Abstract, Loan and Investment Co. George was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church where he was a soloist in the choir and a Deacon. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Boy Scout leader, served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, member of the Kiwanis Club, on the Alumni Board of Centre College and a Kentucky Colonel.

Anne was raised a member of the Presbyterian Church, has taught in Sunday School, was a Den Mother of Cub Scouts, a member of the Ashland Study Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Regent of the Fort Supply Chapter DAR. She is the Kansas Burgess of First Families of Virginia, is on the Alumni Board of Centre College. She has studied art for many years and has exhibited several paintings at the Kansas Rural Arts Show at Manhattan, Kansas.

George and Anne were both members of the Huguenot Society, Founders of Manikintown, Virginia. They had three children: Katherine Clay Berryman Arnaud (February 22, 1936), George Chandler Berryman (July 7, 1938) and Anne Porter Berryman Rouse (May 13, 1944).

Submitted by Anne C. Berryman

#### GEORGE CHANDLER BERRYMAN FAMILY

George Chandler Berryman, son of George A. and Anne C. Berryman, was born at Ashland, Kansas on July 7, 1938. He was raised a member of the Presbyterian Church. He attended elementary and two years of high school at Ashland, after which he transferred to Kemper Military Academy. While there he became especially interested in physics and represented his school on that subject at the Missouri State Tests. He honored his school by achieving the highest score in the state that year. From there he went to Kansas University, then on to Centre College.



George Chandler Berryman, 1958

On July 10, 1965, he married Glenda Sue Aldridge (born August 9, 1943), a descendant of one of the early pioneer families of Clark County. They were married at Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, since they were both employed at nearby Colorado Springs. She was raised as a member of the Christian Church and received her education in the Ashland schools. Afterwards she took training as an airline stewardess in Kansas City and became a secretary to (then Congressman) Bob Dole in Washington, D.C.

In 1968, they returned to Ashland, with their family, and "Chan" started Electronics Specialists and many other activities. He is the owner of oil and gas properties, land, a Director in the Stockgrowers State Bank and owns other banking interests, is a member of the Masonic Lodge, has served as Scout Master, and is a Volunteer Fireman and a Kiwanian.

Sue is a secretary at the Ashland Hospital.

They have three children: Donna Porter Berryman (born September 6, 1966), Heather L. Berryman (born August 29, 1968) and Jeffrey Chandler Berryman (born January 30, 1970).

Submitted by Anne C. Berryman

#### JAMES W. AND ELOISE OWEN BERRYMAN

James W. Berryman was born March 2, 1908 in Ashland, Kansas. He attended grade and high school in Ashland and graduated from Center College, Danville, Kentucky in 1929. That year he started his banking career with the First National Bank in Wichita. Later he became cashier of the First National Bank of Spearman, Texas. In 1939, he returned to Ashland and worked in the family bank - The Stockgrowers State Bank. Upon the death of his father in 1940, he became President of the bank. April 1, 1942 he entered the military service and served four years of which twenty-six months were overseas duty with the finance department of the Army Air Corps. He was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Jim was active in local organizations. At the time of his death on May 12, 1974, he was a Director of the First National Bank in Wichita, the Merchants National Bank, Topeka, Kansas, Bankers Surety Company, Topeka, Channel 6, KTVC, the Home Lumber & Supply Company, the Clark County Abstract Loan & Investment Company and the Stockgrowers State Bank.

Eloise (Owen) Berryman was born June 1, 1908 in Wellington, Kansas. She attended grade and high school in Wichita, Medicine Lodge and Belvidere and college at Southwestern in Winfield and



Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. When she moved to Ashland in 1932 with her parents, she was shortly employed in the abstract office of W.G. Carson and continued in that office after Mr. Carson's death and the purchase of the business by the Berryman family. In November of 1940 she moved to Wichita where she was employed by Burket & Gillespie, Independent Oil Operators.

James W. Berryman, 1942.



Eloise O. Berryman, 1940.

Jim and Eloise were married September 21, 1941 in Wichita and lived in Ashland until Jim entered the service. They returned to Ashland in 1946 and moved in 1948 to the home where Eloise now lives. Both were "born and raised" Presbyterians and active in the local church. Eloise is a former presbyterial treasurer and now serves on the Boards of Directors for the Stockgrowers State Bank and the Home Lumber & Supply Co. Jim and Eloise both enjoyed dogs, fishing and reading. Jim taught Eloise to fly fish in 1948. Thereafter, no vacation was complete unless it included some "fly fishing in the mountains."

Submitted by Eloise O. Berryman

#### JEROME AND LOUISE CAUTHERS BERRYMAN

Jerome Charles Berryman, born May, 1902, and Margery Louise Cauthers, born October, 1913, were married in Ashland in July, 1933. Both were born in Ashland and attended the public schools.

Their church affiliation is Presbyterian. Their children were third generation members of that church in Ashland.

Jay graduated from Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, where he held many honors in academics as well as continuing his outstanding high school sports career. While attending Centre he earned the name "Dixie Flash" for his speed in track events. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity and received the highest fraternity award as an outstanding member. Lou attended Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri, and Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority.

During World War II, Jay served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific and in Washington.

Jay was president of the Clark County Abstract Loan and Investment Company, Vice-President of The Home Lumber & Supply Company, State President of the Huguenot Society, Vice-President of the State Historical Society, a Mason, Shriner, Jester and on the board of the College of Emporia. He helped organize and was a director of TV station KTVC.

Jay and Lou were active in politics and community affairs.

Jerome and Louise  
just married, 1933.



He served on the State Office Building Commission, State Abstract Board, State Highway Commission and four terms in the House of Representatives. Lou served as Clark County Republican chairman for four years and vice-chairman for eight. Jay was a Committee delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1940 and Lou an alternate in 1952.

Lou is a member of Ashland Study Club, P.E.O., D.A.R., and the library board. Their three children are graduates of Kansas University. The brothers are members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Marilyn is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Their son Jerome married Dorothea Schoonyoung. Their children are Alyda and Coleen. Marilyn married Frederick Johnston. Their children are Cassandra, Margaret, Jerome and Wade. Tom married Linda Noland. Their children are Jerome and Jacob. Jay died in Ashland in May, 1960. Lou lives in the family home. They shared a love for this community.

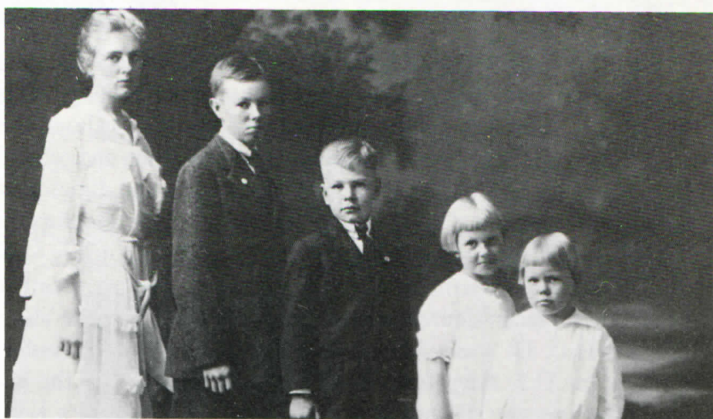
Submitted by Louise Cauthers Berryman

#### JEROME WOODS AND 'NETTIE' McNICKLE BERRYMAN

Jerome Woods Berryman, born in Arcadia, Missouri, March 12, 1870, and Nancy Annette (McNickle), born in Brookfield, Missouri, October 11, 1870, and their infant daughter, Dorothy, moved from Elk City, Kansas to Ashland in May of 1900.

Prior to this move, Mr. Berryman participated in the 1893 opening of the Cherokee Strip. He established a bank in Pond Creek, Oklahoma and was its president. He also served as mayor. "Nettie" taught a country school near Cortland, Nebraska at the age of 16. At the age of 23, she and her sister, Mary, went to the Cherokee Strip to prove a claim. The McNickle girls ran a millinery shop in Pond Creek and there Nettie and Jerome met.

The meeting culminated in romance and their wedding in Cortland on June 8, 1898. There were five children of this union.



Berryman children: Dorothy, Jerome Charles, James Woods, Virginia and George Albert.

Dorothy, born in Elk City, and Jerome Charles, James Woods, Virginia and George Albert, all born in Ashland. The entire family were members of the First Presbyterian Church where Jerome served as an elder.

Mr. Berryman was a prominent Kansas banker. He served on the board of many financial institutions and was a president of the Kansas Bankers Association. He founded The Home Lumber & Supply Company in 1905. Jerome served for seventeen years as chairman of the Ashland School Board and was a Trustee and generous contributor to the College of Emporia. In 1905-07-25 and 27 he represented Clark County in the State House of Representatives. He was president of the Kansas Historical Society, a member of Wichita Consistory, the Shrine and past master of



the Masons.

Mrs. Berryman devoted much of her time to her family. She was an active, devoted and valued member of her church. She participated in the social life of the community through her membership in Ashland Study Club, D.A.R., P.E.O., O.E.S. and in the mandolin society of the early days. Her children and grandchildren are fortunate to have inherited some of her musical ability. Nettie, with her sprightly personality, her love of people and interest in the world around her, and Jerome, with his quieter ways, his sound judgment and his friendly chuckle over a joke, were a couple who complemented each other. Jerome died in April, 1940 and Nettie in March, 1957.

Ashland is left with many reminders of this early day couple in addition to their five children who have also enriched the community.

Submitted by Louise C. Berryman

#### KATHERINE BERRYMAN ARNAUD

Katherine Clay Berryman (daughter of George A. and Anne C. Berryman) was born at Ashland, Kansas on February 22, 1936. She attended elementary and high school here and was selected the local delegate to Girls' State at Lawrence, Kansas in her junior year. While there she ran for and was elected "Justice of the Supreme Court."

She attended the University of Kansas, where she joined the Chi Omega sorority. After graduation, she worked with the



Katherine Clay Berryman Arnaud,  
1958

Hartford Insurance Group in Dallas, Texas. Later she moved to Danville, Kentucky, where she worked with a decorating firm and where she met and married Donald M. Arnaud on July 31, 1960. They lived in Danville for several years, during which time Kathy became president of the Little Garden Club and was cited by the Governor of Kentucky for their work on conservation.

The Arnauds had three children: Anne M. Arnaud (born September 20, 1961), Donald M. Arnaud (born January 27, 1964) and Clay Berryman Arnaud (born July 6, 1968).

Her present home is at Virginia Beach, where she is interested in the Edgar Casey Foundation and does physical therapy work. She and the family have had some interesting trips overseas with that group.

Last year Kathy was elected to the Board of Governors of the National Association of Royalty Owners, with headquarters at Ada, Oklahoma. Their purpose is to study present laws and keep their members informed on tax and other important matters pertaining to the oil and gas business.

Submitted by Anne C. Berryman

#### FORREST BETSCHART FAMILY

Forrest was born in Protection, Kansas on October 5, 1915, one of a large family of Frantz and Nellie "Rose" Betschart. Irene was born in Missoula, Montana on July 25, 1918. She came from a large family. Her parents were Mike and Martha "Baxter"

Helean of Bucklin, Kansas.

Forrest's parents moved to the Acres community when he was a small boy. He attended school and grew to manhood there. His father was a farmer. Forrest loved the outdoors; he farmed in the Acres community until his death February 9, 1978.

Irene attended high school at St. John's Academy in Wichita and Capital Beauty School in Omaha, Nebraska. She came to Ashland in 1939 and worked in Taylor's Barber and Beauty Shop until she married Forrest, January 1, 1940 at Greensburg, Kansas.



Forrest and Irene Betschart

They had four children: Frantz Severian, Ruth Ann, Thomas Byron and Kenneth Leo. They were brought up on the farm near Acres. The Betscharts moved to Ashland in 1968 where Irene now lives.

The family were all members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. They attended school in Ashland and took part in school activities. They belonged to the Acres 4-H Club. They have 12 grandchildren. Mike, Brenda, and Anita are the children of Frantz. Becky, Diana, John and Lori Jellison are Ruth Ann's children. Shauna, Shane, Cody and Jodie are Tom's children. Ken has one son, Forrest Byron who is his grandfather's namesake.

Submitted by Irene Betschart

#### FRANTZ SEVERIAN AND NELLIE MAY ROSE BETSCHART

Frantz Severian Betschart and wife, Nellie May Rose Betschart, settled as wheat and cattle farmers in Clark County in 1922. They bought a farm at Acres in February of 1925 and lived there for 21 years and reared their family.

Frantz Severian Betschart was born on August 1, 1882, in Barton County, Missouri, the second son of eleven children born to Frantz Severian Betschart and Louise Elizabeth Michel. He met and married Nellie May Rose, born May 30, 1889, near Kirbyville, Missouri, the youngest child of seven born to Zephaniah Dunkin Rose and Alice Virginia Cramer.

