

one year. On December 28, 1968, she married Gary K. Brown, son of J. Ken and Mary Margaret Brown of Wichita. They moved to Wichita in 1970.

Marilyn taught public school music in Wichita for four years at Peterson and Cloud elementaries, then taught five years of private voice and piano. In 1973, Marisa Lynn was born.

In 1970, Gary Brown began work at Wichita Federal Savings (having received a degree in economics from W.S.U. in 1967, and serving two years in the Army). He is currently vice president in charge of the loan department. He is also a Phi Delta Theta member, and belongs to the Wagonmaster Organization in Wichita.

Jennifer Dawn Brown was born in 1976 to the Brown household. Both she and Marisa are presently attending McCollom Elementary, in grades 2 and 5, respectively.

Marilyn is very active in church activities, as an adult choir member, a Stephen Minister, a youth choir director. She is also a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, a professional music sorority. She is currently a member of the Entertainers, a professional performing group. Also Marilyn is substitute teacher and enrolled in WSU Grad school, in the school of music.

Submitted by Marilyn Brown

ISAAC W. BROWN FAMILY

Isaac W. Brown, the fifth child of Solomon and Ruth Ann Mullen Brown, was born near McMinville, Tennessee, February 4, 1857. In 1859, his parents moved to Eldorado, Illinois, where they lived for ten years. From there they moved to Morganfield, Kentucky. In 1883, he left his home in Kentucky and came to Kansas, to Johnson County, then in 1885 he came to Ashland. For a time he worked on the railroad which was being built into Ashland. He was also a mail carrier between Camp Supply and Woodward, Oklahoma and worked on W.R. Nunemacher's Ranch.

Iona E. Boon, or Boone as it was later spelled, was the eighth child of Lorenzo Boon and Mary Ellen Brown Boon. Iona's parents were from New York State, but moved to Galesburg, Illinois. In 1876, the family moved to Cass County, Iowa. Iona was born there May 13, 1877. In 1877, they moved to Kansas, living one year in Sedgwick County and then moving to Harper, Kansas where they lived for six years. In 1884 they moved to Clark County. Iona attended a country grade school and also the Ashland grade school.

Isaac and Iona were married March 18, 1897. They bought farm land a mile east of Sitka, lived there all their married life. There are five children in the family: Nellie, Ruth, Clarence, Mary and Eunice.

Isaac Wesley Brown died July 8, 1942. Iona Boone Brown died July 15, 1963.

Submitted by Mary Ritter

JUDY McPHAIL BROWN

I, Judy McPhail Brown, was born February 25, 1940 in Sitka, Kansas and moved to Ashland with my parents, Harry and Emma McPhail in 1941. I was the only girl in the family, with five brothers, Bob, Dean, Cliff, Curtis and Chuck. I attended Catholic grade school and Ashland High School, graduating in 1958. I worked for the telephone company in Wichita, Kansas where I met Dean Brown. We were married February 27, 1960, in St. Joseph's Church, Ashland. Dean is the son of Lowell and Agnes Brown, was raised in Greensburg, Kansas, where he attended grade and high school, then enlisted in the service.

We lived in Wichita, where Dean was employed on the police department. In 1965, we came to Greensburg where Dean started

working for Mobil Oil. We were transferred to Moscow, Kansas, lived there until 1981, then transferred to Guymon, Oklahoma, where we presently reside. Dean is still with Mobil and enjoys flying. I work for the Guymon Post Office, enjoy church work and flower arranging.



Back row: Pamela, Christine, Judy, Angela. Front: Dean, Jason and Jeff, 1979

We raised five children. Jeff is married to DeAnn Deane. They have a daughter, Jordin LeAnn and live in Guymon. Christine is a senior at Baker University at Baldwin City, Kansas and plans a teaching career. Pamela married Mike Lisenbee and has a daughter, Jamie. They live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Angela married Dell Cullison and lives on a farm near Moscow, Kansas. Jason is a fourth grader in a Guymon school.

We enjoyed raising our family in a small community and enjoy Guymon.

Submitted by Judy McPhail Brown

MARCELLUS BROWN FAMILY

Janice Larrick was born March 11, 1946 to Richard Eldo and Audrey at Ashland. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1964 and attended Ft. Hays for three semesters. She met Marcellus Brown in Ashland and they were married December 24, 1965.

Marcellus was born in Coal County, Oklahoma on January 16, 1942, the fourth child in a family of twelve born to the late Herbert and Alice Brown of Olney, Oklahoma. He attended school at Olney and graduated in 1961.

Marcellus worked in the oil field until April 10, 1967. Marcellus and Janice then moved to Lewis and he was employed by Cross Manufacturing, Inc., a hydraulic cylinder manufacturer. He is now the Rod Department Foreman. Janice has been the receptionist for Cross Mfg., Inc. since May, 1973.

Marcellus and Janice have two sons at home that attend high school in Lewis. Wade Marcellus was born November 30, 1966 in Guymon, Oklahoma. He is a junior and is interested in D.J.ing and hopes to go to Dodge City Community College and major in communications.

Shannon was born June 13, 1968 in Kinsley and is a sophomore. He plays basketball and is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to go to Kansas State and major in computer engineering.



Marcellus Brown family. Back: Wade and Shannon. Front: Janice and Marcellus Brown

The Browns attend the First Baptist Church in Lewis. Marcellus and Janice are avid square dancers. The family's major interest in the summer is boating. They are kept busy with Shannon skiing and Wade fishing.

Submitted by Janice Larrick Brown

RUSSELL E. AND HELEN M. (WYATT) BROWN FAMILY

Russell E. Brown, born 1908 in Harper County, Oklahoma, son of Samuel M. and Mattie Lee Brown, and Helen M. Wyatt, born 1913 in Herington, Kansas, daughter of Milton A. and Fannie E. Wyatt, were married March 18, 1934 in Herington, Kansas. On our way to Herington from Ashland the dust was so bad it took all the paint off the car and our clothes were dirt covered when we opened our suit cases. I was working at Ashcraft Drug Co. at that time as a registered pharmacist and times were rough as it was the dust bowl days. I worked at Ashcraft's for 10 years with time out long enough to go to pharmacy school in Wichita and pass the state board.

We moved to Dodge City in 1938 where I worked in the A&A Drug Store for eight months then came back to Ashland and did relief work at Ashcraft Drug and Burton Drug in Coldwater.

In 1942, I decided to quit the drug business on Dr. Burket's advice, for health reasons, and bought a tractor and built a dozer on it. I constructed ponds in Clark and Comanche county ranches. In 1943 we leased the Harvey farm east of Acres, Kansas and moved there where we lived until 1947.

In 1946, brother Vergil and I leased the Potter ranch in Lexington Township, 15 miles northeast of Ashland, consisting of 4560 acres. Helen and I moved to Ashland in 1947 and I drove



Back row: Russell Curtis Brown, Cathleen Brown Dalrymple, Paul Dalrymple, Samuel M. Brown. Front row: Rose Brown, Helen Wyatt Brown, Russell E. Brown and Madaline Brown, 1971.

to the ranch to work. We have lived in Ashland ever since. Then ranch was sold in 1952 to four different buyers. Vergil bought part of it and I bought part of it. Vergil retired in 1952 and I leased his part and farmed and ranched both his and my part until 1974 when I decided to sell out and retire. Helen and I are living in Ashland and will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary March 18, 1984.

My lovely wife Helen and I have three children and seven grandchildren. Our eldest son, Russell C., born 1940, married Rose Dreiling, born 1944, has one daughter, Jennifer, born 1977 and lives in Meade, Kansas. Our daughter, Cathleen, born 1942, married Paul Dalrymple, born 1940 and has three sons, Prescott Evan, born 1964, Jeffrey Paul, born 1965 and Nathan Edward, born 1968. Cathleen and family live near Hauchuca, Arizona. Our youngest son, Samuel Milton, born 1946, married Madaline Cross, born 1947 and has three children, Sonja Madaline, born 1970, Samuel Wyatt, born 1972 and Zachary Russell, born 1983. Sam and family live in New Iberia, La.

Submitted by Russell E. Brown

SAMUEL M. AND MATTIE LEE (WOODRING) BROWN

Samuel M., born 1872, and Mattie Lee (Woodring) Brown, born 1876, came to Oklahoma Territory in a covered wagon in 1902 from Missouri with two small sons, Vergil W., born 1896, and Doyle E., born 1900. They settled on a claim seven miles northeast of Buffalo in Harper County. Three more sons were born there: Cleo G., born 1904; Russell E., born 1908 and Vernon L., born 1912. Times were very hard on the prairie and Sam farmed and did carpenter work on the Campbell ranch, now Harper ranch, and freighted from Buffalo to Sitka with a wagon and four or six horses. Mattie was a wonderful mother and survived many hardships with hard work and love for her family. A



Back row: Vergil, Russell and Vernon Brown. Front row: Mattie Woodring and Samuel Morgan Brown, 1945.

tragedy struck in 1914 when their son Doyle was killed by a horse and Mattie saw him dragged to death when his foot caught in the saddle stirrup.

Sam and Mattie sold the farm and in 1920, with the boys, moved to Ashland where they were engaged in farming and cattle raising. They lived here the rest of their life. Samuel died in 1948 and Mattie died in 1961.

Vergil and Maggie Smith married 1918 and had two children, Lois, born October, 1918, married Lester Barricklow; they live in Ashland. Maynard, born 1925, married Evelyn Leitson, who died in 1979. Maynard lives in Estes Park, Colorado. Maggie died in 1955 and later Vergil married Hazel Pritchard, born 1905. They live in Ashland, Kansas.

Cleo was in the Armed Forces and was killed on the Columbia River when a lumber boat rammed the ship on which he was playing in the Army Band. They were dedicating a bridge over the river.

Russell and Helen Wyatt, born 1913, married in 1934. Their children are Russell Curtis, born 1940, married Rose Dreiling, born 1944; they live in Meade, Kansas. Cathleen, born 1942, married Paul Dalrymple, born 1940; they live near Huachuca City, Arizona. Samuel Milton, born 1946 married Madaline Cross, born 1947; they live in New Iberia, La. Russell and Helen live in Ashland.

Vernon L. married Mildred Allen (born 1921) in 1942; they have no children and are living in Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Russell E. Brown

SAMUEL MILTON BROWN FAMILY

Sam and Madaline Brown have been serving together in the Christian ministry since 1967.

Sam was born June 19, 1946 at Ashland, son of Russell and Helen Wyatt Brown. Great grandparents, Alfred and Sally Woodring and grandparents, Sam and Mattie Brown and Milton and Fannie Wyatt, were Ashland residents.

Sam attended grades 1-12 at Ashland. In 1968, he graduated from Midwestern School of Evangelism, Ottumwa, Iowa and was

ordained at Hamburg, Iowa as a minister for the Churches of Christ. In 1974, he received a Master Degree from the same college. In 1973, Sam earned a Bachelor of Science degree (Sterling College). Sam has served churches in Mooreland, Oklahoma; Hutchinson, Kansas; Rockwall, Texas and New Iberia, La.

On December 19, 1967, Sam married Madaline Jane Cross (born December 20, 1947), daughter of Warren Swingley and Mary Jane Cross, at Monterey, La. She was a co-valedictorian at Monterey High, 1965 and earned a certificate in Christian Education from Midwestern School of Evangelism in 1968. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sterling College in 1975 where she graduated with honors as a Kelsey Scholar. Madaline has taught in public school (2 years) and in private Christian schools (4 years). Sam and Madaline are superintendent and principal, respectively, in the second Christian school they have founded.



Zachary, Madaline, Wyatt, Sam and Sonja Brown

Their children are: Sonja Madaline (born February 12, 1970); Samuel Wyatt (born April 7, 1972) and Zachary Russell (born January 12, 1983). Sonja and Wyatt attend the Heaven Bound Academy in New Iberia, La.

Sam and Madaline welcome visits or letters from Ashland friends. Address is 4209 Old Jeanerette Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560.

In reflection on years of growing up in Ashland, I wish to express my appreciation to my parents, uncles and aunts, community and church leaders and especially my teachers, for providing a rich developmental environment and for helping prepare me for life and service.

Submitted by Sam Brown

VERGIL BROWN

Vergil Brown came in a covered wagon in January, 1902 with his pioneer parents from Missouri to Oklahoma and lived in a dugout northeast of Buffalo. Maggie Smith came with her widowed mother and sister and brother from Kentucky to Oklahoma in 1916 and also lived northeast of Buffalo.

Vergil studied business at Stillwater and was employed by a bank in Wichita and then moved to Sitka and worked in the bank. Maggie and Vergil were married June 1, 1918 and lived in Sitka.

They moved to Ashland where through the years he had a



Vergil and Maggie Brown and granddaughters

number of occupations. He was in the Army in World War I, worked in the Home Lumber Co., Clerk of the District Court, real estate agent with George Harvey, owned the Chevrolet Agency, owned the Ashland Pleasure Club, farmer and rancher.

At the end of World War II, his son-in-law, Les Barricklow, came to work with him caring for the registered Hereford cattle on the Potter Ranch. Later he and his brother Russell bought part of the Potter Ranch. He also had farm land in the Acres area and southwest of Englewood. They had two children: Lois and Maynard.

Maggie died April 5, 1955. He married Hazel Pritchard December 20, 1957.

Submitted by Lois Barricklow

VERNON L. AND MILDRED BROWN

Vernon and Mildred Brown are retired and enjoying life in their home in Ashland.

Vernon is the youngest son of Samuel and Mattie (Woodring) Brown. He was born in Harper County, Oklahoma and started to grade school at Pleasant Valley School, eight miles northeast of Buffalo. The family attended the community church held in the school building. In 1920, with his folks, he moved to Ashland to make his home where he attended grade and high school.

Mildred is the middle child of five born to Roy and Myrtle (Cotter) Allen. She was born in Harper County, Oklahoma, ten miles northeast of Buffalo. She attended grade school at Independence No. 3 and went to high school at Buffalo. With her family, she attended church at Paruna. April 9, 1940, she came to Ashland where she met Vernon and on September 24, 1942, they were married.



Mildred and
Vernon L. Brown,
1984

We both worked for a while and lived in Ashland. In the fall of 1943, we moved to the Ben McKinley Ranch south of Coldwater. In the spring of 1944 we moved to the Vergil Brown farm west of Ashland and took over his farming interest. In 1946, we purchased land from Wes Davis, where we made our home until February of 1974.

In 1979, we began to close out our cattle operation and in 1981 had a farm sale.

Now we spend our time at various things. Since we both enjoy sports, we attend many events of the local school. In 1982, the student body invited us to be their special guests at the Award Banquet. They presented us a certificate for being outstanding sport fans. We treasure this special award and hope we can continue to attend the school activities for many more years.

Submitted by Mildred Brown

WILBUR BROWN FAMILY

Wilbur W. Brown, oldest child of Willebald and Anna Wasinger Brown, was born December 9, 1899, at Victoria, Ellis County, Kansas. He came to Clark County with his parents in 1916. The family homesteaded on a farm north of Sitka.

Katherine Breit Brown, oldest child (of nine) of Peter J. and Mary Anne Burghardt Breit, was born May 30, 1901, at Pfeifer, Kansas. She came to Clark County (from Ellis County) with her



Wilbur Brown family, May, 1969, 50th wedding anniversary. Standing: Lavern, Melvin, Robert, Vivian, Alfred, Geraldine, Leon and Victor. Front: Mary, Wilbur, Katie and Josephine.

family. Wilbur and Katie were married June 17, 1919 at Sitka. Ten children were born to this union: Josephine (Mrs. Edward) Pfeifer, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado; Mary (Mrs. Pete) Stegman, Victor, Geraldine (Mrs. Wilbur) Hoffman, Alfred, all of Ashland; Vivian (first Mrs. Richard Johnson and second Mrs. Max) White, South Haven; Lavern, Great Bend; Leon, Wichita; Robert, Edmond, Oklahoma; Melvin, Ashland. The sons all served in the armed forces (World War II and Korea).

The Browns married years were spent on farms where Wilbur engaged in farming and cattle and Katie was a busy housewife. They purchased the Elmer Lawrence farm near Protection (1945) and sold it in 1963, when they built a home in Ashland, moving there the same summer. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May, 1969. Wilbur died June 12, 1978, after a long illness. Katie remained in her Ashland home until 1982, when she moved to Fountain View Villa where she resides today.

There are 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Other deceased members of Katie's family are Darlene Brown (daughter-in-law) and Richard Johnson, Edward Pfeifer and Max White (sons-in-law) and one great-granddaughter, Cassandra Le Hoffman. The family are all members of the Catholic faith.

Submitted by Geraldine Brown Hoffman

VERNON K. 'BUB' BRUMMETT FAMILY

The Brummett family moved to Ashland in 1981 where Bub did farm and ranch work. Vernon Keith "Bub" was the only son born to Vernon and Flossie Sutherland Brummett. Born on August 11, 1949, Bub received his education at Dodge City and Satanta. Bub's children from a previous marriage are Jason Keith, born October 1, 1972; Travis Leon, born October 7, 1974; and Kristy Karol, born February 3, 1976.



Bub, Becky, Jason, Tyler, Kristy and Travis

Rebecca Lynn was born in Coldwater, Kansas on December 10, 1961 to Floyd and Louise Voss Shelit of Wilmore, Kansas. Becky received her education in the Ashland school system. When Becky graduated from kindergarten her sister Nancy graduated from the eighth grade and her sister Sherelyn graduated from

high school. Becky was active in track and a high school cheerleader for two years, graduating with the class of 1980. Becky and Bub were married on October 11, 1980 and have one son, Tyler Cole, born on July 26, 1981 at Buffalo, Oklahoma.

Becky and Bub now live at Johnson, Kansas, where Bub is employed at Western Feedyard.

Submitted by Sherelyn Thomas-Roberson

JOHN BRUNHOLTZ, SR.

John and Elsie Brunholtz came to Ashland in 1960 from Holyrood, Kansas. They were married June 18, 1943 and are the parents of five children: John F. Brunholtz, Jr., Timothy A. Brunholtz, Cynthia K. Sims, Terry B. Brunholtz and Ricky D. Brunholtz. All of their children graduated from Ashland High School. The Brunholtz children are all married, and John and Elsie have nine grandchildren.

John Fredrick Brunholtz was born August 25, 1924, one of eight children of Rudolph and Dorothea Hamm Brunholtz. His parents emigrated to America from Germany in 1923. John grew up on the family farm at Cairo, Nebraska and graduated from



John and Elsie Brunholtz, 1978

Bennington, Kansas high school in 1942. He is a veteran of World War II, where he served with the U.S. Navy. He was employed by Northern Natural Gas Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1984.

Elsie Marie Hughes Brunholtz was born February 28, 1926, at Saline County, Kansas, one of eight children of Bert and Elizabeth Swisher Hughes. Her mother died when Elsie was five years old. She grew up on the family farm near Salina, Kansas. Elsie is the rural route mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Ashland.