Frantz and Nellie were united in marriage on December 18, 1907, at Great Bend, Kansas. They lived in Pratt, Scott, and Commanche Counties before moving to Clark County. To this union were born eight children: Lester Leroy, Floyd Frantz, Robert Zephaniah, Carl Marvin, who died at age 4, Forrest By-

Frantz and Nellie Betschart family. Back row: Lester, Robert, Calvin, Forrest and Floyd. Front: Ruby, Frantz, Nellie and Alice - 1937.





ron, Alice Louisa, Ruby Rose and Calvin Dale.

Frantz went through fifth grade and then educated himself. He farmed near Acres, Kansas, from 1922 until his retirement in July of 1945. He and Nellie lived in Ashland until his death on January 10, 1948.

Nellie went to school through eighth grade. She was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Rebecca Lodge, and Acres Homemakers Unit. She died August 21, 1973.

Submitted by Ruby Rose Betschart Smith and  
Linda May Smith Dorsey

#### FRANTZ BETSCHART FAMILY

Frantz Betschart was born December 27, 1940 in the home of his grandparents, Frantz and Nellie Betschart, near Acres, the first child of Forrest and Irene Helean Betschart. He grew up with his sister and two brothers on a farm southwest of Ashland. He attended Ashland schools and was a charter member of Acres 4-H club. After graduating with the class of 1958, he worked as a carpenter and helped his father with farming interests.

Ellen Cunningham, the only child of Charley and Glenda Emery Cunningham, was born January 24, 1942 in Dodge City, Kansas. She grew up on a farm south of Minneola, attended Minneola schools and graduated with the class of 1960. She and Frantz were married August 25, 1960 and lived in Ashland until 1962 when they moved to his grandparent's farm north of Acres where they still live.

Frantz, having always preferred the livestock end of the business, has worked as a livestock buyer in addition to farming and is co-owner of Circle L Livestock in Liberal, Kansas.

Ellen has worked in the offices of several physicians in Ashland and is now employed by Dr. Richard Stein as a dental assistant.

The Betschart's children are Michael, Brenda and Anita. Mike was born May 27, 1961 in Ashland, attended school and graduated in 1979. He attended Colby Community College and is presently working for Grant County Feeders near Ulysses, Kansas.

Brenda was born April 24, 1964 and also attended Ashland schools graduating with the class of 1982. She attended Cosmetology School at Dodge City Vo-Tec and is now working as a hair-stylist in Dodge City.

Anita, born July 14, 1967, is a sophomore in high school and likes tennis, basketball and track.

The family attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church and has been active in 4-H for many years.

Submitted by Ellen Betschart

#### KEN BETSCHART FAMILY

The youngest child of Forrest and Irene, Kenneth L. Betschart was born on January 29, 1951, in Ashland. He attended grade school and high school in Ashland and graduated in 1969. He attended Garden City Junior College from the fall of 1969 until the end of 1970 when he transferred to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, on a football scholarship. He graduated from UNC in 1973 and moved to Valley Center, Kansas, where he taught school and coached junior high basketball and track until moving back to Greeley in 1975 and going to work for Webster Feedlot, Inc.

Ken met Robin Ann Wilker, daughter of Roy and Dorothy Shepler Wilker, in March of 1976, while she was attending Colo-

rado State University's Professional School of Veterinary Medicine. Robin was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado, the eldest of two children and graduated from Pueblo County High School in 1972. Ken and Robin were married on August 20, 1977 in Pueblo and lived in Fort Collins for a short time before Ken became manager of Interstate Feeders in Longmont, Colorado. Robin received her DVM degree from CSU in 1979 and they moved to Pueblo where she practiced at the Pueblo Small Animal Clinic and Ken worked for Jack Hunter Ford.



Robin, Ken and Byron Betschart,  
1983

They now live in Ulysses, Kansas, where Ken is the assistant manager of Grant County Feeders and Robin has her own small animal and equine practice out of their home. On August 21, 1983, the second Forrest Byron Betschart arrived in Kansas, a very healthy 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 22 inches long. The Betscharts are active team ropers, members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Robin is a Grant County Ambassador, an EMT, 4-H Vet. Science leader, and active in several civic and social organizations. They plan on making Ulysses home for some time.

Submitted by Ken and Robin Betschart

#### TOM AND VIRGINIA (McPHAIL) BETSCHART

Thomas Byron Betschart was born January 22, 1946 at Ashland, son of Forrest and Irene Betschart. He attended school in Ashland, graduating from Ashland High School in 1964. He went to meat cutter school in Toledo, Ohio. He served two years in the United States Army with a year stationed in Viet Nam. After his discharge he worked for Dillons in Manhattan, Junction City and Dodge City.

Virginia Leah McPhail was born December 27, 1947 at Ashland, daughter of Marven and Ellen McPhail, one of eight children. She attended school in Ashland, graduating from Ashland High School in 1965. She attended Kansas State University in Manhattan majoring in meat science and promotion.

Virginia and Tom were married February 23, 1968 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ashland. They lived a short time in Manhattan and then moved to Dodge City. In 1973, they moved back to Ashland. Tom works for Reed Welding and farms south and southwest of Ashland, with a cow herd and feeder cattle.



Front: Virginia  
and Jodie, 1980  
Back: Tom,  
Shauna, Shane  
and Cody.



While living in Dodge City, Virginia worked for Kansas Farm Bureau Insurance and is now working for Stockgrowers State Bank.

The Betschart children are: Shauna, Shane, Cody and Jodie. Shauna was born July 13, 1969 at Manhattan, Kansas. She is a freshman at Ashland High School. Shane was born October 19, 1972 at Dodge City, Kansas. He is in the fifth grade. Cody was born October 3, 1975 at Ashland, Kansas. He is in the second grade. Jodie was born December 5, 1978 at Ashland. She attends pre-school at Rainbow Connection.

Submitted by Mrs. Marven McPhail

#### JANE ANN BREIT AND RON BETZEN

Jane Ann Breit Betzen was born December 26, 1956 in Ashland, Kansas to Alex and Alice Blakeley Breit. The oldest of three children, she attended St. Joseph parochial school through the 6th grade and attended Ashland public junior and senior high school. After graduation in 1975, she attended St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, where she received a BS in elementary education in 1979 and began her teaching career in Kingman, Kansas.

Ron Betzen was born November 26, 1952 in Wichita to Joe and Marcia Lagaly Betzen. The oldest of four boys, Ron attended St. Joseph parochial school, Bishop Carroll and West High schools in Wichita, graduating in 1971.

In 1982, Jane moved to Wichita where she met her husband, Ron. They were married June 23, 1984 and make their home in



Ron and Jane Breit Betzen

Wichita, where Ron is employed by Merrifield Painting and Jane teaches 5th grade at St. Patrick School.

They are members of St. Anne's Parish in Wichita. Jane is a member of Phi Beta Psi sorority and Ron's hobbies include jogging and playing the guitar.

Submitted by Jane Betzen

#### HOWARD BEYDLER FAMILY

Howard M. Beydler was born in Lyons, Kansas, September 15, 1889, son of Samuel and Isabella Jane Miller Beydler.

Sophronia Ellen Mull was born October 17, 1892, daughter of Henry and Jane (Jennie) Mull. They were married June 8, 1913, in the Mull home in Ashland.

The first four years they lived on a farm west of Acres later known as the Betschart place. They moved to Pendleton, Oregon where they farmed for ten years before moving back to Kansas. They lived on the Mull ranch where they farmed and raised cattle until they retired and moved to Greeley, Colorado. They built a lovely new home and enjoyed traveling. They also celebrated their 50th and 60th anniversaries there.

Howard died March 23, 1974. Sophronia continued to live in her home until the summer of 1983 when she decided to sell her home and move into a rest home.

The Beydlers had six sons and one daughter, Naida, who died

in May, 1941. Melvin and Jim live in Greeley; Bob, Carson City, Nevada; Forrest, Riverton, Wyoming; Bruce, Placerville, California; and Bill, Sydney, Australia.

Submitted by Sally Beydler

#### MELVIN BEYDLER FAMILY

Melvin was born April 11, 1914, at the Mull Ranch west of Ashland, eldest son of Howard and Sophronia (Mull) Beydler. He attended school in Pendleton, Oregon, for seven years and completed elementary school at Fairview near the family home. He graduated from the Ashland High School in 1932.

Sally was born in Protection, July 25, 1917, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Looney. She attended Protection schools and graduated in 1935.

They were married November 23, 1936, in Stockton, California, where they lived until World War II. Sally worked as a clerk of the Selective Service Board in Stockton, later the same work in Lawrence, Kansas, where Mel was assigned for a time. Mel served in the Navy in the Pacific. After he shipped out, Sally came back to Ashland where she worked as Clerk of the Selective Service Board until Mel returned November, 1945.

Mel opened a carpentry and cabinet shop and for the next twelve years he kept busy with building, remodeling and cabinet work. They were active in the Baptist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Auxiliary.

There were two daughters, Jane Ellen, born December 20, 1946 and Mary Anne, born October 30, 1951.

In 1957, the family moved to Greeley, Colorado, where they still make their home. Mel has had a cabinet shop here for 27 years and still keeps busy although he hasn't let his work interfere with his fishing the last few years.

Submitted by Sally Beydler

#### SHARON BILLINGSLEY AND KATHRYN STAFFORD

Sharon Ann and Kathryn Sue, daughters of Paul and Lola Baker, came to Ashland with their parents in 1959, from Mountain Grove, Missouri. They are members of P.E.O. and Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Sharon was born May 21, 1943 in Joplin, Missouri. She attended grades 1-4 in Joplin, 5-10 in Mountain Grove and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ashland High School in 1961. Because of her interest in music, she participated in both the vocal and instrumental groups. Sharon graduated from Cottey College and Wichita State University with a degree in music. She became the bride of Larry Robert Billingsley December 30, 1965. They are now residents of Lockwood, Missouri. There are two sons, John Paul, born January 7, 1970 and Stephen Daniel, born March 13, 1973. Larry is employed by the Lockwood Charter Bank and Sharon teaches music at the Lutheran School and gives private voice and piano lessons. The family is active in the Methodist Church.

Kathryn (Kathy) was born February 24, 1949 in Joplin, Missouri, attended grades 1-4 in Mountain Grove, Missouri and graduated Cum Laude from Ashland High School in 1967. She was a



Sharon Baker Billingsley and Kathryn Baker Stafford, 1965



member of the band, Y-Teens, and was a junior and senior high cheerleader. After graduating from Wichita University, she taught elementary school in Garden City and Dodge City; following this she was employed by the Grollier Publishing Company as a sales representative. She is married to Eddie Barnes Stafford who is an employee of the B & B Book Binding Company. They have one son, Lance Matthew, born October 8, 1982. They are residents of Jacksonville, Illinois.

Submitted by Lola J. Baker

#### ORAL W. BILYEU

Oral W. Bilyeu was the only child born to Eugene and Teletia Bilyeu. They lived on a farm north of Sitka, Kansas, when Oral was born April 19, 1919. Two years later the family moved northeast of Protection where he attended public schools, graduating from high school in 1937. From the University of Kansas he earned his B.A. in Public Administration in 1941. In 1942 while getting his master's degree, he had Reserve Officers Training Corps work. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant



Oral W. Bilyeu, 1968

in the Army on August 22, 1942 as a member of an anti-aircraft unit. After a few months of duty, Oral was promoted to First Lieutenant and commanded Battery C. of the 200th Coast Artillery Battalion in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

After the war, Oral returned to Kansas University for a law degree and practiced for a short while in Protection before being called back into the Army during the Korean conflict. On his return, he opened a law office in Ashland where he had an active practice until his death October 15, 1970.

He kept active on the family farm, was a member of the Christian Church, Masonic Lodge 384, American Legion Post 167 in Protection, VFW Post in Ashland and was a life member of the Clark County Historical Society in Ashland. He is buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Mrs. Vedra Stuck

#### WAYNE BIRD FAMILY

Dorothy Coverdale was born February 4, 1922 to Roy and Frances Coverdale in Pratt, Kansas. We later moved to Clark County where we grew up on the family farm, north of Sitka. I attended school at Sitka and then graduated from Ashland High School in 1940. I worked for Western Power & Telephone in Ashland and enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a WAVE Y 2/C in Washington, D.C. with the Bureau of Yards & Docks.

Wayne Bird was born December 11, 1922 to Ben and Mable Bird at Protection. He grew up on a farm there attending school in Protection. He served with the U.S. Air Force.

September 22, 1946, we were married in Wichita and lived there several months. We then moved to Eastern Colorado where we farmed wheat for 5 years. While living in Colorado, our children, Linda and Paul, were born.

In 1951 we moved to Protection, then in 1955 to Medicine Lodge where Wayne was Agency Manager for Barber County Farm Bureau for the next 25 years, retiring March, 1980. He



Wayne Bird family. Dorothy Bird, Linda Brown, Paul Bird and Wayne Bird

died in July, 1981.

I am employed at Western Power in Medicine Lodge where I have worked for the past 13 years.