John and Elsie are both active in the community. They also owned and operated the former Highway Grocery in Ashland. John has served for several years on the Ashland Summer Recreation Commission, and Elsie has coached the women's baseball team in the past. They especially enjoy their home, their grandchildren and traveling.

Submitted by Dee Brunholtz

JOHN BRUNHOLTZ, JR. FAMILY

John and Dee are both longtime Ashland residents. Both are Ashland High School graduates, John graduating in 1963 and Dee in 1964. They were married May 27, 1964 and are the parents of three children. Valerie Leigh was born March 29, 1967 and is a junior at Ashland High School. She is employed by Fountain



Brunholtz family, 1984.

Back: John, Jon Ryan.

Front: Dee, Hilary, Valerie.

View Villa. Jon Ryan, born June 3, 1969, is a high school freshman. Hilary D., born August 21, 1974, is a third grader.

John Fredrick Brunholtz, Jr., was born August 4, 1944 at Salina, Kansas, the eldest of five children of John and Elsie Hughes Brunholtz. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He returned to Ashland with his wife and daughter following his Navy discharge in 1967. He is the assistant general manager of the Ashland Co-op Exchange, where he has been employed for 15 years. He is also the Scoutmaster for the Ashland Boy Scout troop.

Donna Dee Wibright Brunholtz was born at Ashland on December 4, 1946, the eldest of three daughters of Eddie and Donna Wibright. With the exception of three years spent at San Diego, California, where John was stationed with the U.S. Navy, Dee has lived in Ashland all of her life. She has been employed by the *Clark County Clipper* for the last 12 years as a typesetter, is the author of a weekly newspaper column, "Dee's Daybook," and is also a free-lance journalist.

Submitted by Dee Brunholtz

BOB AND PHYLLIS (RAINEY) BUCHMAN FAMILY

Phyllis (Rainey) Buchman graduated from Ashland High School in May, 1948. She worked at the drug store that summer and then went to Hutchinson, Kansas to business college. After finishing business college, she moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she met and married Bob Buchman on July 3, 1950. They lived in Wichita for 15 years before moving to Kansas City, Missouri in 1965.

Bob is employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Phyllis is employed as a secretary for the Park Hill School District. They have four children and four lovely grandchildren. Brenda is



Phyllis and Bob Buchman

married, has one daughter and is a certified ophthalmic tech. Peggy, married, has two children, a girl and boy. She is a teacher at LaPetit Academy. Scott, married, lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, works in construction. Diana, married, has one son. She also is a teacher at LaPetit Academy.

Bob and Phyllis both collect antiques. Their home is mostly furnished with antique furniture they have finished themselves. Bob works with the youth in the Boy Scout program. They both like to travel, which they anticipate doing often when they retire.

Submitted by Phyllis (Rainey) Buchman

BARBARA STINSON BURGE

We moved to Ashland in 1930 when I was 4 years old. I attended the Sitka schools through the 7th grade. My most vivid recollections of that time were the drought, the dust storms and my mother constantly dusting as the dust blew in. My uncle, Tom Rinker, gave me a pony so I helped my dad with the cattle. I also learned to drive a tractor, plow and hauled wheat to the elevator during harvest. My summers were very busy!

I graduated from AHS in 1942 and from Colorado Woman's College in 1944. My husband, John, and I are real estate agents for the largest real estate firm in Kentucky.

I have three children by my previous marriage to Jim Svendsen, who died in 1973. They are scattered . . . Bill is a graduate of Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara and is a photographer and lives in the L.A. area. Gina is presently living in Germany with her husband (an Air Force Captain) and her two children. She attended Washburn, graduated from Wichita State and is a medi-



Barbara Stinson Burge

cal technician. Karen lives in Louisville with her husband. She graduated from Centre College and is an assistant buyer in one of Louisville's largest department stores.

John's children are much of our lives . . . John graduates from Hampden Sydney College this year, Byron (who was written up in *Time* for his Preps for Rent) graduates next year from Denison. Lee will graduate from St. Francis High School this year.

Submitted by Barbara Burge

BEULAH AND STACY BURNS FAMILY

Beulah and Stacy Burns moved to Ashland from Meade in 1932. Stacy owned and operated the Burns Implement Company, a John Deere Agency, in Ashland from 1932 until the early 1950's when he sold the business and continued to farm in the Englewood area.

Stacy served on the City Council and School Board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a charter member of Kiwanis Club. He was a veteran of World War I. Beulah was a charter member of Sunflower Home Demonstration Unit, a member of



Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Burns,
1950

Embroidery Club, Eastern Star, and Royal Neighbors Lodge. She and Stacy were active in the United Methodist Church.

Daughters of Beulah and Stacy Burns attended Ashland schools. They are Rita Atkinson, 1942, Joyce Grimes, 1944, and Phyllis Broadie, 1947.

Beulah and Stacy were reared in Giles County, Tennessee. They were married in Raton, New Mexico on May 11, 1923. They loved their home in Clark County.

Submitted by Joyce Grimes

FRAN PARKER BUTCHER

Frances Nannette, daughter of Rev. Major and Margaret Parker, was born in Newton, Kansas, December 9, 1920.

She attended schools in Plevna, Little River, Canton and graduated from Ashland in 1938. In 1942, I graduated from Grace Hospital Nursing School in Hutchinson, as a RN. Spent three years as an Army Nurse in World War II, in the States, England, France and Philippines. After my discharge, I worked at the

Ashland Hospital. I married Norman Butcher on April 21, 1946 in Coldwater. He and his Dad had the *Western Star* newspaper. We were divorced in 1979.

We had three children: Duane William, born January 24, 1947; Carol Nannette, born January 4, 1950 and Robert Joe, born June 18, 1952. Duane and Becky have a print shop, Mococa Press, Mammoth Lakes, California. Carol and Mike Evans, Jennifer, Diane and Megan live in Oklahoma City. Mike is associate pastor of Our Lord's Lutheran Church. Bob and Jaynee and son, Trevor Parker, live in Missoula, Montana. Bob works at Gateway Printing and Jaynee teaches at the university.

I worked at the *Star* office, Comanche County Hospital and Pioneer Lodge. Presently I work for the State in S.R. S. Medical Programs.

I'm a member of the Coldwater Methodist Church, Country Club, VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries, DAV, past President of Reserach Club, BPW, P.E.O., and past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star.

I am grateful for the support of my parents, sisters and their families, my children and grandchildren, and friends I have made through the years. Coldwater is home, but the Ashland people have a special place in my heart.

Submitted by Fran Butcher

BILL AND SANDRA (SHELTON) BUTLER

Bill and Sandra (Shelton) Butler, Brad and Shelly moved to the Abell Ranch on May 1, 1965 from Minneola where they had lived for three years, coming from Lee's Summit, Missouri. Bill began a ten-year employment with Jarboe Commission Company that brought them to the ranch where Sharlet joined them in 1968.

The children were active in 4-H work, giving talks, music presentations, demonstrations, earning top recognition at 4-H events. Bill terminated his employment with Jarboes in 1973, moved to town, and became self-employed as a farmer-stockman.

Brad and Shelly were particularly active in band and sports, basketball their mutual favorite. Brad graduated in 1979 and attended Southwestern College one year. He again became a full-time student in January at Cisco Junior College, Cisco, Texas. He was married in August, 1983 to Nancy Click, also a student at Cisco. They were both selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Shelly enjoyed sports and competed at the state level in basketball and track, setting a new discus record. On Christmas Eve 1983 she was married to Steve Schroeder who has been employed at Seacat Feed Yard since October, 1982. She is employed at Fountain View Villa Nursing Home.

Sharlet, a sophomore in high school, enjoys tennis, basketball and track. She was a member of Little Britches Rodeo Association for two years and loves to ride horses.

Sandra was employed at the Minneola Hospital for almost twenty years as a registered nurse and is now Administrator of Fountain View Villa Nursing Home.

Submitted by Sandra Butler

J.T. AND MARY STENGER BUTTS

Mary was born in Houston, Missouri, the seventh child of Otto and Clara Stenger. They had traveled to Oklahoma soon after their marriage and settled a claim near Doby Springs. There Walter, now living in Springfield, Mo.; Edna, Mrs. W.P. Davis (deceased); Hardin, of Arlington, Washington; Andrew, of Anaheim, California, were born.



Mary and J.T. Butts, 1980

The family moved back to Houston in 1911. There, Theodore (deceased); Thelma, Mrs. Max McCormac of Ashland, Kansas; and Mary, Mrs. J.T. Butts of Springfield, Mo., were born.

In 1922, the family moved to the Ashland area. It was my first year in school. I graduated in 1934.

After attending Southwest Missouri College, I worked for Kroger Co. for many years. There I met my husband, J.T. Butts, a native of Tennessee. He attended Tennessee Tech and was a manager with Kroger. After his discharge from the Army, he purchased a market which he operated until his retirement in 1978. I also retired in 1978 after 14 years as a postal clerk.

We have enjoyed our retirement years. We have had some nice trips and some time to just smell the roses. Jay had heart bypass surgery in November, 1983, and has made a remarkable recovery.

I enjoy making quilts and other craft items.

We attend the Walnut Street Christian Church. I belong to the Mary Martha Circle where we make quilts for the needy. I am also active in the Extension Homemakers Association.

Submitted by Mary Butts

EDWARD H. CALLISON

In 1982, after being away for almost twenty-five years, Edward H. Callison (Butch) and Mary Cecilia returned home to Ashland, where they operate the G-Mart Convenience Store on Hi-way 160.

After graduation from Ashland High School in 1958, Mary C. (born February, 1940, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paul Salyer) attended Wichita State University, graduating with a degree in English literature and American History. Meanwhile, Butch (born July, 1940, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Callison) served four years with the United States Air Force. After their marriage, July 30, 1960, service, and school, they were in the restaurant business in Wichita, Kansas, for fourteen years and operated a Gamble Store in Independence, Kansas for three years. Prior to their return home, Butch was employed in direct sales and Mary C. was program coordinator for a multi-county community facility for the handicapped.

The interests and activities of the Callison children have dominated the past several years. Jon, 23, graduated from Kan-



Edward H. Callison family - 1983. "Butch", Craig, Shawn, Jon, Mary C. and Heather

sas State University in 1983 and is now studying for the Diocese of Dodge City at Pontifical College, Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Craig, 21, is enrolled at Oklahoma State Tech.,

Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in the department of drafting. Heather, 19, recently married to Mark McCreight, of Ashland, is employed at G-Mart and plans to continue her education in the fall after attending Hays State last year. Shawn, 18, will graduate from Ashland High School this year, and has not decided on a particular school but is college bound with a special interest in photo-journalism.

Highlights for the Callisons have been family trips to Arkansas, a trip to Rome, Italy, state music and basketball trips and recognition received by the children in scholarship, visual arts and sports.

Always enthusiastic supporters of the community in which they live, Butch is currently president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce; Mary C. is a member of the Ashland Centennial Committee, the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Council and chairman of the Ashland PRIDE Committee.

Submitted by Mary C. Callison

J.P. CAMPBELL RANCH

James Preble Campbell was owner of the J.P. Campbell Ranch located south of Ashland along the Oklahoma line to south of Acres (21,500 acres) from 1899 to the early 1940's. This ranch is now known as "The Dunne Ranch."

J.P. Campbell, brother to M.C. Campbell, was born August 11, 1857 at Trim Creek, Kankakee County, Illinois and died September 29, 1941 at Wichita, Kansas. His first wife was Ida Harriot Willis who died June 22, 1917 and his second wife was Margaret Olive Garwood, who died April 11, 1960. They had no children.



Margaret and J.P. Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had a home in Wichita as well as one at the ranch. The ranch consisted of the West Place, South Place, and Headquarters, which contained two houses, a bunkhouse, two barns and various other buildings.

Many people worked there, among them Mr. Ida Elliott who was cook and housekeeper, and Art Blakeley, who was foreman, both for over 20 years.

Submitted by Alice Breit

M.C. AND SARAH CAMPBELL

Melville Clark Campbell, son of James and Priscilla (Mick) Campbell, was born September 6, 1849, in Crete, Will County, Illinois. He married Sarah Ellen Smith, daughter of James Bolivar and Mary (Bryson) Smith, on October 1, 1876. She was born on September 8, 1859, in Bonaparte, Van Buren County, Iowa. Mr. Campbell died on October 12, 1932, in Wichita and Mrs. Campbell died on December 7, 1962, in Ashland. Both are buried in Old Mission Mausoleum Cemetery, Wichita.

He often said that when he first saw her, she was the "prettiest pink-cheeked girl" he had ever seen. He had come to Barton County in 1874, and she came with her parents on May 1, 1876. They were married in October of that year. Two children were born: Jetta Grover Campbell (Stanley) on August 31, 1879, and Melville Helen Campbell (Harper) on June 17, 1889.

Mr. Campbell was engaged in the cattle business for all of his



M.C. Campbell

adult life. They lived in Great Bend until moving to Wichita in 1879. In 1882, he participated in the Cherokee Strip land movement and supplied horses to the XIT Ranch. In 1888, he formed a partnership with Mr. Eldridge and operated the Eldridge-Campbell Livestock Commission Co. In 1890, he started blocking up his ranch in Cimarron Township, Clark County, Kansas, and the ranch grew to 20,000 acres. The ranch house originally consisted of two school houses built in 1890, put together, then a kitchen added and more rooms added later. In 1940, the house was covered with native stone, collected from the hills north of Ashland, uncut and in their natural state. The ranch is along six miles of the Cimarron and has four creeks running through the land.

Mr. Campbell bore great love for good horses, fine Hereford cattle, and the Kansas prairies. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Cattle Growers Association, appointed to the Livestock Sanitary Board of Kansas and chaired its board for six years, helped to organize the National Bank of Commerce of Wichita in 1896, and served on the Board of Directors until it was consolidated with the Kansas National Bank, forming the First National Bank of Wichita. He served on its Board of Directors until his death. He helped to organize and was a charter member of the Kansas Livestock Association, serving as its president in 1926. He was affectionately known as the "Dean of the Kansas Cattlemen."

Mrs. Campbell took an active part in the entertainment of the wives of cattlemen in her home at 1313 N. Emporia, Wichita, Kansas. Her church held first place in her life after her home. In June of 1895, she joined the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Wichita. Through all the years of her residency in Wichita, she was active in the work of the women in her church.

During the years of the pioneers, education often became learning by doing and the experience meant that every man and woman had to study out his own problems for himself, and co-operated with his neighbors for the good of the whole community. Mrs. Campbell was active in all kinds of civic activities and as the city grew, the activities grew in nature and size. She served on the Board of the first hospital in Wichita, which was located on the corner where St. Francis Hospital now stands. She served as treasurer on the board of the Wichita Hospital, in west Wichita, for many years. She was a charter member of the YWCA in Wichita, and of the Wichita Baby Camp, which later grew into the Wichita Child Guidance Center. As a money making endeavor, the Wichita Hospital Board sold box seats for the Wheat Show and the Horse Show at the Forum and she chaired this committee for many years.

Mrs. Campbell was a lover of good horses, had her own riding horse in early years, later driving a fine looking team of black horses. But when the automobile came into vogue, she deserted her first love for a Buick Sedan. She also learned to use the typewriter after middle life and used it consistently in writing letters and making genealogical charts.

One of Mrs. Campbell's precious mementoes left to her family is a book of stories of her early life, written on the typewriter and placed in a loose leaf notebook, one complete story on each page.

It is her legacy: by her own telling, her life will live and live and live. Although she lived to the age of 103, she never grew old in mind for she clung to the activity that went on around her every day.

Submitted by Katherine C. Harper

FRANK CARMICHAEL FAMILY

Wanda Ritter Carmichael was born July 12, 1936, at Sitka, Kansas to Miller Perryman and Anna Mae Ritter. At the age of six, the family moved to Ashland where she attended school, graduating in 1954.

She was married to Don Musgrove, February 12, 1954. They had four sons: Steven Bradley was born August 20, 1955 at Dodge City, Kansas. Brad is an agent and manager of C.D. Riney Insurance in Dodge City. He has a daughter, Meredith.

Stanton Brian was born June 12, 1957, at Wichita, Kansas. Brian graduated from Pittsburg State University and is employed by ANR Pipeline Co. Brian and wife, Bobbi, and children Tristan and Kellen live in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Donald Brice, born January 6, 1964 at Meade, Kansas, is attending Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, where he is a sophomore.

William Darren, born May 25, 1958 in Wichita, Kansas, died the same day.

Wanda and Frank Carmichael were married June 18, 1976. They live in Meade, Kansas, where Frank is a welder for ANR Pipeline Co. and Wanda is a housewife.

Frank has two sons: Chris and wife Arnella, and daughter Devin, Meade, Kansas. Allen and wife, Susan, live in Garden City, Kansas.

Submitted by Wanda Carmichael

CECIL R. CARRIKER FAMILY

Cecil Rhodes Carriker was born in Bucklin, Missouri, January 20, 1900, son of Arthur Benton and LevaMae Lacer Carriker. In 1906 his family homesteaded east of Laverne, Oklahoma. In 1911 they traded the homestead for a place in Alpine Pass, Arkansas. When Cecil was 16, he started coming to western Oklahoma and Kansas to work during the summer and fall as a farm hand. The summer of 1924 he met Addie Frances Lemmons, who lived west of Englewood.

Addie, born in Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, August 18, 1908, was the daughter of Frank and Belle Griffin Lemmons.

January 26, 1925, Cecil and Addie were married in Ashland, Kansas. December 12, 1925, living west of Englewood, a son, Cecil Thomas, was born. Living north of Englewood and working for J.O. Homes, June 3, 1927, Gerald Benton was born. Working for Carl Hunt and living in the house now owned by Homer Thomas, Frankie Dean was born July 8, 1931. The family moved in 1932 to Alpine Pass, Arkansas, returning in 1933 to Nye, now Slapout, Oklahoma. In 1935, they returned to Alpine Pass and lived there until 1937, when they moved to Englewood.



Addie and Cecil Carriker
50th wedding anniversary

The three boys attended Englewood schools. March 7, 1946, Charles Raymond was born.

Cecil farmed and was City Marshal for nine years. Addie was a member of the Hobby Club and both were members of the Followers Church. July 28, 1982, Addie passed away, and April 5, 1983, Cecil followed and both are buried in the Englewood Cemetery.

Submitted by Frank Carriker

FRANK DEAN CARRIKER FAMILY

Frankie Dean Carriker was born July 8, 1931 in Englewood, Kansas. The family moved to Alpine Pass, Arkansas in 1932, returning to Nye, Oklahoma in 1933. They returned to Arkansas in 1935 and in 1937 moved to Englewood.