Linda, born January 17, 1948, her husband Larry and daughter Lia live in Casper, Wyoming. Linda taught school for several years and is now with Prudential Insurance Co. Larry is an electrical engineer for Water Reclamation Bureau. Lia is two years old.

Paul, born May 26, 1951, and his wife Kathy live in Grand Junction, Colorado. Paul is an agent for Farmers Insurance Group. Kathy is a dental hygienist and will graduate this May from Mesa College as an accountant.

Submitted by Dorothy Bird

#### RUBY RANDALL BIRSS

Ruby Randall, sixth child and third daughter of Bentley and Grace E. Wright Randall, was born May 10, 1916 in Ashland. She attended first grade at a one-room school in Section 6, T35S, R21W, near the Kansas-Oklahoma State line on Highway 183 - Paul Salyer, teacher. Anna May and Charles Crane, a Reed girl and three or four other first graders attended that year. Charles, Anna May and six Randall children, Ruby, Nita, Irene, Del, Elmer and Stewart, rode in a buggy to school where a shed protected the horses and mules during the day. That year, 1922-23, a team of mules was driven because the prior year the horses had run away when spooked by a motorcycle. In 1934-35, Nita returned to teach at the school for one year.

The years 1923-26 Ruby attended the second, third and fourth grades at Sitka; Superintendent, Mr. Cunningham followed by Floyd Palmer; teachers - Ella and Mabel McMinimy and the Davis sisters. George Reed built a green bus body, put it on a Model T Ford chassis for transporting the students from the state line north to Sitka where some attended the public school and some attended the Catholic school.

Ruby attended grades 5-12 in the Ashland public schools, graduating in 1934, and graduating in 1939 from Kansas State College.

After teaching four years in Kansas, Ruby entered the military service as did her sisters Laura and Emma Belle. During World War II, Laura served as First Lieutenant, WAC Army; Emma Belle as First Class Petty Officer, Cook and Baker, SPAR, Coast Guard; Ruby as Lieutenant, WAVE, Navy.

April 17, 1948, Ruby married Spaulding Birss of Santa Barbara, California. Their children are Sarah Ann Birss, Edward William Birss and Helen Ruth Birss.

Submitted by Ruby Randall Birss

#### JAMES WARREN AND WANDA LOU BISEL FAMILY

After being born and raised at Okeene, Oklahoma and serving three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Jim Bisel first came to Ashland in the summer of 1946 as a custom wheat harvester, harvesting wheat on what was then the Dunne and Hoffman Ranch. Af-



ter following the harvest to North Dakota, he returned to Okeene and worked as a mechanic, while getting more acquainted with his wife to be, Wanda.

He returned again in the summer of 1947 and harvested again for Dunne and Hoffman. July 25, 1947, while Jim was harvesting in Holyoke, Colorado, he and Wanda were married at Medford, Oklahoma.

In the spring of 1949, Jim and Wanda moved to Ashland, Kansas in search of a career in farming and ranching. While living in Ashland, their first child, Donna Lou, was born December 29, 1949. After two years in the Ashland area, an opportunity to get a start in farming came from a land owner in eastern Colorado, so Jim, Wanda and Donna moved to Vona, Colorado.



Jim and Wanda Bisel, 1976

September 15, 1952, their second daughter, Janice Kay ("Cookie") was born. After two years in Colorado, a better farming opportunity was offered back in Clark County. In August, the family returned to Ashland. In September, Donna enrolled in kindergarten in the Ashland School System. By then they were looking forward to their third blessed event, which was the birth of Rebecca Jean on November 2, 1954.

During these years we were in a severe drought and crops were very short so Jim continued his custom harvesting while Wanda stayed home and took care of the girls and looked after the farming interests.

On October 11, 1957, the fourth daughter, Jamie Elaine, was born. All four daughters attended all grades, kindergarten through high school, in Ashland, where all were very active in extra activities.



Front: Becky and Jamie,  
Middle: Janice  
("Cookie").  
Back: Donna, Wanda  
and Jim. 1965.

While Wanda was being a homemaker and caring for the girls, Jim was busy with his farming and ranching business and community affairs, serving 15 years on the Soil Conservation Board, 12 years on the A.S.C.S. Committee. He is presently a member of the Ashland Co-op Board of Directors. He was instrumental in the forming of The Cimarron Grazing Association, Inc. of which he has remained secretary-treasurer since its beginning (1966). He is also a life-time member of the Ashland V.F.W., a member of the Ashland Lodge and Wichita Consistory. Jim and Wanda have been long time members of the Ashland First Christian Church. Donna, Cookie, Becky and Jamie also became members at an early age.

After finishing high school, Donna, Cookie and Becky at-



Cookie, Jamie, Donna and Becky, 1974

tended Fort Hays State University. Donna later graduated from Wichita State University. Cookie and Becky graduated from Fort Hays State. Jamie attended Washburn at Topeka for three semesters, transferred and graduated at Kansas University.

Donna married Jay D. Jones, August 24, 1968. They now reside in Pretty Prairie, Kansas, where Jay is engaged in farming and ranching. Donna is teaching in the school system in Cunningham, Kansas. They have two sons, Brett J., born February 1, 1970, Blaine Warren, born January 8, 1974. Brett and Blaine are very active in 4-H and have shown beef cattle for the Reno County Fair.

Cookie met and later married Robert E. Krehbiel, July 3, 1976, after teaching two years in the Grainfield School System. She taught one year at Pretty Prairie after marriage where they now reside. Bob is employed by Imperial Oil Company, Wichita, as attorney and landman. They have two daughters, Sarah Kate, born June 10, 1977, and Lindsay Leigh, born October 13, 1979.

After graduating from Fort Hays State University, Becky worked at the college until her marriage to Thomas A. Hoffman April 15, 1978. In September they moved to Ames, Iowa, where Tom was associated with a loan company. Their first daughter, Amber Lynn, was born there March 20, 1979. In July they returned to Dodge City, where their second daughter, Tiffany Ann, was born November 18, 1981. Tom is presently employed by United Parcel Service.

After her graduation from the University of Kansas, Jamie moved to Prairie Village, Kansas to further her studies in special education. She is presently employed at Mission Hills Hospital. She plans to be married later this year.

Wanda and I are thankful for the opportunity we have had and to be able to raise our family in a respectable community.

Submitted by Jim and Wanda Bisel

#### KATHERINE TAYLOR BLACK FAMILY

As a descendant of two of Ashland's oldest families and a regular summer visitor from age two, Ashland has always been special in the meaning of family heritage for Katherine.

Katherine Taylor Black was born January 2, 1937 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the first child of Lot and Ruth Smith Taylor. She attended Kansas State University majoring in home economics and art. There she met and married Jay I. Black, a civil engineering student from New York City. Although active as a parent in the growth of her family, Katherine has always remained a student of art. Teaching art and the collecting of antiques have filled many enjoyable years. Recently she has extended her studies to the programming and the use of micro-computers.

Jay I. Black was born April 26, 1935, the third child of Samuel and Rose Black. He graduated Kansas State University in 1959 and was employed in the aircraft industry until 1970. He then established J.I. Black Associates, Inc., a professional engineering and land surveying firm in West Haven, Connecticut. In 1970, Jay received the first Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering to be conferred by the University of Bridgeport. Education has always been important and in 1978, he



founded and directs the Connecticut Institute of Technology, a private technical college.

Katherine and Jay have three children. Robyn Lee, born February 8, 1959, has attended the University of Bridgeport and Sacred Heart University, majoring in psychology. David Alan, born July 21, 1960, is a graduate in mechanical engineering from Norwalk State Technical College. He is presently an instructor and recruiter for the Connecticut Institute of Technology. Bruce Michael, born March 9, 1962, is studying civil engineering at Norwalk State Technical College and will graduate in June, 1984.

The family resides in Orange, Connecticut, where they have been active members of their community since 1966.

Submitted by Katherine Taylor Black

#### HAROLD BLACKBURN FAMILY

Donna Jean Spotts, second daughter of Don and Carol, was born in Ashland April 16, 1934. After moving several times the family came back to Ashland in 1947. She graduated from AHS in 1952, received a B.S. degree in education from KU in 1956 and an M.S. degree in 1962. She taught elementary physical education in Portland, Oregon, junior high, college and high school physical education in Topeka, and is presently teaching elementary physical education in the Shawnee Mission District.

Harold Lee Blackburn, Jr. was born in Edgemont, S.D., December 14, 1927. He graduated from Macksville High in 1945, received his B.S. degree in education from K-State in 1950, M.S. degree from Phillips U. in 1953 and Ed.D. degree from KU in 1961. He has spent his life in education from teaching and coaching to administration.

Donna and Harold met in Topeka where she taught and he was vice-principal at the same school. They were married December 28, 1959. H. Lee III was born in 1963 and Laurie Jean



Harold, Lee, Donna and Laurie

was born in 1965. They both attend KU where Lee is majoring in social welfare and Laurie in liberal arts with plans for law school.

In 1967, the family moved to Lawrence when Harold began a 15-year job with the U.S. Office of Education. In 1969, they moved to Overland Park. Harold became Assistant Commissioner of Education in August, 1982, and Commissioner of Education for the State of Kansas in December, 1983. Donna and Harold are members of Village Presbyterian Church where Donna is active in choir, bell choir and the women's association. Harold is active in Rotary Club and on the Knife and Fork Club speaking circuit.

Submitted by Donna Spotts Blackburn

#### ARTHUR AND MARGUERITE ELLIOTT BLAKELEY

Arthur Hayse Blakeley was born November 11, 1893 in Stone County, Missouri. He traveled via covered wagon across Kansas



Arthur Blakeley and Marguerite Elliott at their wedding, 1921.

with his parents and settled in Harper County, Oklahoma in 1904 and in 1916 came to Clark County. He worked for 20 years for J.P. Campbell Ranch, most of that time as foreman following Lon Ford in that position. He served in the Army in World War I where he was an ambulance driver in France. Art and Leta Marguerite McClurg Elliott were married May 4, 1921 at the ranch and had four children.

Alice Evelyn, born August 10, 1922, married Alex Breit; Ella Mae, born April 17, 1924; Richard Arthur, born May 20, 1926; and Grace Marguerite, born July 23, 1929, who married Billy J. Norton.

Marguerite was born in Decorah, Iowa, October 8, 1894, daughter of Ida Alice McClurg. In 1941, they purchased a farm west of Ashland. He then became a trucker operating a truck line with their son, Richard, until Arthur's death. Arthur and Marguerite moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1963.

Arthur died November 12, 1963 at the age of 70 at Alexandria, Louisiana and Marguerite died December 24, 1982 at age 86 at Ashland. Marguerite had been a resident of Fountain View Villa for 11½ years.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### FLOYD GRAHAM BLAKELEY

Floyd Graham Blakeley (Pug), son of Harve and Eva Blakeley, was born October 19, 1900 in Missouri and came to Kansas from Harper Co., Oklahoma to work on the J.P. Campbell Ranch. He traveled across Kansas with his parents in 1904 in a covered wagon and grew up in Oklahoma. In 1932, he opened his own



Front row: Art Blakeley, Floyd Blakeley, Harve Blakeley, Lloyd Blakeley. Back row: Virgil Blakeley, Bertha O'Brien and Orval Blakeley. 1953.

electric shop (Blakeley Auto Electric) in Ashland and operated it until his retirement in 1972.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### WILLIAM HARVEY AND EVA SHANNON BLAKELEY

William Harvey Blakeley, born September 27, 1867, at Oil Town, Pennsylvania, son of Mordecai Blakeley and Anna Hooten, and Parmelia Evaline Shannon, born Carroll County, Missouri, July 15, 1868, daughter of Jacob H. Shannon and Parmelia A.



Parker, were married October 4, 1887, in Little Compton, Missouri. They had eight children.

Maude Adaline, born March 1, 1890, who died at age 10 and is buried in Avalon, Missouri; Arthur Hayse, born November 11, 1893; Lloyd Malton, born April 10, 1896; Floyd Graham, born October 19, 1900; Bertha Mae, born May 20, 1907; Orval, born December 23, 1908; Virgil, born July 1, 1911; and infant son, September 19, 1913, who died shortly after birth.



Harve and Eva Blakeley, 1950.

In 1904, the Blakeleys and the three oldest sons came across Kansas from Missouri to Colorado traveling in a covered wagon. Later they settled on a farm in Harper Co., Oklahoma, where they raised their family. Later they moved to Arkansas and then back to Ashland, Kansas.

Eva died May 3, 1953 and Harve died November 25, 1957. They are buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### LLOYD AND GERTIE WALLACE BLAKELEY

Lloyd Malton Blakeley, second son of Harve and Eva Blakeley, was born April 10, 1896 in Missouri. He came to Harper Co., Oklahoma with his parents in 1904. They had traveled across Kansas in a covered wagon. He married Anna Gertrude Wallace (Gertie), daughter of Euba Shannon Fuller and John Wallace on March 19, 1919. Gertie was born September 7, 1895 in Missouri. Their son "Buddy" died at about 3 years of age.