Frank started first grade and graduated Englewood High in 1949. He attended and graduated from Electronic School in Omaha, Nebraska. He opened a radio repair shop in Englewood, later moving it to Ashland. He married Patricia Lou Rogers of Ashland, July 15, 1951. He was drafted into the Marine Corps September 18, 1951.

November 7, 1952, a son, Richard Allen, was born in Fowler, Kansas. October, 1953, Frank was released from active duty and



Donna, Pat, Rick and Frank Carriker in 1960

he returned to Ashland. December 10, 1954, Donna Joann was born at Trinity Hospital, Dodge City. March, 1959, he returned to active duty serving time in California, the Pacific Islands and South East Asia.

January 18, 1973, Pat was killed in an auto accident in Barstow, California, and is buried in the Ashland Cemetery.

In July, 1976, Frank returned to Englewood after retiring from 25 years in the Marine Corps. He learned stone cutting, polishing and jewelry making while in Okinawa and opened the U Need A Hobby shop. He farmed and raised cattle, pigs and dogs. He served as Councilman and Mayor for 2 years, Fire Chief 6 years and Director of Emergency Preparedness for Clark County for 2 years.

Submitted by Frank Carriker

FRANK L. AND CARRIE MAY CARSON

The third son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Carson, Frank (1890-1952), married his Ashland childhood friend, Carrie May Price (1893-1957) in 1917. They made their home in Wichita where Frank worked at the First National Bank and was Chairman of the Board at the time of his death. They had six children: Frank, Jr., Mulvane; John C. Carson, M.D., La Jolla, California; Caroline Hatcher, Creede, Colorado; Virginia Garver, Severy, Kansas; Frances Aitchison and Mary Martha Kellogg, both of Wichita.

Their children were raised to think of Ashland as home and on each visit were instructed to "smell the clean sweet air" when crossing the Clark County line. Frank and Carrie May would be

Frank Lee and Carrie May
(Price) Carson, 1897



proud to know that 27 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren survive them. They are buried in Highland Cemetery in the Price-Carson plot.

Perhaps a tribute to family cookery will not be out of place in an Ashland history book. Mattie Carson taught her granddaughters to make salt rising bread (a handful of salt and lard the size of a large egg) and her Woodford Pudding and Prune Whip are still used. Frances Price Cossman, an inspired and creative cook, gave recipes to her nieces for engagement presents. Grandmother Price's Angel Pie is a favorite company dessert. But the very special recipe made every summer in each family is Mrs. Shattuck's Raw Tomato Relish given to Grandmother Carson years ago.

Submitted by Mary Martha Kellogg

CALE W. CARSON FAMILY

Cale W. Carson settled in Ashland in 1884 where he had a general store and was in the real estate and abstract business. He and his wife, the former Martha (Mattie) Congleton, raised four sons and one daughter, all of whom were educated in Ashland and were active in debate, church activities, clerking in the store and taking care of the family cows, chickens and vegetable garden. All of the children except Will graduated from the University of Kansas.

The oldest son, Paul Congleton Carson (1887-1963) served in World War I as a medical officer. After the war he practiced in Ashland with Dr. Ivan Burket. He began a successful practice in pediatrics in Wichita in the early twenties and was especially active in working with Crippled Children's Clinics and supporting the Sister Kenney treatment of polio throughout the state.

The second son, Will (1888-1935), stayed in Ashland and continued in his father's abstract business. He kept up his boyhood interests in fishing, hunting and baseball and was loved by his friends and especially his nieces and nephews. He is survived by his daughter, Dorothy, and four granddaughters.

Cale W. Carson, Jr. (1892-1973) was the fourth son always known as Kit. After serving in France during World War I, he had a successful banking career in Albuquerque. He is survived by children Cale III of Honolulu and Kay of Dallas.

Like many pioneers who had little formal education, Cale Carson was eager to provide the best education for his community and his children. He served many years on the Ashland School Board.

Submitted by Mary Martha Carson Kellogg

Cale Wellman Carson

Mrs. C.W. (Mattie) Carson



LONNIE AND FLORETTA GREATHOUSE CARTER

Lonnie and Floretta Carter moved to Ashland on June 1, 1972, after touring fifteen states looking for a smaller place to finish raising their four daughters.

Lonnie was born November 28, 1935 at Ringling, Oklahoma, second son of John Henry and Barbara Emma Wells Carter.

Floretta was born December 26, 1937 at Clovis, New Mexico, first born of Spencer Steele and Pauline Kirby Greathouse.

When Lonnie was 12 years old, his family moved to a farm one-half mile north of the Greathouse farm in New Mexico.

Lonnie spent three years in the Marine Corps.

Floretta graduated from Clovis High School and worked in Denver, Colorado as a stenographer for an investment firm.

Lonnie and Floretta were married in Clovis on December 26, 1955. Lonnie was in business in Clovis for 15 years, operating



Front row: Katherine, Randy, Barbara and Garret Wyckoff.
Second row: Floretta, Patricia, Elizabeth. Back row: Lonnie, Dean Harden, Jimmy Washburn.

an auto repair shop, a diesel repair shop and a flying club. He attended Eastern New Mexico University and taught auto mechanics for 4½ years. Floretta worked in an insurance office and at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

Patricia Lynn was born May 19, 1957; Barbara Jean, November 8, 1959; Elizabeth Ann, May 10, 1961 and Katherine Denise, November 16, 1962.

Patricia married Dean Harden. They live on their farm south of Plains. She is a registered pharmacist at El-Kan Drug in Liberal. Barbara married Randy Wyckoff. They have two sons and live on their farm at Wellington. Elizabeth is married to Jimmy Washburn. She teaches at Velma, Oklahoma.

Lonnie, Floretta and Katherine operate Carter Auto Electric in Ashland.

Submitted by Floretta Carter

CASSITY FAMILY

Isaac Newton Cassity, his wife Eliza Maria Casteel, and their family took an active part in the early life and development of Ashland.

In 1885, Isaac staked a claim on government land available in Clark County, about 12 miles west of Ashland. He built a sod house and returned to Wichita to move his family. His oldest daughter, Nora, later wrote . . . "In December, we started in a covered wagon. After a few days, a terrific storm overtook us. Sometimes we stopped at farm homes and were always welcomed. We were two weeks making the trip." Hattie, another daughter, wrote that "the first year we had rains and crops were fine--then the drought came and for the next few years people left." The Cassitys moved to Ashland, where Isaac worked for the Santa Fe railroad.

They were members of the Christian Church. Isaac, having served in the Indiana Infantry during the Civil War, was an organizer of Ashland's Major Elliott GAR Post. In addition to Nora and Hattie, their other children were Arthur (who died at 5),



Cassity family about 1939. Front: Ronnie Johnson. Second row: Mrs. George Mayse, Bud Mayse, ? Carson, Lula Cassity Curtis, Hattie Cassity Mayse, Nora Cassity McVickers, ? Carson, Helen Mayse Johnson, Henry C. Mayse. Third row: Ted Johnson, Marjorie Mayse Dunn, Richard Mayse, Edna McVickers Carson, Roy Cassity, Bob Carson. Fourth row: Gene Quinn Mayse, Meredith Mayse, Melvin Mayse, George Cassity, Wm. Curtis. Ora, Lula, Olive (who died at 12), George, May (who died at 5), and Roy.

Nora married William McVickers and they had five children: Ethel, Edna, Earl, Paul and Ruthelma. Lula married William Curtis, a cowboy and Ashland Postman, and they had two children, Hazel and Florence. Ora married Charles Perry. Hattie married Henry C. Mayse. (Their history is submitted separately.) George married Jessie Gunn and Roy never married.

Eliza died at 73 in 1922 and Isaac died at age 85 in 1927, both in Ashland.

Submitted by Kenneth N. Johnson

TOM CAUTHERS FAMILY

Thomas Robert Cauthers was born April 13, 1880 in Waverly, Ohio. Mary Ethel Cosand was born January 5, 1886, in Newcas-tle, Indiana. Both were small children when their families moved West: the Cauthers settled near Cortland, Nebraska, and the Cosands at Haviland, Kansas. Tom and Ethel met in Haviland and were married there May 30, 1906. They moved to Ashland in 1909.

Tom, a big, six-foot-two Irishman, and Ethel, a five-foot-two young lady of Quaker background, were diverse in personality as well as size. Tom was outgoing, quick of temper and opinion, and Ethel was quiet, modest and retiring. These differences complemented each other as they had a good marriage and happy home. They were the parents of a son who died at birth and two daughters, Margery Louise and Catherine Marie. The Cauthers built two houses in Ashland, one in the south part of town where Louise was born, the other is the home of Catherine and Dwight Klinger, where Catherine was born.

Tom came to Ashland to work as auditor for the Home Lumber and Supply Company, advancing to general manager and president during his forty-three years with the company. He loved his work. He served on the board of directors for the Southwestern Lumbermen's Association, and as president in 1933.

He was a member of the City Council for many years, Mayor for six years and secretary of the Clark County Fair Association for nine years. He helped organize the Community Club (Chamber of Commerce) and the Ashland Hospital Association. He was president of the latter for twenty-three years. He was instrumental in obtaining the funds to build Clark State Lake.

Tom was Worthy Patron of the O.E.S. Memberships in other organizations include the Masonic Lodge, Wichita Consistory, and the Midian Shrine. He served three terms (1943-47) as (R) re-

presentative from Clark County. The last two terms he was chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

Tom and Ethel were members of the Presbyterian Church, where he served as trustee and elder, and she was active in the women's groups. Tom was also Commissioner to the General Assembly in Cincinnati in 1951. Both were Sunday School teachers.

Ethel was a devoted mother and homemaker, and her gentle nature endeared her to friends and neighbors. She was a member



Tom and Ethel Cauthers,
1933

of the building committee for the Girl Scout house, and the following organizations: P.E.O., Ashland Study Club, O.E.S. and D.A.R. She was crippled by arthritis for many years and unable to do the things she enjoyed.

The lives of their children and seven grandchildren were enriched from their relationship and the community gained from their active participation in its life.

Submitted by Louise Cauthers Berryman and Catherine Cauthers Klinger

VIRGIL CHAPMAN FAMILY

Virgil and Naomi are both native Kansans. Virgil was born in 1912 near Quinter and Naomi in 1913 near Collyer, about six miles apart. Both attended Collyer schools with Virgil continuing at K-State University, where he received a B.S. Degree in civil engineering.

Following graduation, Virgil returned to his home county where he was employed as County Engineer. The Chapmans moved to Scott City in 1946 where Virgil continued his work as County Engineer until their move to Ashland in 1962 to supervise the Clark County road system until retirement in 1982.



Virgil and Naomi Chapman,
1984

Naomi and Virgil have two daughters, Bonnie Bruner of Ft. Dodge where husband Bernard is Superintendent of Kansas Soldier's Home. Daughter Connie Funk and husband, Larry, live at Scott City where they are in business. Grandchildren of the Chapmans are Rick Bruner and wife Tina of Dodge City and Mary Bruner of Ft. Dodge. Scott City grandchildren are Tam, Pam, Travess and Trevor Funk.

The Chapmans are honored to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary along with the Ashland Centennial.

Submitted by Virgil and Naomi Chapman

RUSSELL AND HELEN CHARLES

Russell Charles was born in Attica, Kansas, October 18, 1896. He graduated in pharmacy at Kansas University and started work

in Attica. From there he went to work in Topeka and while there he was married to Helen Bell.

Helen was also born in Attica, January 24, 1904. She and Russ moved to Medicine Lodge and stayed one year, then to Protection where they lived four years. While in Protection, their daughter, Norma Jean, was born. She is now married to Bill Hutton, lives in Chicago and has three children.

In 1928, Russ bought the drug store in Ashland, which they owned for 17 years. About 1933, a fire burned the two-story frame building to the ground. It was a tremendous fire which threatened the bank and several other stores. Everyone pitched

Russ and Helen
Charles, 1954



in and helped move the store around the corner to the Culp building, where Howell Insurance is now located, until they rebuilt the store. They remained there until Russ sold to Walter Ashcraft in 1948. At that time they bought the Ten Cent Store from Mark Baker, where he and Helen both worked for several years before retiring.

Helen's favorite pastime was bridge, while Russ enjoyed playing golf with his friends. However, he continued to fill in at the pharmacies in this area as well as in Dodge City until his death July 16, 1976.

For the past two years Helen has made her home at Fountain View Villa.

Submitted by Helen Charles

DONALD CHRISTENSEN FAMILY

Donald Christensen, son of Ray and Corrine Christensen, was born January 3, 1929 in Randolph, Nebraska. He moved with his family to Ashland in March, 1944. He attended Ashland High School before joining the Navy in February, 1945. After his discharge from the service, he returned and completed high school. He worked in construction until 1963 when he moved to Hugoton, Kansas, and worked for the State of Kansas. He is an agent for the Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Donald married Gladys Stegman, daughter of John and Adolphina Stegman, in May of 1950. Gladys was born in Sitka on

Don and Gladys Christensen, 1979



January 18, 1931, and attended the Ashland schools, graduating with the class of 1948. After completing her course with the American Business College in Wichita, she worked for the ASCS office at Ashland. Gladys is an Assistant Cashier with the Citizens State Bank in Hugoton, Kansas, and a member of the National Association of Bank Women.

Donald and Gladys have four sons: Mike is married and has

two sons, and is Vice President of Southwind Computer Software Service in Wichita, Kansas; Robert is married and has one daughter and is an attorney-at-law in Medicine Lodge, Kansas; Bruce is married and is an equipment analyst for PEPL Co. at the Plains Station, living at Meade, Kansas; and Greg is a senior at Kansas State University.

Don's hobby is collecting and refinishing antiques and Gladys enjoys oil painting. Don and Gladys are members of the St. Helen Catholic Church in Hugoton, Kansas.

Submitted by Gladys Christensen

CARL CLIFFORD CHRISTMAN

Carl Clifford Christman, brother of Harry B. Christman of Ashland, Kansas, was born in Brooksbury, Indiana, on April 1, 1884, oldest child of John and Alice Turner Christman. He moved to Clark County, Kansas, as a young child with his parents as they crossed the plains in a covered wagon in 1885, to homestead east of Ashland.

Carl lived with his brother, Harry, and wife, Gertrude, for several years, his parents having died, and he endeared himself



Carl, Harry and Gertrude Christman

to their children. Their favorite nickname for C.C.C. to tease him was "Clibber Clabber Clippman."

Carl farmed his land all of his life, finally deserting his bachelorhood to marry Blanche Ford, who was owner of Ford's variety Store in Ashland. With this marriage, he acquired a stepson, Robert Ford, but never had any children of his own. Eventually they moved to Wichita for the last twelve years of his life. He kept his farming interests in Clark County and made frequent trips out to look after his business, and to visit with old friends, of whom he had many during his lifetime residence in this community. It was men like Carl Christman who made Western Kansas a better place in which to live. Carl died in St. Joseph Hospital, Wichita, Kansas, on March 5, 1950.

Submitted by Marjorie York

HARRY B. AND GERTRUDE (JOHNSTON) CHRISTMAN

Harry Brannon Christman was born in a sod dug-out 2½ miles east of Ashland, on July 20, 1887, on land homesteaded by his parents, John and Alice Turner Christman, in 1883. Harry's father, John Christman, had walked most of the way from Indiana in 1882, to choose the land, returning to Clark County around 1885 with Harry's mother and brother, Carl Clifford Christman, in a covered wagon to file the claim. An only sister to Harry and Carl died stillborn. Times were hard and Harry's mother, Alice, died at age 39, when Harry was about eight years old. After that, he grew up in a world of men, cattle, horses and hard work.

By the age of twelve, Harry began his trail rides and became the horse wrangler for the outfit. He worked on ranches and because of his love for animals, became one of the few and best unlicensed veterinarians in Western Kansas. He developed



Front: Mildred, Gertrude, Marjorie. Back: Harry Christman, Jr., and Harry Christman, Sr.

the homestead and added holdings to it, enjoying his farming, particularly his Hereford cattle.

He was a great worker in the Masonic Lodge in Ashland and received the honor of being Knight Commander of Court of Honor, conferred upon him by the Wichita Consistory, Wichita, Kansas.

On November 10, 1910, Harry was married to Abbie Gertrude Johnston in Columbus, Kansas, where she was born on March 6, 1891. Gertrude, "Gertie," had a twin brother, Fred. They were fourth and fifth in a family of seven children. Their parents were James Oscar and Mary Ellen (Medley) Johnston, who had moved from Columbus, from farming and strip mining, to Texas, then to Clark County, just one-fourth mile east of the Christman farm. Gertie made a comfortable home from very little resources. They kept Harry's brother Carl for several years and his father John Christman until his death in 1918. Gertie was endeared by her family and community for her devotion to the home, neighbors, and the First Baptist Church. Children born to this union were: Mildred Louise, Marjorie Ellen, Donald, who died at age 3 and Harry Branard Christman. Harry died on February 6, 1966 and Gertie on April 4, 1967.

Submitted by Marjorie York

ALDEN AND JOSEPHINE ZIMMERMAN CLARK

Alden is a native of Missouri, son of a share cropper, product of the Great Depression and U.S. Army. He acquired a skill (x-ray) in the Army and spent his adult working life employed by the Federal Government. They were active in the Presbyterian Church in both Missouri and Kansas, in the growing years, and were recognized as a "choir family."

Alden was born July 16, 1917 in Greenfield, Missouri.

Josephine was born in Ashland, Kansas, Aug. 5, 1920, second child of Chester and Leeanna Zimmerman. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1938, Wesley Hospital School of Nursing 1939-1942, U.S. Army Nurse Corp 1942-1946. She lived in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri from 1946-1975 and did institutional and private duty nursing until they retired in April, 1975, at which time they moved to Ashland.

To this union two children were born: Lowell Arden Clark, born October 11, 1946, and Karen Lyn Clark, born January 2,

Josephine, Karen, Lowell, Alden Clark - "Choir Family" - 1960.



1948. Lowell married Connie Sue Hellman August 19, 1972. They have three sons, Justin Lee, Jared Mitchell, and Eli Andrew Clark. Karen married Ralph Henry Basler, Jr. June 20, 1970. They have two sons, Matthew Ryan and Paul Bryant Basler.

All of the above families named are Life Members of the Clark County Historical Society.

Submitted by Alden and Josephine Clark

BYRON B. AND AGNES STUMP CLARK

Byron B. Clark was born in Slabtown, Pennsylvania in 1841 and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Later he moved to Ohio where he enlisted as a private in the 171st Ohio National Guard Unit. Since he enlisted near the end of the Civil War, he was only in one skirmish with Morgan, the raider. The rest of his service was spent as a prison guard at Johnson's Island near Chicago.

He and Rebecca Agnes Stump were married in Iowa and lived in Oskaloosa, Iowa where Mr. Clark, who was a fine cabinet maker, helped build the Quaker College.



Byron B. Clark



R. Agnes Clark

The Clarks had one son, Paul, and a foster daughter, Grace. Grace married Frank Moon and the family now resides in Wichita. They were a musical family.