Eva Blakeley, Gertie Blakeley and Buddy Blakeley, 1919.

Lloyd served in the Army in World War I and worked for the J.P. Campbell Ranch on the South Place for a number of years, then went into the trucking business for himself.

Lloyd died April 5, 1976 and Gertie died April 3, 1976. A double funeral was held at the First Christian Church in Ashland. They are buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### T.J. BLANKINSHIP FAMILY

T.J. and Nancy Blankinship were Ashland residents from 1960 to 1980. T.J. is past president of Ashland Kiwanis, City Councilman and fireman, and Nancy was a Bearcreek Boosters 4-H leader and active in P.E.O. and 20th Century. The family was active in

the United Methodist Church and their children participated in sports, band, scouts and 4-H.

Thomas Jackson Blankinship was born February 22, 1935 to Irvin T. and Mary Turnbo Blankinship. He started work during high school with Farmers Co-op. He was branch manager in Englewood before moving to Ashland as general manager in 1969. From Ashland he became general manager at Waynoka, Oklahoma.

Nancy Mary Boothe, daughter of A. Wayne and Margaret Williams Boothe, was born January 3, 1937. She and T.J. were high school sweethearts. They married December 16, 1955 and have three children.

Thomas Wayne, born January 26, 1957, graduated from AHS and attended Pratt Junior College. He is a truck driver in Fremont, Nebraska. He and his wife, Janice (Katt) have a son, Jacob Wayne, and a daughter, Alicia Kay.

Barbara Carol, born December 23, 1958, is a 1977 AHS alumna, and received her BSN degree from Kansas University. She is employed as a registered nurse at Enid, Oklahoma.

Mark Duane, born June 22, 1964, graduated from Waynoka, Oklahoma High School in 1982. Mark attends Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, studying animal science and works for Reproduction Enterprises, Inc. He is building his own herd of registered Polled Hereford cattle.

T.J. became general manager of the Waynoka Co-operative Elevator (1980). He and Nancy are improving an acreage near Waynoka. Nancy operated the computer at First State Bank and directs the church choir.

Submitted by Nancy Blankinship

#### FREDRICK AND MARILLA BLAU

Fredrick and Marilla Blau were married in 1948 and moved to the Statton Place in Lexington Township, August 1, 1949. "Fritz", a World War II veteran, served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise CV-6 1941-43 as an aviation machinist mate and during 1944-45 at Benjiman Lee Field, Florida. Marilla, a teacher (A.B.-Friends University, M.S.-Fort Hays Kansas State College, plus work toward a doctorate) left a position as instructor of English at Garden City Junior College. Soon she became a substitute in the Ashland School System.

In 1952, they bought their first registered Herefords. For a number of years they actively engaged in performance testing and entered bulls in testing stations in three states. They owned and



Fredrick and Marilla Blau



proved three of the first 75 certified meat sires registered in Performance Registry International. In 1969 they AI-ed part of their cows to Simmental bulls and had the first Simmental cattle in the west 3/4 of Kansas.

They have worked in Farm Bureau, Extension, V.F.W. and Auxiliary. Fritz is past commander and life member of V.F.W. Post No. 7770, a member of the Kansas Livestock Association and various other livestock organizations. Marilla is a member of the B.P.W. Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Mid Century Study Club, 50-year-member of O.E.S. and historian of the Mullinville



United Methodist Church which they attend regularly.

At present they have cut back on their farming operation by selling the irrigated place which they owned for fifteen years and plan to reduce their cattle operation. They hope to find time to take life easier and to travel in the winter time.

Submitted by Marilla Blau

#### CLEO BLISS FAMILY

Cleo Allen Bliss was born November 19, 1928, in Burgess, Missouri, the son of Lowell and Ethel Bliss. He first came to Ashland for wheat harvest in 1948 and returned in 1949 to work on the co-op elevator and the city pool construction jobs.

April 9, 1950, Cleo married Bessie Lee Felkins at the Paruna, Oklahoma Baptist Church. They are members of the Ashland Baptist Church.



Cleo and Bessie Lee Bliss

Cleo worked for the Dunne and Hoffman ranch and for Taylor Plumbing, Jenkin's Plumbing and Al's Service before purchasing Jenkin's Plumbing Co. in 1957. The Bliss children are: Roy Allen, born January 1, 1952 and Quilma Lee, born July 30, 1953. They got their first clerical experience sitting on Jim Jenkin's knee in the plumbing shop office.

In May, 1965, they purchased the Ashland Gamble store from Floyd and Georgia Palmer and two years later bought the pool hall next door to expand Gambles in its place. The pool hall moved to the old plumbing shop building. In 1971 they bought another Gamble Store in Coldwater, Kansas and operated both stores until 1973 when they sold the Ashland store to Al Seidel.

In their spare time, Cleo and Bessie Lee remodeled several homes in Ashland and later sold them. They've continued to build and remodel in Coldwater and built a new Gamble Store building on the highway. Lake Coldwater, gardening, and five grandchildren keep them busy after business hours and between houses.

Submitted by Quilma Cusick

#### ROY A. BLISS FAMILY

Roy Allen Bliss was born January 1, 1952 to Cleo Allen Bliss and Bessie Lee (Felkins) Bliss of Ashland. As a youngster, Roy attended Ashland Elementary School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1970. Later years of education were completed at the Dodge City Community Junior College, Dodge City, Kansas and Wichita State University, Wichita.



Roy, Carol, Jarred, Julie and Jenni Bliss, May, 1983

Roy married Carol Jane Urban, daughter of Victor B. Urban and Mary (Preisner) Urban, July 22, 1972 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ashland, Kansas. Carol Jane was born at Ashland, Kansas, December 20, 1952. Carol attended eight years of school at St. Joseph's Catholic School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1970. Later years of education were spent at St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, Kansas and graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Wichita, Kansas in 1973.

Roy is currently working with the Wichita Police Department as a patrolman, and Carol is a registered nurse specializing in emergency room nursing at St. Joseph's Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas. The family resides at 1820 Anita, Wichita, Kansas.

Roy and Carol have three children: Jinni Anne was born April 15, 1974; Jarred Allen was born September 16, 1976 and Julie Marie was born June 26, 1980. Jinni and Jarred are receiving their elementary school training at St. Anne's School in Wichita.

Submitted by Carol Jane Bliss

#### GEORGE BLOXSOM FAMILY

George and Vida were born in Clark County, leaving Ashland in 1950, moving to Woodward, Oklahoma.

George was born March 17, 1911, 8 miles north of Ashland, one of eight children of Arthur and Elizabeth Bloxsom. He attended grades 1-12 in Ashland. After graduating he attended Wichita Business College. He worked for Western Farmers Electric until his retirement in 1976, after 26 years.

Vida Jane Cox, daughter of Rosa and Will Cox, was born on Bluff Creek in Clark County, January 4, 1914. She attended school in the country schools, grades 1 through 8, and attended high school at Ashland. Vida worked for 26 years as secretary to school administrators until her retirement in 1975.

The Bloxsom's children are: Gary, Glenda and Nanette. Gary was born November 16, 1936, and attended schools at Ashland and Woodward, Oklahoma and college at Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma and Wichita University at Wichita, Kansas. He worked in banks until 1981 at which time he bought the International Tours of Woodward which he now operates with his wife, Barbara. Gary has two daughters.

Glenda was born February 17, 1942. She attended school in Woodward and O.S.U. at Stillwater. She resides in Tampa, Florida. Glenda has two sons and one daughter.

Nanette was born October 26, 1944, attending school in Woodward and Anadarko, Oklahoma, O.S.U. at Stillwater and is now attending Oklahoma City Community College. Nanette is married and has two daughters. Her home is in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

George and Vida celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 14, 1983.

George, Vida and all three children and their families are active in the United Methodist churches in their home towns.



Bloxsom family in 1980. George, Vida, Nanette, Gary and Glenda

Submitted by Vida Bloxsom



### ARTHUR AND MARY FOLKS BLOXSOM

Arthur Bloxsom and Mary Folks were married in Ashland, Kansas on January 26, 1906. Mary Folks came to Ashland at a very young age. Her entire life was lived in and around Ashland.

They had nine children. It was the mother's desire to see all of her children graduate from Ashland High School. All had, except Delbert, the youngest, who graduated Cum Laude one week after his mother's death on May 9, 1943.



Back: G.A. Bloxsom, Dora, Raymond, Clyde, George. Middle: Kenneth, Mary, Marie, Mabel and Chick. Delbert in front by himself. Grandson to side of group.

Clyde lives in Winter Park, Florida with his wife Merle. They have two married daughters and four grandchildren living in Florida. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 1981.

Lawrence (Chick) married in Madera, California. They had two sons. Chick died on October 2, 1949. He is buried in Inglewood, California. His sons and families still live in California.

Dora married Glen Matticks in Ashland on October 21, 1929. They moved to Madera, California in 1937. Their oldest son died that year and was returned to Ashland for burial. They have three other children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 21, 1979. Glen died on November 15, 1979. Dora still lives in Madera, California.

George married Vida Cox in Ashland. They have three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 26, 1983 in Mooreland, Oklahoma, where they live.

Mabel married H.D. Martin in Ashland on December 12, 1931. They moved to Madera, California in 1936 and then to Merced, California in 1940. There they bought land and built a new home in Merced County where they still reside. They have been married 52 years.

Marie married Leonard Aue in Meade, Kansas on June 21, 1936. They moved to Madera, California in August, 1936. They moved back to Minneola, Kansas in June of 1938 where they first son was born in August. They returned to Merced, California in August of 1939 where one daughter and two sons were born. They have ten grandchildren and one great grandson.

Raymond married Sylvia Wymer on June 12, 1939. They had one son, R.A., Jr., who lives in Topeka, Kansas. Raymond was reported missing in action on August 24, 1944. He was later returned to be buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Kenneth married Allene Sakdol (Dolly) on June 5, 1942. They adopted a son, Jon, and then were parents to a daughter, Judith. Dolly died on May 12, 1972. Kenneth married Louise Judd. They have four grandchildren. They live in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Delbert married in Merced, California on August 13, 1948.

They had two sons and one daughter. He has one grandson and one granddaughter. Delbert and Jewell live in North Highlands, California, where all their families live nearby.

Arthur and Mary Bloxsom are buried in Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Marie Aue

### JAMES ROBERT AND ANNIE VIRGINIA DALTON BLOYD FAMILY

In 1914 Goldie Idelpha Bloyd, at the age of 19, came to Ashland from Missouri to work at the McGovern Hotel on Main Street, having heard from Missouri neighbors who had moved to Ashland (the Mattics family) that work could be had.

Goldie kept writing her parents it would be good if they could move to Ashland. In 1915, the James Bloyd family left Scotland County, Memphis, Missouri, and made the trip to Ashland with their children, Rubert, Irene, Orville, Hazel and Ernest.

Mr. Bloyd began operation of a livery stable at once in the area where the Chevrolet Garage is now located on East 8th. In the meantime, the McGovern Hotel sold to Charlie Hill and Goldie stayed on to work for the Hill family.

In 1916, Goldie married Phillip "Hank" Nickum of Ashland. The following children were born: Ernest, born at Willard, Oklahoma; Josephine, born at Ashland; Georgilee, Loretta and Dolly, born in Wichita, Kansas; and Caroline, born at Ashland.

In late 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Bloyd sold their livery stable and purchased a farm in Jefferson City, Missouri and moved there with their family.

The "Hank" Nickum family moved to Wichita, Kansas late in 1919 and worked at Dold Packing Plant until returning to Ashland in 1934. During the Dust Bowl Days, "Hank's" health became bad and at their doctor's suggestion they left this area, returning to Wichita where they made their home.

Hank passed away in 1969 and Goldie passed away in 1972 in Wichita.

Submitted by Josephine Nickum Smee

### GERALD W. BLUE FAMILY

The Blue family came to Ashland in June, 1964. Gerald was transferred by the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, from Jetmore, Kansas.

Gerald was born in Nardin, Oklahoma, has one sister living in Pontiac, Michigan. He graduated from Blackwell, Oklahoma High School in 1946, joined the Navy upon graduation, serving five years. He met Christine Hayden, Saltville, Virginia, during his last year in the Navy. They were married October 6, 1951, moved to Nardin, Oklahoma, where they farmed for six years. Gerald worked part time for the Soil Conservation Service during this period.

In 1957, the Blues moved to Wellington, Kansas. Gerald worked for Boeing, Wichita, four years, moving to Jetmore, Kansas in 1961 when he accepted full time work with Soil Conservation Service.

Chris was born in Saltville, Virginia, has one sister and three brothers, all living near Saltville, Va. She graduated from secretarial school and worked as bookkeeper and secretary for her father before coming to Oklahoma. Chris began working for



Chris, Gerald, Cathy and Jay Blue, 1968



Stockgrowers State Bank, Ashland, Kansas, in August, 1964.

The Blues have two children, Cathy and Jay. Cathy was married to Richie Meadows in 1973. They have a son, Slade, and live in Dodge City.

Jay graduated from Kansas State University in 1978. He is employed by Frito-Lay, Inc. and lives in Hays, Kansas.

Chris and Jerry enjoy camping and swimming, but Jerry's favorite pastime is his quarter horses.

Submitted by Chris Blue

#### FRANK ARTHUR BODIN

Frank Arthur Bodin was born July 29, 1896 to Frank and Hannah Bodin at Chicago, Illinois. He was one of five children. Frank attended the first grade at a country school near Chicago. He continued his education to high school graduation at a consolidated county school in Knox, Indiana. He worked on farms, in dairies and in a steel factory in Indiana.

Frank came to Ashland in 1919 by train, with a friend, Arthur Wurth. These men came to follow the harvest which they did for two years. Mr. Bodin recalls hauling wheat in a small trailer behind a Model A Ford. He spent two years in California working in a railroad shop and grafting trees in an orchard.

When Mr. Bodin returned to Ashland to make his home, he worked for several farmers. He sold combines and serviced them for George McNickle. He later rented land which he farmed for many years. He has always been an avid reader and can relate many interesting facts. Mr. Bodin lived in the old Hodson Hotel, staying on to see it become the Cogley Hotel and then the Hardesty House.

Frank Bodin has lived at Fountain View Villa since 1979. He still enjoys reading and visiting with friends.

Submitted by Pat Fellers

#### ORVEL A. BOND, JR.

Orvel A. Bond, Jr. of Plains, Kansas, came to Clark County with the CCC camp boys about 1933 where he worked on the Clark County Lake and Dam. From there he worked for Barth Gabbert on the ranch, later working for Willie Lee Cunningham, and the Hudson Ranch. It was during this time he entertained at the community "literaries" singing cowboy songs and playing his guitar.

On July 7, 1936, Orvel and Alice Betschart, daughter of Frantz and Nellie May (Rose) Betschart, were married in Meade, Kansas. They had a daughter, Barbara Joan, born April 17, 1937. Orvel and Alice were divorced. In 1940, Orvel married Leona Cook of Ashland; there were no children. They were divorced.

Orvel answered his call to Army duty in World War II, August of 1942 from Clark County and served over twenty years in the service. He was stationed in Japan and Korea with the 1st Tank Battalion. He later served in Germany, then back to Ft. Meade, Maryland and Ft. Knox Army Base. He was Master T/Sgt. at the

Orvel A. Bond, Jr., 1944

Orvel A. Bond, Jr., 1940



time of his retirement.

Orvel married Reba Frances Vertrees of Leitchfield, Kentucky. They had three children: Marjorie Lynn, June 2, 1953, Leitchfield, Kentucky; Orvel Wayne, June 3, 1956, Ft. Meade, Maryland and Wanona Leona, July 27, 1959, Nuremberg, Germany.

Orvel Audrey Bond, son of Orvel Aquilla and Audrey Elizabeth (Marriott) Bond, was born May 13, 1915, south of Lamar, Colorado. He passed away June 29, 1971 at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado of Alzheimers' disease.

Submitted by Mary R. Cunningham Zane, sister

#### ROBERT BOND FAMILY

Robert Bond is the son of Carl and Betty Bond. He was born in Salina, Kansas, May 4, 1944, where Carl was stationed in the service. They moved to Plains about 1946. Robert graduated from Plains High School in 1962. He then went to Northwestern State University for one year. After that he worked at Home Lumber Co. in Meade, Kansas for several years, moving to Plains, Kansas, where he worked at Plains Equity Exchange Co-op until 1981. Robert has one brother, Donald, who lives in Woodward, Oklahoma, and two sisters, Rita Bayless, who lives in Dodge City, and Marsha Bayless, who lives in South Carolina. Robert has two children of a previous marriage: Brent Lee Bond, born May 30, 1964, and Brenda Carol Bond, born September 9, 1961. Robert moved to Ashland in 1981 and married Nina Anna Glaser Ramirez on June 5, 1981.

Nina moved to Ashland from Omaha, Nebraska in 1980. She was born April 24, 1952 in Appleton, Wisconsin and is the daughter of Margaret K. Glaser, who came to Ashland from Appleton in 1978. Nina is also the sister of Joyce Baker, who moved to Ashland from Omaha in 1972 after marrying Jerry Baker. Nina also has two brothers living in Appleton, Gary and Richard Glaser.

Nina has a son from a previous marriage, Robbie Edward Ramirez, who was born December 3, 1970 in Omaha.

After Robert and Nina were married, they purchased the Cravens-Stevenson house. Robert is currently a carpenter, and Nina is working at Les' Jack and Jill.

Submitted by Nina Bond

#### FRED AND MYRTLE BOOTH

Fred was born in Belleville, Kansas to James and Emma Dugins Booth on February 16, 1891. Myrtle Winn was born in Chase, Kansas to Joel and Maggie Martin Winn on May 10, 1905. They met in Colorado where Fred and Joel Winn had adjoining homesteads. They were married on September 28, 1921 in Springfield, Colorado. They sold their land in Colorado and moved to Rosston, Oklahoma living on a farm west of his parents.

In 1929, they bought a farm east of Ashland where they made their home and raised their family. During the 1930's it was tough making ends meet with no crops, but somehow it was done. Fred worked on the pipeline with his team of horses and wages were \$1.00 a day. They also sold milk to people in town.

To this union were born five children: Fred, Jr., who died at 18 months in Colorado; William E. (Bill), who lives in Rockaway Beach, Missouri; Glenn R., who lives in Hutchinson; and Thomas H. and Frances M. Magnuson both in Wichita.

They both were members of Christian Church always ready to help where needed. Myrtle was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Farm Bureau and Legion Auxiliary. Fred belonged to the American Legion. He served in the Army during World War I.



Myrtle passed away October 11, 1960 and Fred September 28, 1973.

Submitted by Frances Magnuson

#### GLENN AND LAURA BOOTH

Glenn Booth, the son of Fred and Myrtle Booth, and Laura Thomas Booth, the daughter of Clay and Minnie Thomas, were united in marriage in 1946. They and their three children were graduates of Ashland High School. Glenn participated in football, basketball, track and baseball in high school. He was captain of the football and basketball teams his senior year. In high school, Laura participated in music, pep club and Y-teens.

Glenn served with the 3rd Marine Division during World War II in the South Pacific.

When Glenn returned from overseas, he and Laura were married and moved to Salina, Kansas, where Glenn attended Wesleyan University.

After he graduated in 1950, they moved to Wilmore. Then in 1953, to Protection, where Glenn taught school and coached.

Glenn and Laura moved to Ashland in 1955, when they bought the McFarland Insurance Agency.

Between the years 1955 to 1962, Glenn farmed and ran the insurance agency and was undersheriff to the late Eddie Wibright. In 1962, he was elected Sheriff of Clark County and served in this position until 1968 when he resigned to accept a position with the University of Kansas as Assistant Director of Law Enforcement Training for the State of Kansas.

In 1976, Glenn and Laura moved to Hutchinson where Glenn continued with his work for the University of Kansas and Laura began working in the Treasurer's Office of Reno County.

Glenn and Laura have three children and one grandchild. Glenda (and her daughter, Melissa) and Randy live in Hutchinson. Karen lives in Wichita.

Submitted by Laura Booth

#### TOM AND MARIE BOOTH

Leona Marie Millam was born July 1, 1924, northwest of Coldwater, Kansas, the first child of Olin Charles and Virgie Bell (Blue) Millam. In 1927, the family moved to their farm home, which they had purchased southwest of Protection. Marie attended Rural School District 61 through the eighth grade at Liberty School.

These were dust bowl days, and farming was hard sledding. During these years, they lost their farm. In March of 1942, the family moved to a farm ten miles northeast of Ashland, where they lived until Olin retired in 1966. They moved into their home in Ashland.

Marie stayed with Leona Mae Winn the last three months of her senior year, so she could graduate with her class from Protection High School, 1942. She moved to Wichita and was employed by the Boeing Airplane Company during World War II. She returned to Ashland where she was employed by the Clark County Farm Bureau Office. In December, 1946, she met Tom Booth in the Post Office at Ashland. She returned to Wichita and the Boeing Company in 1948.

Thomas Henry Booth, fourth son of Fred Clark and Myrtle Mae (Winn) Booth, was born in Harper County, Oklahoma on May 6, 1927. At the age of three, he moved with his parents and two brothers to their farm southeast of Ashland. Tom attended the Ashland schools, participating in football, basketball and track.

On July 19, 1944, he was drafted into the United States

Army, and served in Korea, returning to Ashland on December 23, 1946. He received his honorable discharge on January 7, 1947 and moved to Wichita, where he was employed by Bareco Oil Company, before joining the Wichita Fire Department in June, 1950.

Tom and Marie were united in marriage September 24, 1950, in the Ashland Methodist Church. Marie stayed at Boeing until July, 1953, a few months before the birth of Nanci Joan, her first child, on May 29, 1954. Russell Thomas, a son, was born April 25, 1957. In 1963, Marie graduated from the Professional Beauty College and opened her beauty shop which she operated until 1971.

Nanci graduated from W.S.U. and Russell from Southeast High School in 1976. Russell attended W.S.U. Marie returned to Boeing (1979) and still enjoys a career there.

Nanci married William L. McMillan, Wichita, June 13, 1981. Bill is a commercial artist and Nanci is employed at Fourth Financial Center as Profit Planner Administrator. Russell married Mary Lea Hefrin, Arkansas City, September 24, 1981. They have a daughter, Nichole Ann, born February 26, 1983. Russell is employed at Boeing and graduated from the Reserve Wichita Police Department, December 3, 1982. Mary is a student at W.S.U.



Back: Russell, Nanci.

Front: Marie and Tom Booth

In January, 1976, Fire Lieutenant Tom Booth retired from the Wichita Fire Department. He was awarded a Distinguished Service Citation, in recognition of dedicated and meritorious service rendered to the community and citizens of Wichita during his twenty-five years and eight months of service with the Fire Department. Tom is farming his parents' farm and is employed at Boeing since his retirement.

Marie's family has blossomed under her loving care with a wonderful son-in-law, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. She is active in her church and leads a loving Christian life. Tom and Marie are active in Bethany United Methodist Church. We love to camp with family and friends. We are fortunate to have the family we have. I am grateful for my heritage and that I was raised in such a loving and happy home.

Submitted by Marie Booth

#### EARL AND ALICE BOREN

Earl Boren came to Ashland in 1927 to barber for Jerome Belt. July 27, 1927, Earl married Alice Hopingardner, Laverne, Oklahoma. In February, 1942, they moved to Oklahoma and returned to Ashland in September, 1954.

Their two daughters were born in Ashland, Deloras, now Mrs. Don Baker, Ashland; and Marilyn, now Mrs. Stan Coxwell of Booker, Texas. They have six grandchildren (four of whom have graduated from AHS) and five great-grandchildren.

Earl had barber shops of his own in what was Mary's Beauty Shop, Hodson Hotel (Hardesty House), what is now Curtis





Earl and Alice

Slaton's office and Jack and Jill store. In 1956, Earl bought the Coggins building where he barbered until retiring in 1976. He sold out to Gerald Schweitzer.

During the depression Earl cut hair for 50 cents and shaves for 25 cents. He traded barber work for eggs, butter, cheese, meat and milk. Earl was proud to have cut hair for many third generations.

Earl played first base with Ashland's baseball team for several years. Alice enjoyed working with Rebekah Lodge and Garden Club. The Boren's yard and flowers were a great enjoyment to them until their health failed. They have been active workers in the First Christian Church.

The Boren's greatest pride was their family and enjoyed many camping and fishing trips with them.



Back row: Kevan Proctor, Shannon Spurgeon. Middle row: Lynda Proctor, Teddi Osborn, Jimmy Osborn, Marilyn Proctor, Debra Proctor, Gene Spurgeon, Robin Nester Steed, Deloras Baker. Front row: Dave Osborn, Earl Boren, Alice Boren, Don Baker. 50th wedding anniversary.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July, 1977. Earl passed away March 13, 1981 and is buried in Highland Cemetery. Alice still lives in their Ashland home.

Submitted by Alice Boren

#### OSCAR BORTH FAMILY

Oscar M. Borth, son of Gustav and Rosa Behrens Borth, was born February 24, 1917 in Shattuck, Oklahoma. He was the oldest of three children. Oscar moved with his parents to Lipscomb County, Texas when he was a small boy. He attended Fairview rural school and Follett High School, graduating at the age of 16. He worked with his father on the family farm, occa-



Gus Borth home in Ditch Valley. Oscar, Lela, Belinda and Perry - 1950.

sionally hiring out to other farmers in the area. In 1936-37, he was employed with the Lipscomb County Tax Survey, which he deemed as a profitable experience.

Oscar's musical talents with his accordion and violin provide much enjoyable pastime for him and his family.