Later the Clarks moved to Greenwood, Nebraska, then to Oklahoma where Byron proved up a claim in 1902. They came to Ashland in 1909. When Mr. Clark died in 1937, he was the last surviving Civil War veteran in Clark County.

The Clarks were independent thinkers. Byron was a long time subscriber to *The Daily Worker* and a follower of *Unity*. R. Agnes was an ardent Christian Scientist.

Submitted by Vona Clark Little

BYRON W. AND VONA CRAIG CLARK

Byron W. Clark and Vona Craig were married in 1928. They lived in Meade County, Kansas and Dalhart, Texas before moving to Ashland in 1933 just in time for the "bank holiday" and the big fire on Ashland Main Street. For many years Byron worked for the Ashland Oil Company. At the time of his death in January of 1958, he was operating his own excavating business.

After Byron's death, Vona trained as a laboratory technician. With the help of Dr. Jerry McNickle and Ruby Reynolds, Hospital Administrator, Vona organized the original laboratory in the Ashland District Hospital. She married Felix Little, June 10, 1978. He died March 30, 1981.

The Clarks - Christmas, 1948. Vona, Byron, Emily, Mary Helen, Zoe Clark



Byron and Vona reared two girls, Mary Helen and Emily Zoe. Mary Helen married Paul Langdon and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Emily married Michael Matese of Fairfield, Connecticut and lived there until her death in 1973.

Submitted by Vona Clark Little

PAUL AND ZOE LOOFE CLARK

Paul Emerson Clark was born June 15, 1875 at Oskaloosa, Iowa, later moving with his family to Greenwood, Nebraska. He and Zoe Lillian Loofe were married June 29, 1877 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Loofes were French - Zoe's father was originally from Montreal, Canada. He came to Beaverville, Illinois after the loss of his first family. There he married Virginia Saindon and started a second family which included Zoe. They moved to a claim at Jamestown, Kansas. After the death of Zoe's mother, the family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska.



Zoe and Paul Clark, 1877

The Clark families always lived as one household; all the family came together to Oklahoma where Byron and Paul proved up land near Peruna in 1902. In 1905 they moved to the Day Creek place in southern Clark County. In 1909, Paul purchased the Workman "Castle" at Ashland and the family moved there in December.

For a number of years, Paul Clark and George Harvey were partners in a real estate business.

The Clarks had four children: Pearl married Harris Cagle; Ruth married Henry Mull; Fay died in 1925 while in nurses' training at Kingman, Kansas; and Byron married Vona Craig.

Submitted by Vona Clark Little

JULIAN AND OPAL MULL CLAWSON

Opal Mull, sixth child of the eight children of Henry and Jennie Mull of Vesta Township, was born on the family ranch on May 10, 1908.

My parents came to Clark County in 1885 and established a ranch. Here I grew up in carefree, happy childhood among cottonwood trees, a large peach orchard and playing on Antelope Creek.

I was educated in the local schools and have lived in Clark County all of my life. In 1926, I married Julian Clawson of



Opal Mull and Julian Clawson

Englewood. He was born in Ellsworth, Kansas, October 20, 1898 and moved with his family to Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he grew to manhood. In 1915, he moved to Englewood, Kansas,

with his parents, Cam and Edna Clawson, and five brothers and sisters. They lived on the John Edwards ranch where he lost his right hand in an ensilage cutter accident in 1918.

We lived with my parents for a few years after our marriage where our only child, Maurine, was born. Farming southwest of Ashland, Julian started driving a school bus when our daughter entered first grade and continued for 34 years. In 1947, we bought our home on forty acres of ground in southwest Ashland where we still reside. While improving our home with trees and outbuildings, white board fences, etc., we were kept busy farming 1500 acres near Sitka and east of Ashland. Our herd of polled herefords and saddle horses added to our interests. Julian farmed wheat for 68 years and retired in 1980 at the age of 82.

In 1950, our daughter graduated from Kansas State University and later that year married Harold Holt of Guymon, Oklahoma. They have two children, Kevin and Kelley. Kevin is married and has two sons, Julian and Nick. They live on the family farm north of Guymon. Kelley received a degree in special education at Oklahoma State University and is teaching and coaching basketball in Cushing, Oklahoma.

Submitted by Opal Mull Clawson

CLEVELAND FAMILY

Denise Cleveland was born in Ashland to Chester and Bonita Mishler. John was raised in Buffalo, Oklahoma by Loren and Dessie Cleveland.

John and Denise were married in 1977 in Ashland, Kansas. They moved to Grants, New Mexico where their first child, Sarah, was born. They returned to Ashland in 1979. Their second child, Brian, was born here before they moved to Beaver, Oklahoma, where John was employed by Northern Natural Gas



The Cleveland family,
March, 1984.
John, Denise, Sarah,
Robert and Brian

Company. After living in Beaver for a year, John was promoted and transferred back to Ashland, where they have lived for the last three years. Their third child, Robert, was born here in 1981. They are expecting another child this summer.

Sarah enjoys school and piano lessons which her father is giving her. Brian and Robert play well together and with their sister. All three enjoy helping their parents however they are able.

John and Denise are active members of the United Methodist Church. Denise is a member of the Centennial Committee and the Pride Committee. John enjoys playing volleyball on the town team and playing the guitar and piano. They both enjoy playing with the children, working on their house and in their garden.

Submitted by John Cleveland

DAN ALLAN CLOSSON

Dan Allan Closson was born September 27, 1947, in Ashland, Kansas, the son of Merle Wayman and Nancy Patricia (Wallingford) Closson. He has one older brother, Spencer Wayman Closson.

His early education was in the Ashland schools, where he

graduated from high school in 1965. He attended Wichita State University two years before entering the Navy, where he served four years. His foreign duty took him to Southeast Asia, the Philippines and Japan, serving as an electronics supervisor on the aircraft carrier, USS Kitty Hawk, where he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Following his discharge from the Navy, he was employed at NCR, in engineering department, at Wichita. He later returned to Wichita State University, graduating with a degree in health science. He is currently employed at Wesley Medical Center in surgical intensive care unit.

Dan is a member of the Central Christian Church of Wichita and a member of the Big Brothers organization. He is a charter member and past president of the Wichita Balloon Club and was the first to bring hot air ballooning to Ashland, May 1, 1979.



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Closson

Dan married Renae Laree Schmucker of Plevna, Kansas, on March 3, 1984, in the Evangelical Mennonite church near Sterling, Kansas. Renae was born May 11, 1955 in Hutchinson and is the daughter of Harve and Carrie Schmucker. Renae graduated from Hutchinson High School and Friends University in Wichita, graduating in 1979 with a B.A. degree in music. She is a professional pianist, was crowned Miss Derby in the 1979 pageant. Dan and Renae reside in Wichita, where she is the assistant producer of the Kansas Scholarship Pageant.

Submitted by Merle Closson

DR. H.O. CLOSSON FAMILY

Harold and Caroline Closson came to Ashland in August, 1928, living in the Hedrick Apartment and renting an office from John Stephens in the old Opera House over McCasland Furniture Store. Dr. Burket had asked us to come and look Ashland over. We did and decided to stay.

Harold, Jr., Ann and Jon were born at the Ashland Hospital.

During the war, Dr. Closson was in the Navy, stationed in San Francisco. Following the war, the family moved to Miraj, India serving in the Presbyterian Mission Hospital. Harold, Jr. and Ann graduated from high school and Jon finished 8th grade there.

The family returned to the U.S. in 1950. Dr. Closson changed his Navy commission to the U.S. Public Health Service and was stationed near Baltimore. Harold, Jr. and Jon finished college at

The Harold Closson family. Back: Jon and Harold, Jr. Front: Ann, Caroline and Harold



the University of Maryland. Jon got his medical degree from the University Medical School in Baltimore. Ann finished nurses' training at Church Home and Hospital, Baltimore. Caroline taught fifth grade at Glenwood School, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Harold, Jr. is Director of the Student Union, Wooster College. Ann is married to Dr. A.L. Taylor and lives in Denver. Jon is on the staff at Mayo Clinic.

In 1963, Dr. Closson retired from public service and joined the medical staff, Gettysburg College. Another retirement and he joined the staff at the State Restoration Hospital until 1983.

While at the college, Harold and Caroline used vacations to do volunteer service in mission hospitals of the Southwest and in Columbia, Haiti and Nepal.

Submitted by Harold and Caroline Closson

MERLE AND NANCY CLOSSON

Merle Wayman Closson, son of Millard Andrew and Bertha (Lipper) Closson, was born near Rago, Kansas on January 1, 1919. He had one older brother, Wayne Eugene, who died July 25, 1983. In the early 1930's, the family moved to Wichita and then to Ashland in 1935 where Merle graduated from high school in 1937. In 1938, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri.

Merle returned to Ashland to marry Nancy Patricia Wallingford, youngest daughter of Charles A. Wallingford and Ruth



Nan and Merle

Naomi (Keller) Wallingford, on December 27, 1941. They lived in St. Louis until Merle entered the Navy in 1943. Following his discharge, January 3, 1946, he was employed by the Wallingford Elevator Company in Ashland. After Mr. Wallingford's death in 1955, Merle continued management of the business until it was sold in 1976 and he retired.

Merle is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and was Clerk of the Session for several years. He served on the city council, was a charter member and past commander of the V.F.W. Post No. 7770. He was a Cub Scout Master and was secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

Merle and Nancy have two sons, Spencer Wayman, born June 24, 1943 and Dan Allan, born September 27, 1947. They both graduated from high school in Ashland. Spencer graduated from Kansas University and Dan graduated from Wichita State University. Both men served in the Navy during the Vietnam conflict. Spencer was a pilot and Commander of a P-3 Reconnaissance plane. He is a Commander in the Naval Reserve. Dan served aboard the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk as an electronics supervisor. While aboard the carrier, he received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Spencer married Lynda Jean Williams of Stanford, Kentucky, September 10, 1977. She is very active in the D.A.R. organization. They have two sons, Spencer Wayman II and Charles Frederick. They reside in Atlanta, Ga., where Spencer is a pilot for Delta Airlines.

Dan married Renea Laree Schmucker of Plevna, Kansas on March 3, 1984. He worked in the engineering development at

National Cash Register in Wichita before receiving a degree in health science. He is now employed at Wesley Medical Center in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

Nancy Patricia Wallingford was born February 11, 1920 to Charles A. and Ruth Naomi (Keller) Wallingford in Ashland. At the time of Nancy's birth, Ruth was seriously ill with influenza, pneumonia and spinal meningitis. She died two days after Nancy's birth.

Mabel Finrock, a registered nurse from Wichita, was brought to Ashland to care for the seriously ill Mrs. Wallingford. After her death, Mabel stayed on in the Wallingford home to care for the three small girls. Nancy had two older sisters, Mary (Mrs. L.B. Root) and Betty Ruth (Mrs. Clyde Sowers). Two years later Charles Wallingford married Mabel Finrock on June 12, 1922 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Mabel is the only mother the three girls remember. She was a loving and devoted mother and wife.



Dan, Renae, Merle, Nancy, Lynda, Spence. Front: Skip and Fred

Nancy graduated from high school in 1938 in Ashland and attended teachers college in Emporia, Kansas. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of P.E.O. Chapter BA, which her mother, Ruth, helped organize in 1918.

Merle and Nan, now both retired, live in Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Merle Closson

SPENCER W. CLOSSON FAMILY

Spencer Wayman Closson was born June 24, 1943 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Merle W. and Nancy Wallingford Closson. He attended grades 1-12 in the Ashland school system, graduating in 1961. He attended the University of Kansas on a Navy R.O.T.C. scholarship and graduated in 1965 with a B.S. in Accounting. Upon graduation from K.U., he was commissioned Ensign, USN and he served for six years as a Navy pilot, stationed on the west coast and the Far East. In 1973, Spencer began his career as a pilot with Delta Air Lines in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lynda Jean Williams, daughter of James Wesley Williams, Jr.



Lynda and Spencer W. Closson

and Josephine Bodner, was born June 24, 1948, in Stanford, Kentucky. She grew up on the family farm near Stanford and attended the Stanford schools, graduating from high school in

1966. She then attended Murray State University and completed her education at the University of Kentucky in 1970. Later that year, Lynda was employed by Delta Air Lines as a flight attendant. She flew for nine years and during this time she met Spencer.

Lynda and Spencer were married September 10, 1977. They have two sons, Spencer Wayman II, born August 9, 1978, and



Frederick Closson, 1984



Spencer W. Closson II

Charles Frederick, born January 8, 1981.

The Clossons live in Atlanta and are communicants of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Lynda is active in D.A.R. and Spencer is a Commander in the Navy Reserves.

Submitted by Spencer W. Closson

JAMES AND KAREN (LUNS福德) COMPTON

Karen is the daughter of Raymond and Evelyn Lunsford. She attended kindergarten through twelfth grades at Ashland graduating in 1969. After attending Fayetteville (N.C.) Technical Institute for computer programming and Danville (Va.) Community College for accounting, she was employed by Dan River Inc., a textile manufacturing company, where she is currently Division Production Planner for the Production Scheduling-Finishing.



Karen and James Compton,
1984

James is the son of Marshall and Sarah Compton of Danville, Va. He has ten sisters and brothers and attended school in the Danville area. He is an insulation mechanic by profession.

James and Karen were married July 8, 1977. They have no children.

Submitted by Karen L. Compton

WARREN CONNER FAMILY

Warren R. Conner moved to Ashland from Great Bend, Kansas in October, 1964 as District Conservationist for Clark County. His wife, Jeanne, and children, Christin, Reed, and Kimberly followed him in January of 1965 when housing became available.

His early years were spent in Holyrood, Chase, and Haven, where his father was school superintendent. Having graduated from Haven High School, attended Hutchinson Junior College for one year, and graduated from Fort Hays State in 1951 with a major in agriculture, Warren started working for the Soil Conservation Service and has continued this work for his life's vocation.

Jeanne Custer grew up in WaKeeney where her father was high school principal. After she graduated from high school there, she attended Fort Hays State and graduated from Kansas State in 1953 with a major in home ec and teaching.

Warren and Jeanne met in Oberlin, Kansas, where Jeanne was teaching home economics, and were married in June, 1954.

David Custer Conner was born a year after the Conners moved to Ashland and is presently a high school senior. He is an Eagle Scout, as is his father. Christin and Reed graduated from Fort Hays State in 1981 and 1982 respectively and Kimberly is finish-



Reed, Kim, David and Christin Conner

ing her second year at Hutchinson Junior College. Christin is working for K.G.&E. in Wichita and Reed is starting an independent oil company in Great Bend.

The Conners have been active in the Presbyterian Church where both are Elders. Warren has served on the Ashland School Board for eleven years. Jeanne does substitute teaching and community service work.

Submitted by Jeanne Conner

ROBERT H. COOK FAMILY

Robert Henry Cook was born December 7, 1939 at Ashland, the third child of five children born to Winton Alex (Doc) and Cora Mae Shuman Cook. He grew to manhood in Ashland, attending the Ashland schools. His hobbies are fishing and working with his hands. He works at the Clark County Highway Department.

Mary Lucille Ehret was born March 15, 1944 to John Grandville and Gracie Harkness Ehret at Great Bend, Kansas. She moved to Ashland in 1954 and attended the Ashland schools. They were married on December 7, 1962 in Ashland. Mary does counted cross stitch, crocheting and reads for fun. Mary is employed as secretary to the County Health Nurse and does the ambulance billing for Clark County.

The Cook children are: Robert Henry, II, John Winton, and Leslie Lynmarye. Robert, born September 1, 1963 and Winton, born July 23, 1964, both graduated in May of 1982 and entered the Army after graduation. PFC Robert was married to Marnie (Marty) Granoff of Augusta, Georgia, on January 14, 1984 and is stationed in Germany. PFC John W. is single and stationed in Korea.

Daughter Leslie was born December 27, 1972 and is a fifth grader. She is in 4-H, loves to read and collects china cats.

The family attends the Church of God. They love fishing, camping, gardening and travel. They live at 223 W. 11th, a 1929-? home they have remodeled.

Submitted by Mary L. Cook

PAUL CORCORAN FAMILY

Cheryl Sue McCarty, daughter of Marjorie and Donley McCarty, was born August 26, 1950 at Ashland, Kansas. Cheryl attended grade school at St. Joseph's Parochial School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1968 and from Marymount College of Salina, Kansas with a BS in Nursing in 1972. Cheryl, in her last year of college, joined the United States Public Health

Service and was commissioned a Lt. JG upon her graduation. Her tour of duty took her to New Orleans, Baltimore and Miami, Florida. While at Baltimore, Cheryl met Paul Corcoran, who was studying dentistry at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1975. Cheryl and Paul were married in Miami on November 26, 1976.

Paul, son of Jim and Agnes Cunningham Corcoran, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Rockville, Pennsylvania, attending grade and high school, graduating in 1964. Paul graduated from the University of Maryland in 1968 and entered the U of M Dental School in 1971, graduating as Dr. of Dentistry in 1975. Paul practiced dentistry in Florida until the family moved to Vail, Colorado, in the fall of 1980 where he established a dental practice.

Cheryl resigned from the Public Health Service in 1976 and returned to the classroom entering the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, graduating in May, 1977. Cheryl accepted a position in the Department of Rheumatology, University of Miami where she worked with arthritis research clinics until the family moved to Vail. At Vail, Cheryl worked at her profession as nurse for a



Cheryl and Paul Corcoran

time until her desire to further her knowledge led her to other occupations establishing and running her own business for a year. Cheryl, late in 1983, applied to the University of Colorado to enter dental school and is presently studying at the University of Colorado preparatory to entering their school of dentistry in the fall of 1984.

Cheryl and Paul are avid snow skiers and this was one of their prime considerations in moving from Florida to Vail.

Submitted by Cheryl Corcoran

F.N. COSSMAN FAMILY

Floyd Nicholas Cossman was born November 28, 1897, in Stafford County, Kansas, where he grew up, attended school, graduating from St. John High School. A quote from a book of St. John history states, "Rusty Cossman was one of St. John's best athletes. Six feet four inches tall, he participated in basketball, track and football all four years and played every minute of every football game his four years of high school." In 1917, he entered Washburn University, finished his freshman year, then enlisted in the Tank Corp of the U.S. Army, reaching the front just as the armistice was signed. He re-entered Washburn and graduated from the law school in 1922 and never losing interest in sports, he was considered one of their best football players. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

On February 1, 1923, he married Frances Eleanor Price, younger daughter of Judge and Mrs. F.C. Price of Ashland. He entered into law practice with the Wichita firm of Hasty & Hasty, but soon after the death of Mrs. Price, he and Frances came to make their home with her father. The association of Price & Cossman was formed and continued until the Judge's death, after which he engaged in individual practice until August, 1952, at which time he formed a partnership with Willis A. Shattuck. He



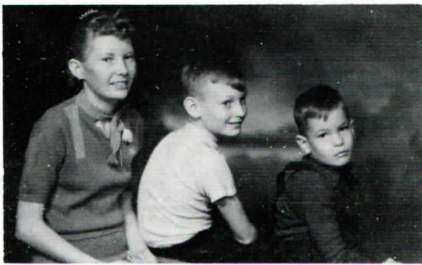
Frances Price Cossman



Floyd Nicholas "Rusty"

was actively involved in the American Legion, serving as Post and Seventh District Commander, served twelve years on the school board, was city attorney for many years, member of several Bar associations, serving as president of the Southwest Bar. The Kansas Supreme Court appointed him to the State Board of Law Examiners in 1948, a highly responsible position in which he was serving at the time of his death.