Lela Mae Schoenhals, second of seven children of H.G. and Millie Hanshu Schoenhals, was born at Shattuck, Oklahoma, April 23, 1923. She grew up near Darrouzett, in Lipscomb County, Texas, attending Third Creek rural school and high school in Darrouzett. During the school term, while in high school, Lela was a part-time clerk in her uncle's store, "Darrouzett Grocery-Dry Goods-Ready to Wear." She enjoys sewing, playing the piano and is interested in various crafts.

June 1, 1941, Oscar and Lela were married at Follett, Texas. In November of that year, they, his little brother, and his parents moved to the Gate, Oklahoma area where Oscar's parents had bought a half section of land in Ditch Valley, renting some land in addition, selling their farm in Texas.

In 1942, Oscar and Lela purchased a farm of 240 acres a mile east of Englewood, buying three smaller tracts of land, adjoining, later. In August of 1943, they moved to their farm where they still reside.

The Borths have two children, Perry and Belinda.

Submitted by Lela Borth

#### PERRY AND CAROL BORTH

Perry Borth was born February 15, 1945, attended Englewood schools, graduated in 1963. He received his A.B. degree in political science from Fort Hays State University in 1967. Soon after, he accepted a position with the I.R.S. in Van Nuys, California working until he was called to duty in U.S. service. He is a veteran of the Vietnam war.

In August of 1971, Perry and Carol McCarthy of Hays were



Carol, Mike and Perry, 1980

married. They have one son, Michael, 10 years of age. Carol is also a Fort Hays State University graduate. Perry is employed as a member of the V.A. rating board. They live in Wichita.

Submitted by Lela Borth

#### DAVID BOUZIDEN FAMILY

David Solomen Bouziden was one of six children born to Sol and Rosemary Bouziden in 1945 in Hardtner, Kansas. He was raised in Alva, Oklahoma and graduated from high school there in 1963. He went to work for the Bouziden Brothers farming and ranching in the Alva area.

In 1971, Sol Bouziden & Sons bought the Ravenscraft Ranch which was then owned by the Hugh Whiteford estate. David moved to Ashland in the spring of 1972 to manage the farming and ranching interest and moved his family here in the fall of 1972 which included his wife, Diana, a son, Rhett, and a daughter, Leslie.

In 1979, David was remarried to Carol Walker, a school teacher in Woodward, Oklahoma. Carol was born in 1948 in Alva,



David Bouziden family in 1983.

David, Carol, Lance, Rhett,  
Leslie and Kit



Oklahoma, to Gene and Betty Faurot of Waynoka, Oklahoma. She graduated from high school there in 1966 and pursued a degree in education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. She taught school for 10 years in Oklahoma before moving to Kansas. Carol and her two sons, Lance and Kit Walker, moved to Ashland in June of 1979.

Submitted by Dave and Carol Bouziden

#### O.A. (BEN) AND IVA BOWLING

Ben Bowling was born in 1886 in Tallahassee, Florida. He lived in Kansas City, Kansas for a time before coming to Ashland to see a wheat harvest. He was met at the train station in Ashland by Ed Hartsook in 1921 and worked for him as his first experience in a harvest field. After harvest Ben worked for George Lovett in the plumbing business.

Iva and Ben Bowling  
40th wedding anniversary  
November 26, 1961



Iva Sawyers was the oldest of nine children of Walter and Gertrude (Evans) Sawyers. Iva was born on March 10, 1901 on a ranch north of Protection, Kansas. The family moved to Ashland a few years later. Iva attended Ashland grade and high school.

In November, 1921, Ben and Iva Sawyers were married in Ashland and they made their first home in Wichita. In 1923, they returned to the Ashland vicinity and worked on the Ed Abell ranch. They lived for six years on the Stephens' ranch, then moved to

"The Bowlings" - January, 1984. Standing: Elaine Alexander, Parsons, Kansas; Ann Herrod, Wichita; Margie Rainbolt, Burlington, Colorado; Betty O'Brien, Ashland; Darlene Yunker, Dodge City; Karen Maris, Ashland. Seated: Melvin Bowling, Wichita; Iva Bowling, Ashland; Ocie Bowling, Minneola.



Sitka to a farm owned by the Stephens. In 1940, the Bowlings moved to a home in Ashland. Ben was in the trucking business and was widely known as a horse trader until his death in 1963. After Ben's death Iva continued to operate the Bowling Laundromat for a total of 24 years. The business closed in 1983.

Ben and Iva had nine children, all attended schools in Clark County. They were Betty, Margie, Melvin, Darlene, Ocie, Elaine, Gordon, Ann and Karen. Gordon was killed in January, 1964 when a horse fell with him.

Times may have been hard at times for raising this large family but there was nothing lacking in the things that matter.

Submitted by the Bowling girls

#### MELVIN BOWLING FAMILY

Mel Bowling, son of Iva and O.A. Ben Bowling, was born on the Stephens ranch in northeast Clark County, August 6, 1927 and grew up with two brothers and six sisters on a farm near Sitka and later in their home in Ashland.

Mel attended 1-7 grades at Centerville School and completed the eighth grade at Ashland Grade School and graduated from Ashland High School in May, 1945.

After graduation he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on board ship along the West Coast. Upon his discharge from the Navy in 1948, he returned to Ashland and farmed with his dad in Clark County and Eastern Colorado.

In January of 1951, Mel moved to Wichita and worked for Cessna Aircraft where he received his Tool and Die Training, and attended Wichita State University.

While working at Cessna, Mel met Betty Ann Martin of Andale, Kansas. Mel and Betty were married April, 1955, and have three children. Bob and his wife, Kathy, live in Wichita with



The Bowling family in 1976.  
Betty, Kathy, Mel, DuWayne  
and Bob

their two children, Barton and Amber. Bob works for the Kansas Turnpike. Kathy and her husband, Tony Jenkins, live in Wichita. Kathy works as a medical transcriptionist at St. Francis Regional Center. DuWayne lives at home and is employed by the Wichita Park Board.

After leaving Cessna, Mel worked at Boeing, Beech Aircraft, and as a contract tool and die maker in Kansas, Ohio and Florida. He recently completed 10 years with Gates Learjet. Betty works as an inspector for Intercontinental Dynamics Corp.

Submitted by Mel Bowling

#### JOHN AND FLORA BRADEN

John Cassell Braden was born May 23, 1893 in a sod house in Gray County, Kansas to Mr. and Mrs. Luther N. Braden. His family moved to Meade, Kansas where he attended school. John enlisted in the U.S. Army on December 8, 1917 and was overseas from May, 1918 until August, 1919. The last nine months of that service was in the Army of Occupation in Luxembourg.

Flora Luella Marsh was born July 13, 1896, in Springfield,



Missouri. She moved with her family to Pittsburg, Kansas in 1912 and graduated from Pittsburg State College in 1918.

She taught school in Columbus and Meade, Kansas and Cleveland, Oklahoma before marrying John in Pittsburg on August 9, 1921.

In 1933 the Bradens moved to Fort Dodge from Meade where John was adjutant at the Soldiers Home. In 1935 they moved to Ashland where John established the Ben Franklin Store. John also owned and operated the Braden Variety Store in Coldwater from February, 1943 to March, 1952.

John was a member of the Meade Kiwanis Club from its founding and a charter member of the Ashland Kiwanis Club. He was a member for 50 years of the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine, the Consistory, and the American Legion.

Flora was a member of the Methodist Church, P.E.O., Eastern Star, Embroidery Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Ashland Library Board and the Justamere Club of Meade.

John died October 14, 1971 and Flora, August 29, 1973. John and Flora enjoyed their life and friends in Ashland to the fullest.

Submitted by Bill Rives

#### B. ERIC BRAMAN FAMILY

Eric and Maridel Braman came to Ashland, August, 1978, when Eric became evangelist of the Church of Christ and also maintenance man at the Ashland High School.

Benjamin "Eric" was born July 17, 1942 at Shenandoah, Iowa the son of Harry and Agnes Braman. He graduated from the Hamburg, Iowa, High School in 1961. He attended Mid-Western School of Evangelism in Ottumwa, Iowa where he met and married Maridel Yoder, December 7, 1963. They lived the first part of their married life in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Maridel is the daughter of Richard and Mary Yoder and was born March 29, 1944 at What Cheer, Iowa. In 1962, she graduated from Mid-Prairie High School at Wellman, Iowa. Maridel teaches piano and does cake decorating and sewing. She also enjoys handwork and painting.

The Braman's have five children: Erika Lee, born January 31, 1965. She is a 1983 graduate of Ashland High School and is living and working in Ottumwa, Iowa. Steven was born May 31, 1967. He is a junior. Gary Alan was born September 22, 1970. He is a seventh grader. Loretta Louise was born February 19, 1975. She is in third grade. Rodney Aaron was born March 29, 1977. He is in first grade.

The Braman family have been active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Acres and Bear Creek 4-H, E.H.U., art, Com-

Back: Steven, Erika, Gary. Front: Rodney, Maridel, Eric and Loretta



munity Chorus, and other community projects. They have enjoyed living in Ashland and have found it to be a very friendly community.

Submitted by Eric and Maridel Braman

#### HOWARD AND SHIRLEY BRANDENBURG

Howard and Shirley reside on the Dennis Ranch, where Howard is employed as a ranch manager for Victor Einsel of Wilmore, Kansas. Shirley is a bookkeeper for the Ashland Oil Company. They moved to the Ashland community, October, 1982.

Howard is the son of C.W. and Julia Brandenburg and he was born in Topeka, Kansas. He spent most of his life there, except when he was in the military service and was stationed in Colorado. Howard is the father of 3 children. Their names are Travis, Michael and Jennifer. Travis and Jenny attend Topeka school.

Shirley is the daughter of Harry and Neva Winfrey and was born in Brookfield, Missouri. She attended and graduated from Brookfield High School. In 1963, she moved to Topeka. Shirley worked Pediatric P.A. for many years before coming to the Ashland area. She has five children. Their names are Rick, Randy, Martin, Rhonda and Stacy. The boys live in Brookfield, Missouri and the daughters live in Topeka. Stacy attends Topeka High.

Shirley and Howard met in Topeka and were married August 28, 1975. They decided two years ago to start a new life and to take a new job, so they chose western Kansas as their new home. They have purchased a farm at St. Catherine, Missouri, where they plan to retire in their future years. Presently Shirley's married son, Randy, is managing the farm for them.

Hobbies are hunting, fishing and riding horses.

Submitted by Shirley Brandenburg

#### HARRY BRANDON FAMILY

Harry B. Brandon was born December 22, 1912 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in business administration. He was working in the U.S. Treasury Accounts office in Topeka where he met and married Mary Belle Stephens.

Mary Belle Stephens, daughter of John E. and Mary D. Stephens, was born October 4, 1917 in Ashland. She attended school there, graduating with the class of 1935. She attended Southwest State College, then worked for the National Youth Administration in Topeka. She married Harry in the Presbyterian Church, Ashland, June 13, 1937. They lived in Topeka until World War II when Harry was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy.

During the war years, Mary Belle lived with her parents in Ashland. Harry B. Brandon III (Skip) was born September 11, 1942. Dr. Ivan Burket, who delivered him, said that Skip was his first grandson since he was the first of the second generation that he delivered.

Following the war Harry was associated in business with Walter Ashcraft of Ashcraft Drug. June 12, 1947, a daughter, Mary Michal, was born. She died November 12, 1966, while a sophomore at Kansas University.

In 1950 the Brandons moved to Wellington, Kansas and it is still their home. When he retired, Harry was Executive Vice-President of First Federal Savings and Loan in Wellington.

Skip Brandon was married to Nancy Hinton of Tyler, Texas on February 17, 1970. They have one child, Stephen Rutherford, born August 15, 1981, in Falls Church, Virginia. They live



in Madison, Wisconsin, where Skip is associated with the U.S. Government.

Submitted by Mary Belle Brandon

#### VIRGINIA HOUGH BRANHAM

Virginia Hough was born July 4, 1921 near Ashland, Kansas. She is the daughter of Ernest and Daisy Hough. She has one sister, Fern.

Virginia attended school her first year in the country school of Fairview, about 15 miles west of Ashland. One day while at school that year a terrible blizzard came up, stranding everyone. The nearest farm was Fred Mull's. He rigged a covered wagon and took the children to the nearest farms to stay until the storm broke. Virginia stayed with Ruby Dorsey and family. It was three days before she was able to go home.

The remainder of her schooling was in Ashland, Kansas.

May 23, 1938, Virginia married Joseph Edward Branham of St. John, Kansas. Joe did farm work until 1941, when they moved to San Bernardino, California. Joe began work for the United States Civil Service.

October 13, 1943, he was inducted in the U.S. Army. He served overseas, New Guinea, Luzon and Korea. January 27, 1946, he was discharged as a Staff Sgt. and returned to his old job in the Civil Service.