Frances Price was born January 4, 1899, at Wichita and died August 24, 1973. She grew up in Ashland, attended schools there and Bethany College for Women, Topeka, Kansas. After attending Wells College in Aurora, N.Y. for a year, she entered Washburn where she graduated in 1922. She was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Frances was an avid reader and supporter of the city library. Their home included an extensive library and a special collection of cookbooks, an art for which she was noted.



Mary Eleanor, Price and Nick Cossman, 1936

Frances and "Rusty" Cossman were the parents of three children, Mary Eleanor (Mrs. Landon Haydock), Dr. Francis Price (Chairman of Surgery, Wesley Medical Center) and Floyd Nicholas "Nick" (who died of leukemia in 1957 while in Washburn Law School).

Submitted by Mary Eleanor (Cossman) Haydock

HOMER COVERDALE FAMILY

Both Homer and Peggy Coverdale were born around Ashland; Homer James Coverdale was born January 16, 1927, the youngest child of Leroy and Fannie Coverdale at Sitka, Kansas. Homer had a twin brother who died at age of 9 months. He was one of six children, and graduated from Ashland High with the class of 1945. Upon graduation, he went to work for the Santa Fe Rail-

Leroy, Lim, James, Peggy and Homer Coverdale, 1971



road on October 21, 1945. He served in U.S. Army from August, 1954 to August, 1956. After working many places in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, home is now in Perryton, Texas.

Peggy Sawyers was the first daughter born to Ralph and Maude Sawyers on November 14, 1928. There are three brothers older and two sisters and brother younger. Peggy graduated with the class of 1946 from Ashland High. Homer and Peggy married May 11, 1946 in Coldwater, Kansas. They have three children, daughter Linn, born February 17, 1952; son Leroy, born August 1, 1961; and son James, born February 2, 1963. They have three grandchildren, Kenneth, Tamila and Wesley Sims.

Homer and Peggy are members of the United Methodist Church. Homer is a past Master of Ochiltree Lodge No. 910 and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas. Peggy and Homer are Past Matron and Patron of Perryton Chapter No. 161, Order Eastern Star.

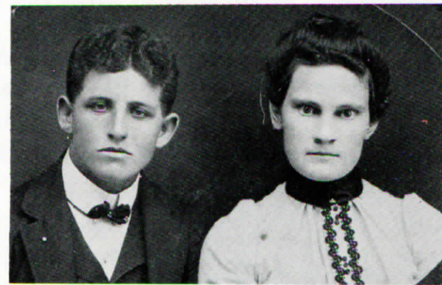
Submitted by Peggy Sawyers Coverdale

JOHN ALLEN COVERDALE

John Allen Coverdale was born in Boone County, Indiana on October 1, 1855. There he grew to manhood and married Emeline Coverdale. They had two boys, Charles and James Jackson. The family all came to Kansas in 1885 and settled down to start a new life and raise their family on a farm in Clark County, four miles north of Sitka. Then shortly afterwards, John Allen's wife died, leaving him on the lonely frontier with two boys.

The two boys grew up and learned to cook and fend for themselves as they played and got into mischief. The boys frequently visited the A.P. Tilley place north of Ashland.

In the late 1920's, John contracted pneumonia with complications and died on November 29, 1927. He was buried at the Ashland Cemetery. Charles had also died as a young man due to an accident.



James Jackson Coverdale and Mittia Worthy Tilley
Wedding picture, 1904

In the meantime, James had married Worthy Tilley and they made their home at a farmhouse north of Ashland, west of the A.P. Tilley place. It was out on the farm that their three girls were born. In 1915, James moved his family to homestead and farm in Baca County, Colorado, northeast of Springfield. While in Colorado the two older girls married and made their homes around Springfield. Nema, the youngest, returned with her folks in 1927 to settle and live in Partridge, Kansas until their deaths. They are buried at the Ashland Cemetery.

Submitted by Sherry McGuire Cross

LEROY COVERDALE

Leroy Coverdale was born April 15, 1888, son of John A. and Rebecca Coverdale, in Ashland, Kansas. He was the third son of John A. Coverdale who was an early Clark County homesteader. Leroy grew to manhood here, first just to the south of Ashland, later at the former A.R. Baker home, then to their last home



Standing: Dorothy, John, Homer, Marion and Helen. Seated: Leroy and Fannie, 1943

three miles north of Sitka, the present Edna Dorsey home. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War I, serving with the 91st Spruce SQD, Camp Funston, Yaquina, Oregon.

Fannie A. Moores was born in Barber County on Lower Mule Creek of an early pioneer family. She was the fourth child of Sulucius Garfield Moores and Constantina Stoker Moores. Fannie taught school at Springfield, Colorado until her marriage, having taken her normal teacher's training at Ashland.

They were married in Springfield, Colorado, March 15, 1919 and moved to Pratt, Kansas. Leroy worked for a time with the Rock Island Railroad there. In 1927, they moved back to the Coverdale homestead and took over his father's farming interests.

To this union were born, Helen E., Dorothy J., John C., Marion C. and twins, Homer J. and Herbert A. Marion was killed while serving with the Air Force in Germany in World War II. Herbert died in infancy at the age of 9 months.

Leroy died January 14, 1951 and Fannie died December 15, 1970.

Submitted by Helen Hooper

MARION C. COVERDALE FAMILY

Marion C. Coverdale, fourth child of Leroy and Fannie Coverdale, was born February 21, 1925 in Milo, Missouri.

He moved with his parents to his Grandad Coverdale's homestead 3 miles north of Sitka in 1926. He attended Sitka grade school and graduated from Ashland High School in May, 1942.

Marion was united in marriage to Ruth Gross, daughter of Mr.



Sgt. Marion C. and Ruth Coverdale, 1944

and Mrs. Vern Gross on February 27, 1943. He worked for a time at farming until on August 4, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completion of his training, Sgt. Coverdale received his wings February 19, 1944. Marion enjoyed a 14-day visit with his family in Ashland enroute to his overseas assignment in England with the 8th Air Force.

Sgt. Coverdale was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. He had participated in more than 20 missions at the time of his death. He was killed in action August 6, 1944 over Germany where he served as a tail gunner on a B17. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in 1949.

A son, Marion Eugene was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Coverdale in Ashland on February 13, 1944. Marion Eugene now lives with his

wife, Beverly and their two daughters, Donna and Shauna, in Golden, Colorado.

Submitted by Helen Hooper

ANN COX

Elizabeth Ann Cox was born August 27, 1960 in Gainesville, Texas. She is the only child of Frank and Mary Cox. She attended grades 1-12 in Englewood-Ashland schools graduating Suma Cum Laude in 1978. She was a member of the National Honor Society, secretary of student council and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was the Basketball Sweetheart and a contestant in the Miss Southern Kansas Beauty Pageant. She worked as bookkeeper for C & N Enterprises in



Ann Cox

Ashland; bookkeeper for Bunge Corporation and lifeguard and swimming pool manager in Englewood during her college summers. She is an active member of the Ashland Methodist Church. She was in the youth choir and was a leader of summer Bible schools in both Ashland and Englewood for several years.

Ann attended SWOSU in Weatherford, Oklahoma as a four-year academic scholarship recipient. She was awarded Outstanding Student Leader. She graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in 1982.

Ann's favorite sport is snow skiing and was college instructor. She has traveled extensively through most of the states, Old Mexico and ten European countries.

Ann is presently employed with the FBI in Oklahoma City and recently graduated from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. She is engaged to Bruce Vaverka whom she met in college. Bruce was on a football scholarship and graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration. He is presently employed with North American Brine Resources in Dover, Oklahoma. The wedding date is pending Ann's next special assignment with the FBI.

Submitted by Mary Cox

DOROTHY LOUISE SMITH COX FAMILY

Dorothy Louise Smith was born May 22, 1945 to Roy Francis Smith and Ruby Rose Betschart Smith in Ashland, Kansas, youngest of two children. She attended school, grades 1-12 in Ashland, graduating in 1963.

In 1965, she married Jimmy Jay Cox, Dodge City, Kansas, born August 23, 1944 in Bremerton, Washington, son of Mr. and

Dorothy Louise and Jaylene Louise Cox, 1983



Mrs. Clarence A. Cox. He attended school, grades 1-12, graduating in 1964 and attended Dodge City School of Cosmetology, graduating and licensed in 1965.

A baby girl, Jaylene Louise, was born October 17, 1965, in Dodge City, Kansas. She attended school, grades K-12 and will be graduating May 20, 1984. She is a member of the First Christian Church, likes dancing, swimming and art.

Dorothy attended Dodge City Community College and received an education for medical unit secretary in 1968. In 1973, she started working for Trinity Hospital; 1976 for the new hospital, Dodge City Regional, as a unit secretary; in 1982 started in the Radiology Department as a dark room technician and "girl-Friday."

Dorothy and Jimmy Jay Cox were divorced in 1983. She attends Sacred Heart Cathedral. Hobbies are reading, camping, dancing, cooking, (received awards in 1981 in the *Hutchinson News Recipe Contest*), and bowling (member of two leagues, president for four years, participates in city, state and national bowling tournaments). Dorothy has been taking the Menninger Bible Study for four years and will be receiving her diploma in Topeka, Kansas on May 6, 1984.

Submitted by Dorothy Louise Smith Cox

FRANK COX FAMILY

Frank Edward Cox was born May 9, 1923 on the Cox Ranch in Englewood, Kansas, firstborn of two boys of Leonard and Edna Cox. He attended grades 1-12 in Englewood, graduating in 1941. After winning a scholarship and completing a short course at Kansas State College in Manhattan in 1942, he worked with his father on the ranch. He was very active in the community and the 4-H Club. His hereford steer was State Grand Champion. He remained active for years serving as Fair Board Director, 4-H Adult Leader and in other community activities. Frank enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and served in the South Pacific Theater. Upon his discharge in 1946, he returned to the ranch where he is still engaged as a farmer-stockman.

Mary Elizabeth Edwards was born October 1, 1934 in Van Buren, Arkansas. She is one of five children born to Ell and Heleñ Edwards. Being the daughter of an oil and gas broker, the family moved to several cities in Oklahoma and Texas. She graduated from high school as salutatorian in Gainesville, Texas in 1952. She received bachelor of science in home economics in 1956 and a masters in elementary education in 1963, with honors at NTSU in Denton, Texas. She taught in several schools in Texas.



Frank and Mary E. Cox

Frank and Mary were married in Dallas, Texas on April 4, 1966. Mary and her daughter, Ann, joined Frank on the ranch. Mary taught four years in Englewood-Ashland schools where she is now a substitute teacher. They attend the United Methodist Church in Ashland where Frank has served as trustee for several years.

Submitted by Mary Cox

FRANK MARION COX FAMILY

Frank Marion Cox was born January 28, 1859 in Northfield, Iowa, the son of Phillip and Laura Cox. He was the manager and partner at the Dr. Lumbeck Farm. He died of pneumonia in the prime of life after delivering a load of cattle by train to Kansas City, Missouri, in November, 1913, with burial in Ashland, Kansas. He was active in church and community affairs wherever he might be.

Mary Elizabeth Guy, elder daughter of Isaac and Martha Guy, was born February 2, 1863 at Kossuth, Iowa. Her two sisters were Margaret and Mattie and her brother was Henry. She was educated at Kossuth Academy, taught school two years and was a private nurse several years. She left a legacy in her lovely hand-made quilts. She died at the home of her daughters in Wewoka, Oklahoma on January 1, 1948 with funeral services in Englewood and burial in Ashland, Kansas.

Frank and Mary were married December 11, 1883 in Northfield, Iowa. To this union were born six children: Leonard,



Standing: Edith, Harry, Ella.

Sitting: Frank and Mary.

Kneeling: Dwight and Leonard, 1901

Harry, Thomas, Dwight Cox; and Ella Nichols and Edith Arnn. They had thirteen grandchildren: Agnes Carter, Clara Stidham, Edith Emmons, Geneva Emmons, Helen Edwards, Paul, Dale, Tom, Dean Nichols, Mildred Adams, John Cox, Frank Cox and Dean Cox; thirty-one great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren. In 1901 the family moved from Mediapolis, Iowa to Indian Territory then later to Englewood, Kansas in 1909.

Submitted by Mary Cox

J.W. AND VESTA COX

J.W. Cox was born in Sheridan County, Missouri, November 27, 1879, and moved with his parents to Kingman County, Kansas, when he was twelve years of age.

He was united in marriage to Vesta Lewis of Kingman County, in June, 1904, and they made their home near Penalosa, Kansas,



Orlena Parrish, Willard, J.W., Herman, Vesta and Theda Seidel - 1946

until the fall of 1928, when they moved to a farm near Ashland.

Their children, who were all born in Kingman County, were two sons, Herman and Willard, and two daughters, Orlena and Theda Mae.

Herman married Eva McCormick of Penalosa; Willard married Thelma McFarland of Protection; Orlena married Wayne Parrish

of Ashland and Theda Mae married Albert Seidel of Protection.

J.W. and Vesta lived on the farm near Ashland until 1945, when they moved to a home in town. Vesta passed away suddenly in September of 1948, at the age of 62. J.W. died at age 72 in August, 1951. One son, Herman, died in March, 1963, and daughter, Theda Seidel, died in November, 1979.

Willard resides in Ashland and Orlena Parrish is a resident of Fountain View Villa in Ashland.

Submitted by Willard Cox

LAURA MAY FOLKS COX

Laura May Folks was born in 1918 on her father's ranch eight miles west of Ashland. She attended Fairview Elementary School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1936. She attended St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Dodge City, graduating in 1939.



Laura May Folks Cox, 1965

In 1942, she married James H. Cox of Cimarron. After serving in the Army Air Corps, he earned a degree in electrical engineering on the GI Bill while she continued her nursing career. By the late 1950's, his career led to the designing and engineering of dial telephone systems and he participated in the design of the Ashland dial telephone system.

In 1969, they returned to Clark County to actively operate the farming and ranching interests started by Jim Folks. Laura May continued with her nursing career through employment with the Kansas State Department of Health as a nursing home inspector. She died August 5, 1983 in an automobile accident at Garden City. He continues to operate the farm.



James H., Laura May, J. Paul and Laurel Cox, 1964

Laura May and Jim Cox have a son, J. Paul, of Dodge City, and a daughter, Laurel S. Johnson, of Lubbock, Texas. She is married to Armin E. Johnson of Lindsborg, Kansas. They have four children: Christina Marie, Eric James, Christopher Alan and Angela Marie. Armin is the manager of the Ralston Purina Feed Mill there.

Submitted by J. Paul Cox

LEONARD COX FAMILY

This is a short family history of Leonard and Edna Gross Cox. They moved with their parents to Kansas in 1909 and 1910, when Englewood was in the process of moving the "Old Town to New Town." The 5-mile creek divided the town. The Gross family lived in Old Town and Cox family lived east of town on

Lunbeck land. Leonard and Edna received their grade and high school education here.

Leonard served his country overseas in World War I for three years. Their son, Frank, served two years in the Navy in World War II.

Edna Gross graduated from Emporia State University in 1919 and taught school three years in Garden City and Englewood.

They were married in 1921 and had two sons, Frank and Dean.



Edna and Leonard Cox

Frank married Mary Edwards and moved to Cox Hereford Ranch. Their daughter, Ann, graduated from Weatherford College and now works for F.B. I. in Oklahoma City.

Dean graduated from K.U. and married Jessie Thomas. They have two children. Betty is attending Oklahoma City University. Phillip is a junior at Stillwater, majoring in business and computer science. Dean's family is living in Wichita Falls, Texas, working for Midwestern National Association of Home Builders.

Leonard died in 1975 in Ashland Hospital. Edna moved to Ashland in 1976 where she lives and enjoys her retirement years, her friends and church which always were her priorities.

Submitted by Edna Cox

RONALD COX FAMILY

Ronald Willard Cox was born November 16, 1934 in Lexington, Kansas as the only child of Willard and Thelma Cox. He attended grades 1-12 in the Ashland School System, graduating in 1953. While attending college at Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma, he joined the USAF. After being discharged in 1966, he went to work for General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan as a computer programmer, later moving to A.C. Sparkplug as a system analyst where he is currently employed.

Gloria Beth Mariage, daughter of George and Gretchen Mari-



Ronald Cox family. Standing: T.W., Ronald and Randy. Seated: GiGi, and Gloria - 1984

age, was born December 9, 1935 in Rapid City, Michigan, attending school there and graduating in 1953. Ron and Gloria met while he was in the service and were married December 25, 1957.

The Cox children are Randy, T.W., and GiGi. Randy was born November 22, 1958, is married and works as a mechanical engineer for Chevrolet Motor Company.

T.W., born February 9, 1960, is married and manager of a

store for the Cooks Drug Co.

GiGi, born December 29, 1961, is single and is employed as a medical assistant with the Greater Flint HMO.

Ron's favorite pastime is golfing and fishing while Gloria is into sewing, arts and crafts, besides being a lunch supervisor in the Flint School System.

Submitted by Ronald Cox

WILLARD AND THELMA COX

Willard was born in Kingman County, Kansas, January 4, 1911 to J.W. and Vesta Cox. As a child, he lived on a farm near Penaloza and attended the schools in Penaloza, graduating from there in 1930. After coming to Ashland, Willard helped his father with farming until 1933, when he married Thelma McFarland of Protection, January 13. Their only son, Ronald, was born in Protection, November 16, 1934.



Thelma and Willard Cox

Willard was employed at different occupations for a few years in surrounding communities, then returned to Ashland and rented a farm in the Acres community. During this time, he was employed in the winter months at Earl Haelsig's Clothing in Ashland.

Thelma developed rheumatoid arthritis and because of her illness, they built a new home in Ashland and moved there in September, 1962. Willard continued to farm along with working as a painter, paper hanger and finisher until 1972.

Thelma and Willard celebrated their 40th anniversary in 1973. Thelma passed away in June, 1978, after a long illness.

Ron graduated from Ashland High in 1953, excelling in all sports including his special interest, baseball.

Willard helped to establish the baseball park in Ashland and served as secretary-treasurer of the baseball association.