Joe and Virginia Branham  
45th wedding anniversary  
May 23, 1983



May 10, 1947, their son, John Edward Branham, was born. John attended schools in Colton, California. He is an electrician for Southern California Edison Electric Company. John and his wife Phyllis live in Bloomington, California with their two children, Wendy and Mason.

February 22, 1971, Joe retired from Civil Service after 30 years of service. Joe and Virginia make their home in Colton, California.

Submitted by Virginia Branham

#### LOUIS AND ERNESTINE BRAZELTON

Ernestine Kibby, daughter of L.D. and Maude Kibby, was born and reared on the Kibby farm and lived there until she married Louis Brazelton. Louis lived in Ditch Valley, Oklahoma. They both graduated from Englewood High School. After graduation he was employed as a brakeman on the Santa Fe Railroad and during World War II joined the Navy. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, they bought a farm near Haxtun, Colorado and have resided there since 1946.

Louis is a member of the N.F.O. and is a 32nd Degree Mason in Haxtun. Ernestine completed her Masters Degree in Grapho-analysis in 1983 and will work in that profession in Sterling College in Sterling, Colorado. They are members of the United Methodist Church in Wages, Colorado.

They have two children, a daughter, Shelly, who married Hal Pote. They have a son, Shawn and live in Denver, Colorado. Shelly graduated from Haxtun High School. She played the flute in band and was piano accompanist for the Haxtun High School music department. She went to college in Sterling, Colorado



Shawn Pote, Kibby, Ernestine, Louise and Shelly Pote

and studied music and banking. She is presently employed in computer compact work in Boulder, Colorado. They have a son Kibby, who married Jackie Garcia of Denver, Colorado. Kibby graduated from Haxtun High School. In high school he was on the first team in football and wrestling and also in the high school band and in FFA. He received a college scholarship for farming in agriculture. He went to college at Sterling, Colorado and at Ft. Collins. He and Jackie live on a farm at Haxtun, Colorado.

Submitted by Mary Kibby Shaffer

#### ALEX AND ALICE BLAKELEY BREIT

Alice Blakeley and Alex Breit were married October 24, 1955 in Ashland St. Joseph Church and have 3 children. They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Ashland. Children are:

Jane Ann, born December 26, 1956, graduate of St. Mary of the Plains Dodge City with a degree in education. Donald Alan, born March 20, 1960, graduate of Ft. Hays State University with a degree in geology. Joseph Thomas, born June 21, 1962, graduate of Kansas University with a degree in computer science.

Alice was born August 10, 1922 at Ashland. Her parents were Arthur and Marguerite Blakeley. She served in the Navy for 3 years during World War II, was bookkeeper for the Ashland Oil Co. for 10 years and for the past 7 years has been librarian for the Ashland Library.



Alex and Alice Breit,  
taken in 1983.

Alex was born January 30, 1912 at Pfeifer, Kansas. His parents were Peter and Mary Anne Breit. Alex came to Clark Co. in 1915. He served in the Army in the Pacific area during World War II. He worked as a grocery clerk and meat cutter before the war and has been bookkeeper for Willard Chevrolet, Smith Chevrolet, Graham Chevrolet and Culver Chevrolet since 1945.

The Breits live on a farm west of Sitka that was owned by Alex's father, Peter Briet, in the mid 1900's.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### AUGUST AND KATIE BREIT

August, second child born to Peter J. and Mary Ann Burgardt Breit, was born December 3, 1902 at Pfeifer, Kansas. He came with his parents to Clark County the summer of 1915, grew up on the farm west of Sitka, attended school at Sitka, walking most of the time. He helped his father unload lumber, freight



Front: August, Katie.  
Back: Sylvester and Lola  
Marie, 1970.



and with farm work. Later he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad and carried his lunch pail every day until he retired in 1967, after more than 38 years.

Catherine (Katie) Wasinger Breit came to Clark County in 1916 with her parents.

She was the eighth child born to Frank J. and Anna Scheck, January 29, 1908, at Victoria, Kansas. She grew up on a farm 2½ miles north of Sitka, attended school at Sitka and walked most of the time. We were always glad to see Mrs. Howard Randall come along in her Model T. She always gave us rides to the Sitka corner.

August and Katie were married November 21, 1927 at St. Mary's Church at Sitka, Kansas. They have two children: Sylvester, who attended first grade at Sitka and grade and high school at Protection. He graduated from Protection High School. He has three daughters and two sons. Lola Marie attended grade and high school at Protection and graduated there. She has one son and three daughters.

August and Katie have nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Katie Breit

#### DONALD ALAN BREIT

Donald Alan Breit was born March 20, 1960, in Ashland, Kansas, second child of Alice (Blakeley) and Alex Breit. Don attended St. Joseph School until fourth grade, when he transferred to Ashland schools and graduated from Ashland High in 1978.



Donald Alan Breit, 1978

He attended Ft. Hays State University and graduated in December, 1981 with a BS in geology. Don has worked as a mud logger in Oklahoma and Texas and as a surveyor in Texas and Kansas. His hobby is reading.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### JOSEPH THOMAS BREIT

Joseph Thomas Breit was born June 21, 1962 at Ashland, Kansas, third child of Alice (Blakeley) and Alex Breit.



Joseph Thomas Breit, 1980

He attended St. Joseph school for first grade and then transferred to public schools, graduating from Ashland High School in 1980. Joe was president of his senior class and gave one of the speeches at graduation. Joe attended Kansas University and graduated in 1984 with a BS in computer science. He was a Merit, State and Summerfield scholar. Joe's hobbies are acting, reading and tennis.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### PETER AND MARY ANN BURGARDT BREIT

Peter J. Breit, son of John Breit and Catherine Eberle and Mary Ann Burgardt, daughter of Mathew Burgardt and Anna Marie Jacobs, were married in Pfeifer, Kansas, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in a triple ceremony with John G. Jacobs and Eva Urban, and Casper Jacobs and Magdeline Urban, February 13, 1900.

They came to Clark County in 1915 from Pfeifer, Kansas with 8 of their children. Dorothy was born in Clark County, making nine children. They are:

Katherine, born May 30, 1901, who married Wilbur Brown;



Back row: Pauline Dome, Dorothy Hoffman, August Breit, Alex Breit, Bill Breit, Katherine Brown, and Mary McFarland. Front row: Alfred Breit, Peter Breit, Mary Anne Breit, and Joseph Breit. Taken in 1942.

August S., born December 3, 1902, who married Katherine Wasinger; Pauline, born September 11, 1904, who married Kasper Dome; Joseph C., born January 20, 1906, who married Alice Wasinger; William B., born May 10, 1908, who married Teckla Urban; Alexander A., born January 30, 1912, who married Alice Blakeley; Mary, born February 21, 1915, who married Guy McFarland; Dorothy D., born April 30, 1917, who married Bert Hoffman; Peter built on to a house on a farm west of Sitka which is owned today by Alice and Alex Breit.

Mary Anne died February 9, 1950 just a few days before their 50th wedding anniversary. Peter died February 5, 1953. Both are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery at Ashland.

Submitted by Alice Breit

#### SYLVESTER J. BREIT FAMILY

After Grandpa Breit moved to Ashland and my family moved from Sitka to Protection, we didn't get to see them as much as I



Four generations of  
Peter Breit family.

Peter J. Breit, August S. Breit,  
Sylvester J. Breit, Deborah  
Charlene Breit Hollinger.



would have liked or should have, but we have happy memories of when we did get to see them and will never forget them.

Submitted by Sylvester J. Breit

#### BURKE T. AND LAURA A. (MUSICK) BROADIE

Burke Talbert Broadie was born December 12, 1884. He came to Ashland as a small child with his parents, Samuel and Eva Broadie. They homesteaded in a sod dug-out seven miles southeast of Ashland. The sod home was replaced with a frame farmhouse which is still standing and known as the Elmer Broadie (Burke's brother) farm.

Burke attended the country schools and after graduating, attended Southwestern College at Winfield. Burke then engaged in the farming and cattle business, living on a ranch 15 miles north of Ashland with his wife and children. In 1914, he bought the Frank Mull clothing store on Ashland Main Street and the family moved to town. In May, 1936, he sold the store, but continued in his farming and cattle interests. When his son, George, resigned from his job as Postmaster, Burke was appointed acting Post Master, an office he held until a few weeks before his death. Burke was an active Democrat, holding the position of County Chairman four years. Besides his life-long devotion to his family, Burke loved hunting, the outdoors and his German Shepherd dog.

Laura Agnes Musick was born October 1, 1883 to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Musick of Howard, Kansas. Laura attended Howard Public Schools and Normal School (Teacher's College) at Emporia. After graduating, she taught three terms in Elk County. In 1905, she came to Clark County to teach in the country school known



Laura and Burke Broadie

as the Broadie School and lived with Sam and Eva Broadie. During a Christmas break, when Burke was home visiting his parents, he and Laura met and one year later were married in Howard, Kansas, December 30, 1906.

Four children were born to Burke and Laura: Carol Jeanette (Spotts), George Elmore, Walter Burke and William Wilson. Laura was devoted to her family and making a home for them. She was an active life-long member of the Presbyterian Church. Education was a prime concern to her. Her favorite pastimes were quilting, canning and fancywork.

Laura died January 12, 1916 and Burke joined her April 27, 1942.

Submitted by Carol Spotts

#### DONALD ALLEN AND LINDA JEAN TREASE BROADIE

Donald Allen Broadie, son of George Elmore and Mary Louise Lonker Broadie, was born April 19, 1946 in Ashland, Kansas. He grew up in Ashland, attended school there and graduated from Ashland High School in 1964. He attended College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas.

Linda Jean Trease, daughter of Melvin Laverne and Imogene Steele Trease, was born March 7, 1946 in Fairland, Oklahoma. She attended elementary school in Picher, Oklahoma, high school



Lori, Linda, Leigh, Allen and David Broadie

in Ashland, Kansas and graduated from Grants High School, Grants, New Mexico. Then she attended Laboratory Technical School in St. Louis, Missouri and was a Registered Laboratory Technician.

Allen and Linda were married December 23, 1965 in the First Christian Church, Commerce, Oklahoma.

They moved to Anadarko, Oklahoma. Linda was a laboratory technician in the hospital. Allen worked for Agriculture Research Service of Agriculture (USDA) for over a year.

Allen then served in the United States Air Force (USAF) in Texas, Utah and Taiwan. After his discharge, they moved to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where Allen attended Northeastern State College for three years, graduating in 1974. After graduation, Allen began work as an engineer for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Oklahoma City. He, Linda and family have made their home in Edmond, Oklahoma since 1974.

They are members of the College Church of Christ, Oklahoma City. Allen is a director of the Citizens State Bank, Ashland, Kansas and a member of the Girl Scouts of America.

Linda was a Girl Scout leader and consultant, a member of the Oklahoma City Girl Scout Council and was inducted into the GGA Volunteer Hall of Fame for Leadership. She was past president of the Modern Homemakers Extension Club.

Two daughters and one son were born to this union. Leigh Anna, born February 15, 1968, in the Base Hospital, Hill AFB, Utah; Lori Don, born April 19, 1970 in Miami, Oklahoma and David Allen, born July 21, 1976 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Linda Jean Broadie died January 14, 1984 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma after a battle with cancer for over six years.

Submitted by Allen Broadie

#### ELMER R. BROADIE FAMILY

Elmer Rinker Broadie was born literally to Kansas soil on August 30, 1889 when he made his first appearance as the son of Eva G. and Samuel F. Broadie in a sod house where his parents had settled. He grew up in Ashland, destined to remain there all his life. However, he found time to cross county lines to win the hand of Hallie Martha Baker of Coldwater on January 18, 1911.

Hallie and Elmer started housekeeping on the home place, for his parents had moved to town after Samuel had decided he would farm no longer. This union was blessed with five children: Marcile, Margaret, Raymond, Hallie Marie and Harold.

Always community conscious, Elmer not only devoted his life to the betterment of farming and ranching techniques, but also contributed much to the growth of Ashland itself. A founder of the Ashland Oil Company and the Ashland Co-op Exchange and assuming offices of responsibility in both organizations, he also figured prominently in the Citizens State Bank, serving as vice-president and director for many decades. He maintained





The Elmer Broadie family - 1940. Back: Marcile, Margaret, Raymond and Hallie Marie. Front: Elmer, Harold and Hallie

membership in the IOOF and the Methodist Church.

Hallie Martha was the epitome of a rancher's wife and mother, dedicated to her family and to working for her church. Her contributions to the Rebekah Lodge were numerous. Unfortunately, she died prematurely on May 19, 1941.

Up to the time of his demise on August 8, 1975, Elmer remained a pillar of the community. His foresight, logic and business acumen endeared him to his fellow townsmen, for in his characteristically unassuming manner, he guided many with his wise counseling. He left a legacy of rich memories as one of Ashland's true pioneers.

Submitted by Margaret Keller

#### GEORGE ELMORE AND MARY LOUISE LONKER BROADIE

George Elmore Broadie, son of Burke T. and Laura Musick Broadie, was born March 5, 1909 in the Lexington Community, northeast of Ashland, Kansas. Mary Louise Lonker, daughter of Walter Allen and Anna Curran Lonker, was born September 19, 1909 in Coldwater, Kansas. They were married June 9, 1935 in Topeka, Kansas. They made their home in Ashland. Two chil-



George and Mary Lou Broadie

dren were born to this union: Rosemary and Donald Allen. Rosemary married John W. Goings, Jr. of Godfrey, Illinois. Allen married Linda Jean Trease, Commerce, Oklahoma.

George loved his community and stayed involved in its activities. He graduated from Ashland High School, attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and later graduated from Chillicothe Business College in Chillicothe, Missouri. He was Postmaster from 1932 until 1941. He then joined the staff of the Citizens State Bank of Ashland. In 1957, he became president and served in that capacity until his death, May 19, 1981. He was a charter member of the Ashland Kiwanis Club, a member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge, the Consistory, and the Shrine; Ashland Chamber of Commerce and the Ashland City Council.

Mary Louise graduated from Ashland High School, attended Ward-Belmont, Nashville, Tennessee, the University of Kansas and graduated from Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Past President of Chapter

BA, P.E.O., Past State President of Kansas P.E.O., Past President of the Ashland Library Board, Sunday School teacher, President of the Citizens State Bank. She and George were members of the First Presbyterian Church and the Ashland Country Club.

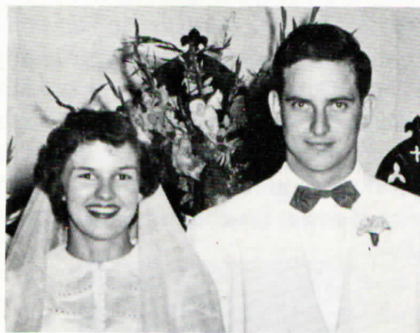
Submitted by Mary Louise Broadie

#### HAROLD AND PHYLLIS BROADIE FAMILY

The wedding of Harold Broadie and Phyllis Burns on August 18, 1950, united childhood sweethearts. Although they did not make Ashland their permanent home, it was always their home town and family and property ties have brought them back frequently.

Both Harold and Phyllis were graduated from Ashland High School in 1947 and from Kansas State University in 1951. Phyllis was fifth grade teacher in the Ashland schools during Harold's tour of duty with the Navy during the Korean War. Their first daughter, Cynthia, was born in Ashland on August 4, 1952.

The family lived at Hugoton from 1955-1962 where Harold was Stevens County Agent and the family grew. Ann Marie was born October 1, 1955, Marilyn on November 8, 1956 and Lisa



Phyllis and Harold Broadie  
Wedding Day,  
August 18, 1950

on December 2, 1959. A career change to banking led the family to Caldwell for seven years, Larned for eleven years and at the present time, Harold is Executive Vice President of the Farmers State Bank in Hays.

All four daughters were graduated from Kansas State University, all are married to Kansas State graduates, and two have Master's degrees from KSU. Cynthia and David Platt live in Junction City; Ann and Randy Hamilton and Marilyn and Larry Fox live in Manhattan. Lisa and David Cook will soon be moving from Kansas City to Cincinnati, Ohio. Grant Hamilton, born September 23, 1982 and Brian Platt, born February 28, 1983, are grandchildren.

Submitted by Phyllis Broadie

#### RAYMOND AND LETA LUKE BROADIE

Elmer Raymond Broadie, third child of Elmer R. and Hallie Baker Broadie, was born March 27, 1918, seven miles southeast of Ashland on the farm his grandfather, Sam Broadie, purchased in 1886. He attended Sitka and Ashland schools and Southwestern College, graduating in 1939.

Depression days still lingered so he decided to accept a teaching position at Kanorado, Kansas, to teach science and math and coach for \$100 a month for nine months. The day before his wedding to Leta Luke, his father offered him the opportunity to remain in Ashland and live on the 'West Place'. Raymond could run a few cattle and work for \$20.00 a month. The choice was easy.

Leta May Luke was born November 18, 1917 to W.D. and Mary Ellen Luke at Scott City, Kansas. She attended Scott City schools and Southwestern College where she met Raymond.



They were married August 2, 1939.

Their children are Susan and William Luke. Susan was born May 11, 1944. She graduated from Southwestern College in 1966; received her Masters Degree from Kansas University. She married John Ploger of Kinsley, Kansas in 1967.



Raymond, Leta, Susan and Bill Broadie, 1966.

William Luke was born February 26, 1948. He served in Viet Nam in 1967, then enrolled at Ft. Hays State University, graduating in 1971. He married Linda Clark in 1968.

The family are all members of the United Methodist Church.

Leta's hobby is gardening. She is responsible for the Mini Park on Ashland Main Street.

Ranching and the livestock commission business were Raymond's main interests. He was a perpetual optimist which helped in this endeavor. Raymond died November 14, 1982.

Submitted by Leta Broadie

#### SAMUEL FRANKLIN BROADIE

Samuel Franklin Broadie was born in Thorntown, Indiana, March 1, 1859. He died in Wichita, December 28, 1931. Eva G. Whinery was born February 5, 1857 in Williamsport, Indiana. She died in Ashland December 3, 1944.

The original spelling of the Broadie name was Brodie. The "a" was added about 1855 by John Broadie whose father had emigrated from Scotland. The Whinery (also spelled Whinnery) ancestors came from northern Ireland.

Sam and Eva were married December 17, 1882 at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Two children were born in Indiana, Walter, who died in infancy, and Burke. Eva and Burke came by train to Dodge City to join Sam, arriving in Clark County in 1886. They lived in a dugout on their farm seven miles east of Ashland, until a sod house and eventually a frame house were built. Their other children were born there. Hazel Everett (Mrs. I.J. Klinger), Elmer Rinker, Frances, who died in infancy, Florence Leola (Mrs. Hugh Foncannon), Virgil Allen and Wilma May (Mrs. Vernal Mitchell) are all deceased. They had sixteen grandchildren.

The first two years Sam made the three-day trip to Dodge City to bring lumber for some of the first buildings in Ashland. Nine Mile Creek, a watering place nine miles south of Dodge, was an overnight stop both ways.

Eva and Sam Broadie



Sam and Walter, Eva's brother, dug water wells in the community.

They moved to Ashland in 1911. Sam was associated with the Citizens State Bank for about twenty-two years, serving as vice-president, director and stockholder. He was a member of the Woodman's Lodge.

Eva, known for many years as Grandma Broadie, was always 'young at heart.' She was a good friend, a devout member of the Christian Church and a joy to all who knew her.

Submitted by Catherine Cauthers Klinger and Dorothea Klinger Shaw

#### WALTER B. BROADIE

Walter, who is the son of Burke and Laura A. Broadie, was born at Howard, Kansas, December 6, 1911. After a few weeks he and his mother returned to Ashland where Walter has lived for over seventy years. He attended Ashland grade school and high school. He played four years of football for AHS. After graduation he attended two years of business college at Chillicothe, Missouri.

In 1933 he married Mildred Schmoker, daughter of Ben and Hallie Schmoker, of Protection, Kansas. They moved to a farm south of Ashland where they are still living. Walter is a farmer-stockman and worked very hard (as it was the time of the Dust Bowl Days). The starting was like pioneering days, all new to us. Walter broke out the land for wheat and feed and started raising cattle, and Mildred started raising chickens.



Mildred and Walt Broadie, 1972

We have been members of the First Christian Church for over fifty years. Mildred has been organist for fifty years and still playing. Walter served twenty years as treasurer of the church. Walter is a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of the Cattleman's Association. Mildred has worked hard in music, teaching and singing. She traveled and sang seven years with the Kansas Cow Belle Trio. She was State President of the Kansas Cow Belles. They have no children, but so many friends. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1983. They belong to the Circle of Friends Club, who gave them a beautiful anniversary party to help celebrate their Golden Anniversary. It has been a wonderful life.

Submitted by Mildred Broadie

#### WILLIAM BROADIE FAMILY

Once upon a time, not so very long ago . . .

Linda Kaye Clark moved to Ashland with her parents in the summer of 1965. She and William (Bill) Luke Broadie were introduced at a baseball game but did not begin dating until later in the fall. After graduating from Ashland High School in 1966, Linda attended Northwestern State College at Alva, Oklahoma. Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Because of serious injuries received in Viet Nam, Bill spent six months in the Naval Hospital at Philadelphia, Pa. Following his retirement from the service, he and Linda were married



Bill Broadie family, 1981.  
Barrett, Bill, Linda  
and Amy.



July 27, 1968. Both attended Fort Hays State University and received their degrees in business and economics in 1971.

There was never any doubt in Bill's mind about what he wanted to do . . . it was very obvious that he should return to Ashland and carry on the family tradition of ranching.

Linda (March 20, 1948, Gainesville, Texas) enjoys outdoor activities, whether it be golfing, swimming, gardening, etc.

William Barrett Broadie came into their lives June 8, 1970 and keeps them very busy attending athletic events.

Amy Lynette was born March 27, 1974 and is a member of the Girl Scouts.

All are active members of the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Linda Broadie

#### HAZEL CARSON BROOKS

Hazel Carson was born June 29, 1893 in Ashland, Kansas. She was the fifth child and the only daughter of Caleb Wells Carson and Mattie Congleton Carson. These five children were to remain close all their lives. After finishing Ashland High School, Miss Carson went to Miss Capin's School in Northampton, Massachusetts for a year, then to the University of Kansas where she graduated in 1917. While a student, her affiliations were with Pi Beta Phi and Mortar Board. After graduation, Miss Carson continued with the Pi Phi's as their Province President for two years.



Hazel Carson Brooks, 1950

On April 27, 1921, Hazel Carson and Willard Brooks (of Wichita) were married in the Presbyterian Church of Ashland. They established their home in Wichita where Mr. Brooks was an attorney. Two daughters were born to them: Pauline (Mrs. Robert Jensen) now of Portland, Oregon, and Katherine (Mrs. James Augustine) of rural Potwin, Kansas.

While the girls were small, Mrs. Brooks became seriously ill, finally returning to her home in late 1934. In January of 1936, Willard Brooks was tragically killed in an automobile accident. In the years that followed, Mrs. Brooks devoted much time and thought to the raising of the girls and then to their families and eventually to the twelve grandchildren.

Mrs. Brooks had many other interests besides her family. Of utmost importance to her was her church. Next was a love of history, begun through college studies. A serious study of genealogy developed, resulting in a search of her lineage and her husband's. Many records have been documented and shared with her family. Memberships in the Colonial Dames, The League of

Women Voters, and the Junior League show the variety of interests to which she gave her time and enthusiasm.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Brooks had many friends--old and new. She kept in close contact with them by letters and visits, and always her ties to Ashland remained strong. A trip to her farm near there would always include a visit or two with friends.

Hazel Carson Brooks died on November 5, 1971 in Wichita, Kansas and is buried beside her husband in Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita.

Submitted by Katherine Brooks Augustine

#### ALFRED AND COLEEN BROWN

Alfred F. Brown was born October 17, 1926 at Sitka, Kansas. He was one of a family of 10 children of Wilbur and Catherine Brown. He went to grade school at Sitka and attended high school at Ashland and Protection. His senior year he joined the Army and served two years, part of this time was spent in Japan. After his discharge, he returned to Protection and held many odd jobs until he went to work for Northern Natural Gas in 1965. This year of 1984 he will complete his 35 years with Northern and will retire July 1, 1984.

Coleen Brown was born in Protection, Kansas on August 13, 1934 to Leroy and Erma Smith. I was one of 5 children. I grew up in Protection and attended 12 years at Protection schools. After my graduation in 1952, I spent one year in California to be with my sister-in-law and family while my brother served overseas. I returned in 1953 and started to work for Southern Bell Telephone Co. until my marriage to Alfred on June 4, 1955. We moved to Meade, June the 11th and lived there for 21 years.

Two children were born to us. Debbie Rene' in 1956 and Kimberly Kay in 1958. Al was transferred back to Ashland in 1976 and I went to work for the Clark County Treasurer. In 1981, I became Clark County Treasurer after Gladys E. Patrick's retirement. This made me the 19th county treasurer for Clark County and in September I have completed 16 years' service for Meade and Clark Counties.

We have four grandsons, as both girls are married, Debbie to Ernie Fisher and they live in Shattuck, Oklahoma with their sons, Mitch Lee and Monte Ray. Kim to Ron Saylor, their home is Ashland, with their sons Zachary Brown and Zebulon Brown. We are active members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and both of us belong to various organizations. We are proud to be part of the Ashland community and its history.

Submitted by Coleen Brown

#### MARILYN RAY BROWN FAMILY

Marilyn Ray was born in Ashland on August 28, 1946, a four-pound "premie." She attended school there for 12 years, then Wichita University, obtaining a bachelor degree in music education.

She moved to Killeen, Texas in 1968, to teach vocal music for



Gary and Marilyn Brown,  
Marisa and Jennifer