Ron married Gloria Mariage of Rapid City, Michigan, December 25, 1957. They have three children, Randy, T.W., and GiGi. Ron and his family reside in Flint, Michigan area, and he is employed by General Motors.

In November, 1979, after retiring from farming, Willard was married to Fern Salyer, of Ashland, on the seventeenth. Since then, they have enjoyed sight-seeing and traveling, fishing and visiting their relatives in various places.

Submitted by Willard Cox

MARILYN PROCTOR COXWELL

Marilyn Boren, daughter of Earl and Alice Boren, was born July 30, 1934 at Ashland, Kansas. She attended school at Ashland until 1942 when she moved with her parents to Laverne, Oklahoma. During high school she was active in the band, playing french horn, and in glee club. After graduation she attended O.C.W. at Chickasha, Oklahoma and graduated from Draughn's Business College, Oklahoma City.

In August, 1959, Marilyn and her three children, Debra, Geene and Kevan Proctor, moved from Falls City, Nebraska to Ashland. Her daughter, Lynda Proctor, was born February 19,



Lynda Proctor, Kevan Proctor, Marilyn and Stan Coxwell, Geene Spurgeon and Debbie Bazzelle, 1981.

1960 in Ashland.

Marilyn worked for Clark Co. Abstract Co. until 1970 when she began working for Northern Natural Gas Co. In 1975 she and Lynda moved to Beaver, Oklahoma where she was transferred by Northern Natural.

Marilyn has one granddaughter and two grandsons. Marilyn and Stanley Coxwell married July 8, 1981, and make their home in Booker, Texas.

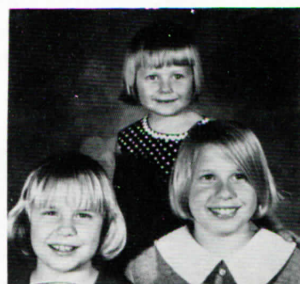
Submitted by Alice Boren

DONALD CRANE FAMILY

Donald Crane was born December 29, 1930 at Sitka, Kansas. Donald was the ninth of ten children of Raymond Leslie Crane and wife Estella Viola Fox. Donald attended grade school in Sitka and high school in Ashland. Donald served in the 101 Signal Corps, U.S. Army, during the Korean War and was involved in combat action. Donald is a rancher.

Martha Crane was born April 10, 1940 at Ashland to parents Leo Marcus Jacobs and wife Beatrice Elizabeth Degnan. Martha attended Ashland schools, Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colorado, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma. She received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Dodge City Community College. Martha is a registered nurse and teaches nursing and works in area hospitals.

The Crane's three daughters were all born at the Ashland District Hospital.



Shalah and Sarah Crane - at top,
Amy Crane

Sarah Beth, born March 27, 1962, lives in Laverne, Oklahoma and works for Western State Mental Hospital, Fort Supply, Oklahoma. Sarah is with the Nursing Service.

Shalah Ann, born June 27, 1964, is a sophomore at Friends University, Wichita. Shalah is majoring in elementary education and is a teaching assistant for the Olive W. Garvey Center For The Improvement of Human Functioning, Inc.

Amy Estelle, born February 3, 1970, is an eighth grader. Amy enjoys showing quarter horses.

The Cranes reside at 620 Willow.

Submitted by Martha Crane

GUY CRANE FAMILY

Guy and Peggy Crane spent their childhood in Clark County.

Guy Lloyd Crane was born August 1, 1932 in Lexington Township, the son of Virgil and Jennie Crane. He attended

grade school in Lexington, high school in Ashland and Kansas State University.

Peggy Joan Vannaman was born October 29, 1935 in Dodge City, Kansas, the daughter of Glee and Doris Vannaman. She attended grades 2-12 in Ashland, and graduated from Emporia State Teachers College in 1956.

Guy and Peggy were married March 25, 1956 in Ashland. They moved to Manhattan where they lived until 1969, then moved to Wamego in order to raise their children in the environment of a small town.

The Cranes have three children: Kim Renee was born August 10, 1958. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1980 and teaches developmental kindergarten in Goodland, Kansas.

James Rodney was born December 30, 1960. He is a pig farmer residing north of Wamego. Jim married Nancy Routh on June 12, 1982. They have a daughter, Amanda Lynn, born July 28, 1983.

Jodi Lynn was born December 13, 1962. She is a professional jockey with her permanent home in Phoenix, Arizona, although she and her husband travel to other racetracks in the Southwest during the racing season. Jodi married Kenneth Parker August 1, 1981.

Guy is now employed as a salesman at C and M Auto Supply in Manhattan and Peggy teaches kindergarten there. They reside in a rural area north of Wamego.

Submitted by Peggy Crane

HUBERT CRANE FAMILY

Hubert and Millie Crane, both born and raised in the Sitka-Ashland area, have made their home in Derby, Kansas, where they enjoy golfing, gardening, cooking.

Hubert Dean Crane was born July 20, 1922 in Sitka to Raymond and Estella Crane, the fifth of ten children. He attended Sitka Grade School and Ashland High School, graduating in 1940. Hubert enlisted in the army and was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines (1942-1945). Following military service he returned to Ashland where he married Mildred Ellsworth May 25, 1946. They moved to Wichita in 1951. Since 1954, he has been employed as a technician at the Wind Tunnel, School of Engineering, Wichita State University.



The Crane family in 1981.
Back row standing: Debbie, Phil,
Hubert Crane. Front row sitting:
Greg, Suzanne, Eowyn, Millie.

Mildred Ruth Ellsworth, born April 13, 1923, in Ashland, was the daughter of Clyde and Myrtle Ellsworth, the sixth of seven children. She attended school in Ashland, graduating in 1941. She was employed at Yeager Leslie's before and after her marriage to Hubert. She has also taught knitting classes at a local beauty and knit shop in Derby. Currently, she is a clerical worker at Beech Aircraft in Wichita.

Hubert and Mildred have two sons: Philip, born in Ashland,

October 25, 1950, and Gregory, born December 3, 1953, in Wichita. Philip and his wife Deborah (Whitham) live in Derby; both work at Boeing in Wichita. Greg and his wife Suzanne (Larson) have a daughter, Eowyn, five years old, and a son, Ian, two years old. They live in Winfield, Kansas and are employed at Winfield State Hospital and Training Center.

Submitted by Suzanne Crane

ESTELLA AND RAYMOND CRANE

Estella Viola Fox lived in Clark County all her life. Estella was born October 5, 1892 in Lexington Township. Estella was the seventh of ten children born to parents Millard Fillmore Fox (1856) and wife Ida Mae Cook. Estella attended Coyote School and lived on her father's farm in the Lexington community until she married Raymond Leslie Crane, April 5, 1914. Estella died January 12, 1981 and is buried in the Highland Cemetery.



Raymond and Estella
Wedding picture, 1914

Raymond Leslie Crane, son of Benjamin F. Crane and wife Anna Annjenette Amberman, was born October 8, 1891 at Clinton, Indiana. Raymond's parents died when he was a young boy. He then came to Lexington Township to live with his aunt, Lucy Morrison. Raymond farmed and ranched in the Lexington and Sitka communities. He enjoyed working with horses. Raymond died February 13, 1961 at Ashland and is buried in the Highland Cemetery.

Estella and Raymond lived in the Lexington and Sitka communities until 1956 when they moved to Ashland. Their ten children are: Anna Mae, Charles Raymond, Daisy Viola, Mildred Lucille, Hubert Dean, Ruby Irene, Cedric Leroy, Glen Edward, Donald Fillmore and Shirley Maxine.

Submitted by Martha Crane

VIRGIL AND JENNIE MAY CRANE

John Virgil Crane was born in Clinton, Indiana, February 18, 1896. Parents were Benjamin and Anna Crane. They died when he was five years old and he was sent to live with an uncle and aunt in Tulia, Texas. He lived there until age sixteen, when he came to live with his aunt and uncle, Jim and Lucy Morrison. He worked for farmers and ranchers in the Lexington community.

He served in the Army during World War I (1917-1918) and was stationed in France with the U.S. Cavalry.

Jennie May Vallentine, daughter of Cloyd and Daisy Vallen-



Jennie May and Virgil Crane,
1965

tine, was born October 15, 1903 in Lexington community. She lived there and attended Lexington Grade School and attended Ashland High School two years. She met Virgil when he worked for her family. They were married at Dodge City, May 5, 1922. He continued to work for his uncle, Jim Morrison, and other farmers after they were married.

In 1926 they purchased a 400-acre farm in the Lexington community where they resided and raised their children, Ellen, Eula May, Irene and Guy. They moved to Ashland in 1949.

Ellen was born March 6, 1923 in Lexington community and married Marven McPhail in 1941. Eula May was born February 2, 1926 in Lexington community. She died August 18, 1929 after being struck by a car while visiting in Great Bend, Kansas. Irene was born January 14, 1931 in Lexington community and married David Unruh in 1953 (divorced). Guy was born August 1, 1932 in Lexington community and married Peggy Vannaman in 1956.

Virgil died in 1968 and Jennie May died in 1975. There are fifteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. Most of their descendants live in Kansas and many live in Ashland and Clark County.

Submitted by Irene Unruh and Ellen McPhail

CHARLES CRESS FAMILY

Charles Cress, born March 21, 1888, in Denver, Colorado and Pearl Pettigrew, born September 14, 1893, in Moline, Kansas were married in Christian Parsonage in Ashland June 16, 1912 and set up their home in a two-room house across the street from Christian Church.

Charles was employed by telephone company as a lineman and trouble shooter. John Stephens, owner, furnished a team of mules and a spring wagon and later a Model T Pickup. In later years he was engineer at the Ashland Municipal Electric Plant when the electricity was turned off at midnight. Harry Kennedy was superintendent.



Charles B. Cress family. Wife Pearl "Pettigrew" Cress and daughters, Violet and Nadine, picture taken at Pike Studio, approximately 1919.

Pearl's highest ambitions were to be a good homemaker and to be of service to her church and community and that chance came when the need for a private maternity home came from two of our doctors. She opened her home to the public for nine years before moving to Colorado where she continued with a nursing career in hospitals in Denver and Boulder.

We had our joys and sorrows the 23 years we lived in Ashland. We stood for high morals and Christian living and tried also to do our bit in building and beautifying our city, having built two homes there.

Parents of three children born in Ashland. Violet, born June 16, 1913, married Bob Small of Englewood, Kansas on November 18, 1934. Nadina was born March 27, 1915 and died with diphtheria October 11, 1921. Charles Ivan was born December

9, 1923 and died October 9, 1926. Mr. Cress died in Denver, Colorado November 25, 1958. He and two children are laid to rest in Ashland Cemetery.

Mrs. Cress lives in Long Beach, California to be near her daughter, Violet Small, who now lives in Laguna Hills where Bob is manager of Chandler's Furniture Store.

Submitted by Pearl Cress

RAY AND FANNIE CROSBY

After graduation from Salt City Business College in May, 1922 and three years in a Dodge City bank, Ray L. Crosby came to Ashland, accepting a position in the Citizen's State Bank. Three years later, he briefly held a bookkeeping job with a car-implementation business before becoming manager of the newly-organized Ashland Oil Co.

In 1926, Ray married Fannie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Smith, who operated a produce business where Fannie was employed. They reared five children - Virginia, Doris, Phyllis,



Fannie and Ray Crosby, 1976

Anna Ruth, and Don. Virginia and Phyllis live in Illinois, Doris and Ruth in Missouri, and Don in Colorado.

During Ray's twenty-two years at Ashland Oil, the firm grew from a small service station with two 10-gallon hand pumps and one extra employee. The business prospered and the buildings were expanded and rebuilt several times. Constructed in 1950, the present building was partly designed by Ray.

In 1950, Ray and Fannie purchased the Hill Oil Co. which they operated until 1954 when they built the Phillips 66 Service Station which they operated until 1962. After a year of retirement, they founded Ashland Auto Supply, the first such store in Ashland. This was sold in 1966, and they retired again.

During the years, Ray served his community in many ways such as City Councilman, Mayor, member of various boards - Hospital, School, Museum, Golf Club, World War II Draft-Ration -- etc. Besides caring for the family, Fannie assisted in the business and loyally served in the church and women's organizations until her death in December, 1982.

Submitted by Ray Crosby

CROSKELL FAMILY STORY

The Croskell family lived in Ashland from 1962-1964 and again from 1966-1981, for a total of 17 years.

Lois Ann (Dignan) Croskell was born April 25, 1933, the daughter of Fred W. Dignan and Pearl (Reynolds) Dignan. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1951 and from Oklahoma State University in 1955 with a B.A. in the Humanities. In 1967 she completed her Masters in English at East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas.

Lois married A. Fount Croskell, Jr., the son of A.F. and Joan (Davis) Croskell, of Ardmore, Oklahoma in 1955. The marriage ended in divorce in 1973. In 1966, Lois moved to Ashland, where she taught English, Spanish and French in the high school.

Ancil Fount Croskell III, their son, was born June 14, 1956, in Oklahoma City. He is a student at Colorado State University

and manages Waverly West, a gliderport, where he is a soaring instructor.

Melissa Jane Croskell, born January 12, 1958, in Clarksville, Texas, graduated from Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, in 1980. She is the laboratory technician of the *in vitro* fertilization program at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Heather Wheat Croskell, born January 27, 1960, in Clarksville, Texas, graduated from Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, in 1982 and is now a pre-Veterinary Medicine student at Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri.

Sarah Elisabeth Croskell, born March 18, 1962, in Clarksville, Texas, is a student at Washburn University and will graduate in the spring of 1984.



Lois Ann Degnan Croskell, 1965

Lois lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is the Supervisor of Training for the Word Processing Center of a large law firm.

Submitted by Lois Croskell

OSCAR N. CROSS FAMILY

My father, Oscar N. Cross, moved to Ashland in 1910. His first occupation was selling and assembling Moon Buggies. Later he was employed as a farm and ranch worker. He died in Manhattan, Kansas, October 25, 1940 at the age of 70.

My mother, Martha Ann Cross, died February 25, 1954 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Oscar and Martha Ann had four daughters and three sons. Daughter Coila M. Dwyer taught country school after graduating from Ashland High School. She died in November, 1960. Daughter Amy Marie Wertz also taught school after graduation. She died in December, 1937. Ruth Terhune, next daughter, is 84 and is in a nursing home in Altamont, Kansas. A son, Glenn, worked as linotype operator in Atlanta, Georgia. He died March, 1931. Another son, Newton, will be 80 this year. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, is retired and has been a successful advertising executive. Daughter Marianne Petty was born in Ashland, October, 1911. She died in December, 1981. Her husband, Dick Petty, retired as a vice president of United Air Lines. Son (myself) Fitzhugh L. joined the U.S. Navy April, 1917 after graduation. I have been in the real estate business in Colorado, retiring in 1963. I will be 86 in August of this year and my wife and I celebrate our 65th anniversary in August, 1984.

Submitted by F.L. Cross

JOE AND TWILA VANDEVEER CROUCHER

Twila Jean Vandever was born to George and Nora Vandever February 26, 1932. She attended the Fairview School 1937-1945 and graduated from Ashland High School in 1950. Twila was in the 10th class to graduate from the Topeka Public School of Nursing in February, 1963 and has been employed at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center since that time.

Twila married Joseph Francis Croucher, son of Sam and Mattie Croucher of Osage City, March 31, 1968 and they live at



Joe and Twila Croucher, 1979

110 East 40th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66609. Joe is a high school graduate of Osage City and is employed by the Tecumseh Du Pont Co. as a tower operator. There are two children and three grandchildren.

Submitted by Twila Croucher

PAUL CULLIMORE FAMILY

Dennis Paul Cullimore was born November 11, 1947, at Frankfort, Kansas, the youngest child of Art and Nellie Cullimore. He attended both grade and high school there, graduating in 1965. After serving in the National Guard and the U.S. Army, including one tour of duty in Vietnam, he attended Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, receiving his degree.

Janeice Joan Cullimore, daughter of Otis and Aladine Watson, was born February 23, 1954 at Ashland. She attended grades K-12 at Ashland and Fort Hays State University, graduating in 1977.



Paul, Zach and Janeice, Christmas, 1983

The Cullimores were married August 2, 1975. They are both educators, having taught at schools in Natoma, Bern and Frankfort, Kansas. Paul teaches social science and enjoys coaching girls' basketball. Janeice teaches science and shares her husband's enthusiasm for sports. On June 10, 1983, Zachary Paul joined the family at their Frankfort country home where they all enjoy outdoor activities and their many pets.

Submitted by Janeice Cullimore

FRANK CULP FAMILY

Frank Thomas Culp was born to John Samuel and Sarah Margaret Watts Culp in Wichita, Kansas on July 17, 1885. He was one of six children. He married Frances Josephine Hoover, also of Wichita.

Culp & Son Grocery. John Hamilton, John Culp, Henry Tabor, Frank Culp, Lucina Culp and Josephine Culp.



In 1913 they and their 5-year-old son, John, came to Ashland to develop the ice plant for the Santa Fe Railroad. Frank's brother, Will Culp, came to join him in this endeavor. Known as the Culp Brothers, they later owned the grocery store on 8th Street. Anna was born in 1917 and Frank, Jr. completed their family in 1919. The grocery store was sold to Hoover Brothers until 1926 when Frank, Sr. and John bought it as Culp and Son.

John and Lucina Smith were married in October, 1926. They had two girls, Margaret and Mary. In 1937, John and Lucina started a grocery store in Coldwater, later moved to Greensburg and bought the Clark Grocery in 1940. Later they sold the grocery and operated a Firestone Home and Auto store in Greensburg. John died in January, 1974.

Anna graduated from Ashland High School and the College of Emporia and after teaching one year at Hudson, Kansas, she married Walter Peterson of Emporia. They had three children: JoAnn, David and John. Walter worked for Boeing until retirement in 1984. Anna and Walter live in Bellevue, Washington.

Frank, Jr. graduated from the College of Emporia and the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He married Mary Richards of Fremont, Nebraska. They had four boys: Tom, Fred, James and John. In 1970, he joined the Bank of America in San Francisco. He was Vice President of the Trust Department at the time of his death in November, 1981.

Frank, Sr. and Josephine Culp enjoyed their children and grandchildren. Like many Kansans during the depression and dust bowl days, they felt the bite of poor crops when many of their grocery customers could not pay their bills. In later years conditions were better and Frank and John were operating stores and trucking produce to several stores.

Frank, Sr. died in May, 1951. His wife, Josephine, died in December, 1974 in Greensburg. They are both buried in Highland Cemetery in Ashland.

Submitted by Margaret Culp Bradley

GUSS CUNNINGHAM

Guss Cunningham was born August 22, 1874, in Pennsboro, West Virginia, and Mary Amelia Bock was born November 1, 1887, near Wacanda, Mitchell County, Kansas. They were married April 30, 1889, in her parent's home at Alton, Kansas. Guss was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad in 1900 and worked for



The Guss Cunningham family in 1909. Guss, Mary Amelia (Bock), baby Willie Lee, Nellie May and Joseph Guy Cunningham.

them for about ten years. His work took them to Wellington, Kansas, Woodward, Oklahoma, and San Marical, New Mexico. He was the foreman of the bridge (gang) crew. April 1, 1911, they came to Acres, Kansas, with the railroad and decided to stay. He worked for the Wallingford Elevator Company and helped build the first big red elevator there. It was on this job he had the misfortune of losing an eye. In the fall they were em-

ployed by Barth Gabbert and lived on his farm east of Acres. In 1914, they purchased the hotel at Acres. During World War I, Guss went back to West Virginia and worked in the powder factories making ammunition. Mary operated the hotel until 1920. When Guss came back, he moved his family 1½ miles east of Acres to farm. It was there on April 30, 1949, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mary was a charter member of the Farm Bureau Club and won several ribbons at the fair on handcrafted items.

Guss died on August 29, 1949. He is buried in Highland Cemetery. Mary died September 4, 1961 and is buried in Highland Cemetery. They had three children, Joseph Guy, born July 26, 1900 in Alton, Kansas, died December 15, 1969, buried in Highland Cemetery; and Nellie May, born January 26, 1905 in Wellington, Kansas; Willie Lee, born May 13, 1908, in San Marical, New Mexico, died September 21, 1969, and is buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Mary R. Cunningham Zane, Willie Lee's wife

PHILIP LYNN CUNNINGHAM

Philip Lynn Cunningham, born February 16, 1955, son of Willie Lee and Mary Ruthanna (Bond) Cunningham, has lived all his life in Clark County, Kansas. He attended the Ashland Public School from kindergarten through high school graduation. He was active in all sports each year and set a few records for the school in track. Phil attended Colby Community College, Colby, Kansas.



Philip Lynn and Mary Ann (Burkhart) Cunningham, June 14, 1975

June 14, 1975, at Ingalls, Kansas, Phil married MaryAnn Burkhardt of Cimarron, Kansas, daughter of Lawrence C. and Loreta (Dicks) Burkhardt. MaryAnn attended schools in Cimarron, then Colby Community College.

Phil and MaryAnn built a home ½ mile north of his parent's home. Phil is a farmer and raises cattle. MaryAnn worked as laboratory technician in Dodge City Veterinary Clinic, Dodge



Lindsay Ann and Preston Lee Cunningham, 1983

City, then Ashland District Hospital and Commanche County Hospital. They have two children: Preston Lee, November 5, 1980 and Lindsay Ann, May 18, 1983.

Submitted by Mary R. Cunningham Zane, Phil's mother

WILLIE LEE CUNNINGHAM

Willie Lee Cunningham, born May 13, 1908, San Marical, New Mexico, came to Acres, Kansas, April 1, 1911, with his par-

ents, Guss and Mary Amelia (Bock) Cunningham. He remembered having his third birthday at Acres. After attending country school in and around Acres, Kansas, he went to high school at Protection, Kansas. He played on the Acres and Ashland baseball teams. Willie loved to farm and work with cattle. He farmed for his father, then in 1935 moved 3 miles north of his parents, where he lived the rest of his life. In 1949, he purchased this farm from Guy Webb of McPherson.

June 18, 1931, Willie Lee married Maybelle Rodman, a telephone operator. They had two children: Virginia Leigh, January 6, 1940 and Ray Clifford, March 23, 1941. Willie Lee and Maybelle divorced in 1947. On February 10, 1948, Willie Lee married Mary Ruthanna Bond (born May 17, 1926) at Meade, Kansas in Rev. Campbelle's home. We went to Dodge City that evening. This was the night of the bad blizzard; several lives were lost. Next day we made it to Minneola by 12:30 p.m. Roads were blocked south until about 3:00 p.m. We arrived at Donley and Marjorie McCartys about 5:30 p.m. They were in their new house by the highway. Donley and Willie went to Alex Floyds to borrow bed blankets for the night. Next morning we all started for our home, driving over snow drifts, over snow-covered fences, since the roads were blocked.



W.L. Cunningham family, 1963. Norma Jean, Mary Joann, Philip Lynn, Willie Lee, Myrna Jann and Mary R. Cunningham.

Our union was blessed with five children: Mary Joann, February 1, 1949, was killed in an automobile accident July 13, 1982, Seattle, Washington, buried Highland Cemetery, Ashland; Richard Lee, September 8, 1952, died September 9, 1952, buried Highland Cemetery; Norma Jean, December 29, 1953; Philip Lynn, February 16, 1955; Myrna Jann, January 16, 1959.

Willie Lee passed away September 21, 1969 in the Ashland District Hospital, Ashland, Kansas of emphysema. He is buried in Highland Cemetery. I, Mary R., came to Clark County in June, 1944.

Submitted by Mary R. Cunningham Zane

GEORGE WASHINGTON CURTIS FAMILY

The George Curtis family came to Clark County from their home in Bushnell, Illinois, after Mr. Curtis was discharged from the Union Army of the Civil War. He had married Mary Dodge and five children were born while still residing in Bushnell. Their names were: Milton, Belle, Elizabeth, Fidelia and William George.

The family first moved to Wellington, Kansas, where the parents operated a hotel and boarding house. Mr. Curtis decided to come to Clark County to stake a claim, and located about three and a half miles north of Ashland, which later became the Hart farm. His oldest daughter, Belle, and family lived on the claim. This was the year of the last Indian scare, which was later proved to be a "scare campaign" promoted by the cattlemen to try to

keep the settlers out of the grazing areas.

In the spring of 1884, the family moved to Clark County. William, then only twelve years old, drove a team of oxen from Wellington to Ashland, and the family followed in a covered wagon. Mr. Curtis became a plasterer and helped for many years in the construction of buildings and homes in the new little pioneer town of Ashland.

While still living on the farm, Mrs. Curtis died, and Mr. Curtis moved to Ashland. In 1893, he "made the run" to secure a claim when the Cherokee Strip was opened. His claim was located in what later became Woodward County.

His last years were spent living with the children in Ashland and Oklahoma. He was a member of the Major Elliot Post of the G.A.R. and enjoyed visiting with Mr. I.N. Cassity and other members as they re-lived their experiences in the Union Army in the Civil War. None of the family is now living.

Submitted by Hazel Curtis Williams

I.N. CASSITY FAMILY

Among the early pioneers of the Ashland community were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Newton Cassity and family. Mr. Cassity was born in Boone County, Indiana, March 11, 1842. He enlisted in the Union Army in Company F, 11th Regiment, Indiana Infantry, in the Civil War. After his discharge in 1866, he married Eliza Maria Casteel, whose birth date was June 30, 1848. To this union nine children were born: Nora Ann, Arthur, Ora, Lucretia, Olive, Harriet, George, May and Roy. All were born in Indiana except May and Roy who were born in Kansas.

The family moved from Indiana in 1883 to Sedgwick County, Kansas, where they lived on a farm until moving to Wichita. Mr. Cassity learned that government land was available for pre-empting in Clark County. He made the trip to stake his claim and build a sod house about 12 miles west of Ashland in the Vesta area. On December 3, 1885, the family started to western Kansas in a covered wagon filled with children, a stove, some furniture, bedding, and food supplies, and a cow and calf trailing behind. The first week the family camped by the trail and slept in a tent. When the blizzards came, they had to stop at farm houses where they were always welcomed to stay overnight or until the storm subsided. It took two weeks to make the trip. The children walked three miles to the Vesta school.

A severe drought, crop failures, and the loss of the first sod house by fire discouraged the family, and they moved to Ashland in 1888 where Mr. Cassity obtained work as a section hand for the Santa Fe Railroad. Here they became a part of the Ashland community and were charter members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Cassity died May 15, 1922 and Mr. Cassity died July 7, 1927. Only two grandchildren are now living.

Submitted by Hazel Curtis Williams

WILLIAM GEORGE AND LUCRETIA CASSITY CURTIS

William George Curtis was born in Bushnell, Illinois, June 16, 1872, and came to Clark County in 1884 by way of Wellington,



Lucretia Cassity and Wm. Geo. Curtis December 25, 1901 - wedding picture

Kansas. He was interested in cattle and farming and spent his first years here on ranches, taking part in many cattle drives from Texas to Dodge City.

On December 25, 1901, he was united in marriage to Lucretia Cassity, who was born in Lebanon, Indiana, November 8, 1874. In December, 1885, the Cassity family came to Clark County, living first on a claim in the Cash City area before moving to Ashland. Prior to her marriage, she and her sister, Ora Cassity, operated the Cassity Sisters' Millinery Store on Main Street in Ashland.

In 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis moved to Woodward County, Oklahoma. While residing there, two daughters, Hazel and Florence, were born. Florence died August 28, 1931. Hazel attended the Ashland schools and later married Edward D. Williams of Denver, Colorado.

In April, 1919, the family returned to Ashland. Mr. Curtis was employed as mail carrier on the Lexington Star Route for nearly twenty years. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1951. Both were very much interested in the history of Clark County and were often consulted regarding dates and events of historical interest in this locality where the greater part of their lives had been spent. Many family keepsakes were given to the Pioneer Museum. Mr. Curtis died October 9, 1958, and Mrs. Curtis died December 14, 1973.

Submitted by Hazel Curtis Williams

DARRELL AND QUILMA CUSICK

February 8, 1954, Darrell Eugene Cusick was born in Dodge City, Kansas to Marvin and Lovella Cusick. They soon moved to El Paso, Texas, where Marvin had completed Army basic training.

Darrell's sister, Diana Lee, was born in 1955 and brothers, Terry Wayne and Ramon Walter, joined the family in 1958 and 1961, respectively.

Darrell attended school in Kingsdown, Kansas from kindergarten through fourth grade. His family moved to the Ashland vicinity in 1963 where he graduated from high school in 1972. Darrell enlisted in the Army in June, 1972, returning home on leave to marry Quilma Lee Bliss on October 27, 1972.

I, Quilma Lee, was born to Cleo and Bessie Lee Bliss on July 30, 1953 at Ashland District Hospital. My brother, Roy Allen, is also an Ashland native, born January 1, 1952. I graduated summa cum laude from AHS in 1971 after which I attended Fort Hays State for one year and Dodge City School of Cosmetology.

Darrell reported for duty in Germany November 5, 1972. I joined him on New Year's Eve. We felt like teen-age pioneers in a foreign country and in a two-room apartment which didn't have such luxuries as heat, hot water, a refrigerator or our household goods. (They took a two-month delay in the holiday mail.) We soon learned to stoke an old woodstove for heating and cooking, and a windowsill in the bedroom became a refrigerator. Our "china" was "Chicken of the Sea" tuna cans and our "crystal"

The Cusick family in 1983. Micah, Darrell, Quilma and Brandon



empty Pepsi cans. At least there was an indoor toilet in the landlady's washroom!

Our son, Jary Brandon, was born January 26, 1974 in Heidelberg, Germany. After a brief stateside tour in El Paso, we returned to Germany where our son, Micah Lowell, was born on November 25, 1977, in Nuremberg.

Darrell was honorably discharged from the Army in 1979 as a Staff Sergeant. We then moved to Coldwater, Kansas, where we helped complete our new home which had been started by my parents.

We keep busy in the Coldwater Gamble Store, as well as with many civic duties. Darrell is a city councilman, a Cub Scout leader and an elder in the First Christian Church where we are active members.

Submitted by Quilma Cusick

MARVIN CUSICK FAMILY

Marvin LeRoy Cusick was born February 20, 1933 on a farm southeast of Minneola, Kansas, the son of Walter and Mae Cusick. He married Lovella Eldora Trober, June 9, 1953. She was born south of Fowler on June 11, 1934, the daughter of Ramon and Mildred Trober.

The Cusick family moved to Ashland in 1963. All four children graduated from Ashland High School and were married in Ashland.

Their eldest son, Darrell Eugene, was born February 8, 1954. He married Quilma Bliss on October 27, 1972. Jary Brandon and Micah Lowell are their sons.



Marvin Cusick family. Back row: Ramon, Darrell, Robert (Pete). Third row: Chasity, Sandy, Quilma, Brandon, Diana, Sheryl, Terry. Second row: Kay, Marvin, Lovella, Alan. Front row: Nicci, Micah, Michelle, Robbie, Vestanna, 1983

Diana Lee was born October 3, 1955 at El Paso, Texas. She married Robert E. Lynn on August 14, 1975. Their children are Robbie Allen, born October 2, 1976, and Michelle Marie, born March 3, 1977. Both were born in El Paso, Texas.

Terry Wayne was born February 21, 1958 in Minneola, Kansas. He married Sheryl Ashby on June 21, 1981. Terry adopted Sheryl's daughter, Vestanna Kay, in 1983. She was born on December 20, 1978.

Ramon Walter was born May 18, 1961 in Bucklin, Kansas. He married Sandra Sutherland May 5, 1979. Their daughters are Nicholle Marie, born October 31, 1979, and Chasity Lanae, born October 24, 1982.

Marvin married Kathryn Martin on October 12, 1973. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haley, lived near Englewood at one time.

Lovella married Richard Alan Weber on October 14, 1977. They live in Coldwater, Kansas.

Submitted by Quilma Cusick

CHARLES DANIEL AND HELEN ROSALIE DAILY

Charles Daniel Daily, son of Charlie Bunch and Vera Lavina (Easterday) Daily, was born June 13, 1913 at home in Lexington Township.

He attended the Lexington schools, graduated from the Ashland High School and attended Southwestern College, Winfield, and Wichita Business College.



Helen and Daniel Daily, 1949

January 1, 1938, he married Helen Rosalie Wilson, daughter of William Stacy and Grace (Hilyard) Wilson. She attended the Sitka School; graduated from the Ashland High School in 1935 and attended Fort Hays State College.

Daniel was salesman for the Protection Motor Co. and the Phelps Hudson Agency until 1941. He began farming with his father and they moved to Lexington community, living on the Daily Farm, Potter Ranch and the Henry Morrison Farm which they purchased in 1942. He and his father owned the Ashland Sales Co. from 1945 to 1953 and the Pratt Livestock Sale Co. from 1947 to 1950. In 1953, Daniel began selling life insurance and Helen became bookkeeper at the Clark County Highway Department.

In 1954, seven-month-old Thomas Longley, son of Daniel's sister, Lynne and T.J. Longley, came to live with them while his mother was hospitalized and recuperating from thoracic surgery. Tom returned to his parents in 1955.

Daniel continued to sell insurance and they moved to Dodge City in 1957, returning to Ashland in 1959. Helen was employed by the Citizens State Bank, retiring from full employment in 1983. Daniel is now operating a tack supply business and deals in cattle.

Submitted by Vera F. Daily

GEORGE DAILY FAMILY

George W. Daily was born February 22, 1929 to Charlie Bunch and Vera Easterday Daily in Ashland, Kansas. He attended school in Ashland. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and was discharged in 1955. At that time he enrolled at Kansas State University. He received his degree in veterinary medicine and has practiced in Loveland, Colorado since 1965.

Jo Ann McGee was born to Dwight L. and Mary Wilson McGee in Protection, Kansas, October 11, 1931. She and George were married in 1950.

The Daily's children are Linda Lee, born May 11, 1953, and Michael George, born May 27, 1956. Linda's children are Tami Lynea and Shannon Marie Buxmann. Michael and Susan's children are Heather Anne and Chad Dwight. They live and work in the Loveland, Colorado area.

Submitted by JoAnn Daily

HAROLD DAILY FAMILY

Robert Harold, son of Charlie Bunch and Vera (Easterday) Daily, was born in Lexington, December 11, 1917. He started school in Lexington then attended Ashland schools after 1925 when his parents moved to town. On December 5, 1940, Harold married Joanna, daughter of Jacob G. and Mary (Breit) Dome, who was born in Pfeifer, Kansas, February 16, 1915 and moved to Sitka with her parents in May, 1915.

Harold served in World War II from June 2, 1942 to April, 1946, 32 months as non-commissioned and 14 months as commissioned officer and seven years in the Army Reserve. After the war, Harold returned to ranching and farming. He served on Lexington School Board in the 1950s, and was elected county commissioner in 1978 and again in 1982. Joanna worked for U.S. Department of Agriculture for 28 years and is now retired.

To this union were born Donna Kathryn Daily, February 1, 1944; Robert H., September 10, 1945 and Charles James, September 1, 1949. The entire family attended schools in Clark



Robert, Harold, Joanna, Donna and Jim

County and graduated from Ashland High.

Donna graduated from Kansas State University and Kansas University Medical Center. She specialized in Pediatrics and is presently associated with Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. Donna has been married and has a daughter, Jessica, born March 26, 1972.

Robert graduated from Greeley Junior College at Greeley, Colorado and attended Kansas State University. He was drafted into the Army for two years service in the Vietnam war. He spent a year in Vietnam. Bob married Debra Williamson, January 23, 1974. They have a daughter, Whitney, born July 24, 1981. Debra had a son, Clinton Caleb Coover, born February 14, 1969, by a previous marriage.

Jim attended Dodge City Community College and Fort Hays University. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war. He did two tours of duty in Thailand, as a support group for Vietnam combat. Jim married Vicki Tyler, June 26, 1976. They have three sons: Twins, Justin Charles and Jason Todd, born December 13, 1977 and James Robert (J.R.) born September 12, 1979.

Harold, Bob and Jim operate as partners ranching and farming, Double D Cattle Co. Bob is also co-owner of Coldwater Livestock Sales Company and Jim owns and operates Daily Cattle and Feed Company.

Submitted by Joanna Daily

G.O. AND CARRIE (FAIRCLO) DAKIN

Glodell Orene, son of Freeman Rue and Mary Belinda (Woodcock) Dakin, was born April 30, 1866, at Topsfield, Maine. He first came to Clark County from Mulvane in 1887, where he filed on a claim west of Johns Creek and worked in Ashland as a carpenter (the family trade for many generations had been ship-building). He returned to Arkansas City, and married Carrie

Fairclo on August 2, 1893. To this union were born Mary (1894, Mrs. Francis Arnold), John (1896), Dora (1900 - Mrs. Harry Nelson) and Paul (1903).

Carrie was the daughter of Marshall and Dorlisca (Hakes) Fairclo and was born in Sycamore, Illinois, March 18, 1874. She came to Arkansas City as a small child. She was an accomplished seamstress.



G.O. Dakin, 1885



Carrie Fairclo (Dakin), about 1885

In 1898, "G.O." and Carrie came to Clark County and leased the Comstock/Thomas Ranch northeast of Ashland, bordering Bluff Creek Valley. "G.O." served as School District Clerk, County Commissioner, and was an ardent member of the Masonic Lodge. In 1920, he purchased the John Ravenscraft Ranch east of Laverne, Oklahoma. He constructed, largely with his own hands, a fine home there in which they lived until he sold the ranch in 1943. They returned to Ashland for the remainder of their lives. "G.O." died November 5, 1951 and Carrie on March 15, 1956, and both are buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Carrie Humphreys

JOHN AND EDNA DAKIN

John was born in Arkansas City, Kansas, July 5, 1896 to Glodell and Carrie Fairclo-Dakin.

When he was two years old, he came to Ashland with his parents. They settled on the Dakin ranch, where John grew to manhood. He attended Kansas State College for some time, but eventually returned home to assist his father on the ranch.

John was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado. He died December 24, 1971.

Edna, daughter of William Kester and Della Martin-Snyder, was born in Clark County, Kansas, August 28, 1898. She attended Liberty Grade School and graduated from Bucklin High School. She acquired a state normal training certificate, and



Edna and John Dakin, 1966

taught school six years prior to her marriage to John, March 27, 1926. Three children were born to them: John Lindley, who died at birth, July 9, 1934; Virginia was born January 19, 1936 and Annette was born April 17, 1939.

John and Edna encouraged their daughters in school competition and other worthwhile endeavors. Edna served as Mother Advisor for Rainbow for Girls and as 4-H club leader. She acted as "chauffeur" and "chaperone" to high school students who were involved in the art and athletic competition.

Edna is a member of the Grand Canyon chapter, Daughters of

the American Revolution, the Huguenot society of Kansas, Psi Psi Psi sorority and the Arizona State and National Cowbelles. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren have blessed their family. She resides in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Submitted by Edna Dakin

PAUL AND HELEN DAKIN

Paul Dakin, son of Glodell Orene Dakin and Carrie Fairclo Dakin, was born December 13, 1903 on a ranch eight miles north-east of Ashland. He rode a horse four miles to the little white Fox school and then in order to go to Kansas State College with his sister Dora he had only two years in Ashland High School. During his first year in college with some outside high school work and the beneficence of his professors, he was recognized as having completed his high school and a fully credited college student in electrical engineering. Here he became a member of Beta Theta Pi.

For several years Paul lived with Jerome Berryman and Hugh Stevenson in the house next to the Berryman residence during which time he formed the Home Store Grocery as a local corporation.

Helen Randall, daughter of Philip and Sybil Ingram Randall, was born August 13, 1909 in Clark County. She attended Protection and Ashland schools and graduated from Ashland High School. She graduated from Kansas State College in 1928 where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi.



Paul and Helen Dakin

On October 6, 1932, in the study of the Ashland Presbyterian Church, Paul and Helen were united in marriage by Reverend Vance. Their first child, a daughter, Dorothy, was born in 1935 while they lived in Ashland. Dorothy graduated from Newcomb College in New Orleans and was also a member of Pi Beta Phi.



Dorothy Dakin Newton,
1951



David Norris Dakin

In 1936, Paul, Helen and Dorothy left Ashland and Paul worked for Latex Construction Company and Houston Contracting Company, both companies engaged in building pipelines. During those years they lived across Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Texas and Canada. Paul became business manager and vice president of the company.

Their son David Norris Dakin was born in Houston in 1940. He was a graduate of Davidson College and also a Beta. He was fatally injured in a pipeline industrial accident on February 3, 1963. In his memory the Dakins organized the David Norris Dakin Memorial Educational Loan Fund. In 1972 after helping

44 students through college, the fund was donated to the Student Loan Fund of Texas A & M University.

In 1958 daughter Dorothy married William A. Newton who died in 1976. From this family came the four Dakin grandchildren, Bill, Randall, Paula and Laurie.

In 1962 Paul organized the Davenport Data Processors, Inc. Paul is still their consultant and they furnish him an office.

Submitted by Paul and Helen Dakin

ALTON DAVIS FAMILY

Patricia O'Neal Davis moved to Ashland, Kansas with her mother, Alice Gabbert O'Neal, and sisters, Kathleen and Laura, in 1959. Pat is also the daughter of L.W. O'Neal of St. Louis, Mo. She was a featured twirler and drum majorette for Ashland High School and won several state and national baton twirling awards. After graduating from Ashland High School in 1963, she attended the University of Colorado in Boulder. While there, she married and had twin sons, Thomas Anthony Tisone and Robert Andrew Tisone, born November 12, 1966. Her wedding was at the Presbyterian Church in Ashland.

In 1973, she was divorced and moved to St. Louis, Mo. with Tom and Bob. In 1979, she was married to Alton Davis, a wi-



Alton and Patricia Davis

dower with two daughters, Tonya Beth, born July 15, 1968, and Brigitte Lynn, born October 15, 1969. Pat has adopted the girls and the family is living in Webster Groves, Mo. Alton is a systems analyst with the U.S. Army and Pat is a senior administrator at Washington University Medical School.

Tonya and Brigitte are very active in the International Order of Jobs Daughters and Tom and Bob are very active in the Order of DeMolay, as well as working at their part-time jobs in restaurants. Al enjoys photography, leather tooling, gardening and working on Volkswagens. Pat enjoys dressmaking, needlework, gardening and reading.

Submitted by Pat Davis

JAMES E. DAVIS FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Davis came to Kansas from Hancock County, Tennessee in the year 1915 with their eleven children. They lived in Wilmore, then on a ranch south of Mullinville be-

Sitting: James E. and Sarah Ann Harrison Davis. Standing: Charles B., James R., Wm. P. (Wes), Thomas E. (Tom), Geo. Buford, Myrtle, Glennie, Quinnie, Pauline, Mattie, Ola.



fore settling permanently in Clark County in 1920. Mr. Davis was a farmer, as were most of his sons.

Children (oldest to youngest): George Buford (wife: Ellen Hicks of Parker, Kansas) was a merchant and farmer in Belvidere. Tom (wife: Emaline Hershy) served a term as sheriff of Clark County. Myrtle lost her husband, Jay Smith, in 1928, and later married Earl Read. Of the twins, Quinnie and Glennie, Quinnie never married. Glennie served one term as County Supt. of Public Instruction of Clark County. She became the wife of Comanche County rancher, John W. Briggs. William P., or "Wes", as he was known, (wife: Edna Stenger) moved to Ashland from Belvidere in 1927 where he had been in business with his oldest brother. James R. (wife: Zettie Tilghman) was a well-known auctioneer. Pauline became the wife of farmer and carpenter Aeneas Baker. Mattie became the wife of Comanche County rancher, Paul Briggs, brother of Glennie's husband. Ola, the tenth child, never married. Charles B. (wife: Ollie Stone) was a well-known rancher and horseman. He was one of the founders of the Kansas Quarter Horse Association and judged horse shows throughout the USA and Canada.

Nine of the above were school teachers with tenure of service ranging from two years to nearly forty years.

Submitted by Bob Davis

KENNETH AND CAROL VALLENTINE DAVIS

Carol Vallentine Davis was born in the Ashland Hospital in 1935 to John and Venna Vallentine. Her schooling progressed through Lexington Grade School, Ashland High School, Kansas State University and Kansas University. In 1958 she received her B.S. in Home Economics and Nursing.

It was during her nurse's training at the K.U. Medical Center in Kansas City, that she met Kenneth Rust Davis, son of Leland and Ethelrose Davis. In 1957, Ken and Carol were married in the Ashland Methodist Church.



Kenneth Rust and
Carol Vallentine Davis

Ken's education and work took them through many interesting experiences and places. He graduated from Kansas University (B.A., 1960), University of Denver (M.A., 1961) and Saint Louis University (Ph.D., 1971), all in clinical psychology. His internship was fulfilled at Fulton State Hospital, Missouri's institution for the criminally insane. He worked in research at Missouri University, tested his therapeutic skills in Willmar State Hospital in Minnesota, sampled the corporate world at Hoffman-LaRoche in New Jersey, helped develop a mental health center in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and came back "home" to Kansas to establish his private practice in Norton.

Carol has worked for Hallmark Cards in Lawrence, Kansas, Christian College in Columbia, Missouri, and Norton County Health Department.

Krista Davis Tonne, their only child, was born in 1959. She added many important things to life such as kittens, "little" friends, band concerts, Christmas magic and a son-in-law.

Ken's main hobby is computer science. However, both Ken

and Carol enjoy being out of doors, fishing, camping and gardening.

Submitted by Carol Vallentine Davis

OLLIE AND CHARLES B. DAVIS FAMILY

Ollie and Charles B. Davis were both graduates of Ashland High School.

Ollie Stone was the fourth daughter of Nellie Gardner and Lytle C. Stone, farmers in Clark County. Ollie majored in education in college. She was a member of the State and National Garden Clubs and served on the State Board as Junior Garden Club Chairman several years. She was active in garden club, church and community affairs.

Charles B. Davis was the eleventh child of James E. and Sarah Davis. Born in Sneedville, Tennessee, he came to Kansas at the age of two years.

After Charles and Ollie went to Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas, he taught school in Comanche County and farmed southwest of Ashland. This was during the "dust bowl" and "depression" years.

Charles started a quarterhorse breeding program on a ranch west of Ashland he bought from Arthur Wurth. Charles showed horses. He rode his good cutting mare to Kansas State Championship in 1966.

Ollie, Shirley and
Charles Davis, 1950



Charles was Finance Chairman when the First Christian Church was built. He and Ollie were both interested in church and community projects until he was stricken with a terminal disease.

They moved to Camarillo, California in 1971 to be near their daughter, Shirley (Mrs. Gene Randall). Charles died on January 16, 1977 and was buried in Ashland Highland Cemetery.

Ollie has since married Joseph E. Folkes and lives in Oxnard, California.

Submitted by Ollie Folkes

BETH GREENE DAWSON

In January of 1941, Beth Greene became the second of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Greene's seven children to be born in Colorado. She lived in Meade and Dodge City before her parents moved to the Greene Ranch of Ashland in 1945. She graduated from Ashland High School with the class of 1959, then attended Kansas State University where she received her B.S. in elementary education in 1963. In December of that year, she married Edward Dawson of Newton, also a KSU graduate. They have two

Ed and Beth Greene Dawson,
Darren and Kayla



children, Kayla, born in October of 1967 and presently a junior at Paola High School, and Darren, who was born in March of 1970 and is an eighth grader in Paola.

Beth has taught elementary grades in Junction City; Aurora, Colorado; Enterprise, Kansas; and Woodward, Oklahoma. She presently teaches sixth grade in Paola and is a well-known wheat-weaver. Edward worked in Hutchinson and Aurora, Colorado, before serving as Abilene's City Manager for 11 years. He was in that same position in Woodward, Oklahoma for two years and is now Paola's City Manager.

Submitted by Priscilla Greene

ROBERT LEROY DAYWITT FAMILY

Virginia, daughter of John and Edna Dakin, was born January 19, 1936 in Ashland. Her early interests included instrumental and vocal music, drama, and she was a member of 4-H, CAR and Rainbow for Girls, acting as a Worthy Advisor and was awarded the Grand Cross of Color.

Virginia attended Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in education. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

She met Robert L. Daywitt, a medical student, while attending summer school at University of Colorado. They were married in the Ashland First Presbyterian Church on November 30, 1957.

Bob was born in Pueblo, Colorado, May 7, 1934. He is the son of Alvin L. Daywitt, M.D. and Orpha Casey-Daywitt. He is a graduate of Colorado University and University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Virginia and Bob were in the Navy ten years.

The Daywitts have three daughters: Robbyn, born January 22, 1959, in Denver; Shelley, born in Great Lakes, Illinois on February 5, 1960 and Lydia, born in Honolulu, Hawaii, September 30, 1961.



The Daywitt family in 1984.
Clockwise: Bob, Shelley, Robbyn,
Virginia, and Lydia.

Robbyn's husband, Jeff McKenna, is in medical school in Tucson, Arizona. They have a daughter, Lindsay Anne, born October 7, 1983. Shelley is married to Keith Remmers. They have a daughter Shannon born July 14, 1982. They reside in Phoenix. Lydia is employed by Lowes Hotels in Scottsdale.

Virginia has taught during the years and is presently teaching kindergarten in Scottsdale. She is a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and a member of the Maricopa County Medical Auxiliary.

Bob is a practicing physician in Scottsdale where they have lived for seventeen years.

Submitted by Virginia D. Daywitt

ANDY DEGNAN FAMILY

Thomas Andrew was born to Francis Henry and Josephine Elizabeth Isenbart Degnan, December 18, 1887, near Seneca, Missouri. When Andy was ten years old, the family traveled by covered wagon to Woods County, Oklahoma where they home-



First row: Andy, Nora and Mildred. Back row: Beatrice

steaded. The Degnans moved to Comanche County, Kansas in 1906, moving to Clark County, Kansas five years later, southwest of Ashland in the Acres vicinity. Andy was a farmer and stockman all of his life.

Nora Euphias was born to John and Elizabeth Brady Dunn, October 25, 1892 near Coldwater, Kansas. Nora lived near Wynoka, Oklahoma and Hugoton, Kansas and northeast Clark County, Kansas. Nora moved to Ashland with the Degnan family. Andy and Nora were married April 7, 1915 in St. Joseph's Church, Ashland, their wedding being the first one in the new church.

The Degnans lived on a farm north of Englewood where their two daughters were born in the home now owned by Virgil Mull. Their daughters are Beatrice and Mildred. Andy and Nora and girls moved to the Bear Creek community southeast of Ashland in August of 1919 and lived there until September of 1962 when they bought a home in Ashland.

The Degnan home was truly the "House By The Side Of The Road." Everyone was welcome and they helped so many people. Andy died July 7, 1971 and Nora died December 10, 1982.

Submitted by Beatrice Jacobs

FRANCIS HENRY DEGNAN FAMILY

Francis Henry Degnan, son of Francis Degnan and Katherine Casey, was born March 9, 1854 in Cook County, Illinois. He died September 20, 1915 in Clark County, Kansas - buried at Alva, Oklahoma.

Josephine Elizabeth Isenbart, daughter of Anton Isenbart and Theodore Elizabeth Yust, was born September 25, 1861 at St. Josephville (St. Charles), Missouri. She died November 26, 1947 and is buried at Ashland.



Degnan family. Bernard, Henry, Margaret (Fox), Andy, Katherine, John, Fred, Frank, Josephine Degnan (Mrs. F.N.).

Eleven children were born: Francis Henry, 1882-1956; Mary Elizabeth, 1884-1909; Anthony Joseph, 1886-1913; Thomas Andrew, 1887-1971, married Nora E. Dunn (1892-1982) in 1915; Charles Henry, 1890-1904; Frederick William, 1891-1954, married Pearl Reynolds (1901 -) in 1930; Patrick Henry, 1893-1976; Bernard James, 1895-1969; John George, 1897, married Marcella Dome (1913 -) in 1938; Katherine Elizabeth, 1900-1958; and

Margaret Josephine, 1902-1953, married Bert Earl Fox (1895-1968) in 1929.

The Degnan family came to Clark County in 1911. They had lived previously in Comanche County, Alva, Oklahoma and Seneca (Newton), Missouri.

They farmed land near Acres, Kansas, Vesta Township. Francis died in 1915. In 1920, Mrs. Degnan and her sons bought land northeast of Ashland which became known as the Degnan Ranch. She and her family lived on the ranch until her death in 1947. Frank, Henry, Bernard and Katherine continued the operations of the ranch. Henry and Bernard leased the ranch in 1967 to the Bill Rich family. They moved to Ashland because of failing health.

The family were Catholics and members of St. Joseph Church.

Submitted by Maxine Fox Pendergast

FRED W. DEGNAN FAMILY

Frederick William Degnan, a farmer-stockman, son of Francis Henry and Elizabeth (Isenbart) Degnan, was born September 15, 1891, in Joplin, Missouri. On August 19, 1930, he married Pearl Reynolds, daughter of Joshua and Matilda Wheat (Cockrum) Reynolds, who was born in LaCade County, Missouri, January 18, 1901. Pearl attended Pittsburg Teachers College and was a



Pearl, Richard, Fred, Lois

rural school teacher for 8 years. They had three children, Frederick William, Jr., born October 24, 1931 and died July 15, 1933; Lois Ann, born April 25, 1933; and Richard Reynolds, born September 10, 1936.

In 1931, Fred and Pearl moved to the Allen place, as it was known then, southeast of Ashland and purchased that farm in 1944. It has remained the family home place, and Richard and his wife, Carolyn, live there now. In 1951, Fred and Pearl bought a home in Ashland, Kansas. Fred died in 1954 after an illness of three years.

Pearl married Francis Arnold in 1971 and moved to the Arnold Ranch. Lois (Degnan) Croskell was a teacher in Ashland High School at that time and she and her family moved into the house in town. Richard and Carolyn built a lovely house in 1975 in the country.

After Francis' death in 1983, Pearl moved into Elm Grove Apartments and is a resident there now.

Submitted by Pearl Degnan

RICHARD DEGNAN FAMILY

Richard Reynolds Degnan was born September 10, 1936 in Dodge City, Kansas. He is the son of Fred Degnan and Pearl (Reynolds) Degnan Arnold. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1952. He then attended St. Mary of the Plains in Dodge City, Kansas. On August 3, 1957, he married Carolyn Gleason at St. Mary's Church in Hodgeman County, Kansas.

They have three daughters: Mary, born August 6, 1959, married Mark Kaltenbach on January 6, 1979 and they have three

children, Erin, 4, Jared, 1½ and Kyle, infant. Kelly, born October 26, 1960, married Steve Hazen on November 2, 1980 and has a son, Jule. Lori, born May 20, 1964, attends college at West Texas State University, Canyon, Texas.

Richard and Carolyn live on their farm-ranch southeast of Ashland. Their strong interest in horses, as well as farming and ranching, keeps them busy.

Submitted by Carolyn Degnan

GENE DEVILLIER FAMILY

Landry Gene DeVillier was born December 30, 1942 in Oakdale, Louisiana. He attended grades 1-8 in Oakdale, grades 9-12 in Roanoke, Louisiana, graduating in 1960. He attended Ozark Bible College.

Hilda Ruth Messer, daughter of L.D. and Leona Messer, was born March 30, 1943 in Hugo, Oklahoma. She grew up in Ashland, graduating in the class of 1961. She attended Ozark Bible College, where she met Gene. They were married on May 11, 1962.

They have lived in Lake Charles for the past 17 years. Gene has his own construction company operating in Lake Charles.



Gene, Hilda, Ronnie,
Doug and Lindy

They have three children. Lindy was born March 11, 1963. She is employed by the Lake Charles City Court. She will be getting married July 21, 1984. Ronnie, born May 15, 1965, is employed by his father. He likes playing basketball and enjoys fishing and hunting. Doug was born on May 30, 1971. He attends S.J. Welsh Middle School where he is in the 7th grade.

Submitted by Hilda Messer DeVillier

FRANK DICKERSON FAMILY

Frank and Dolores live in Bolivar, Mo. Frank is a truck driver for Associated Groc. and Dolores is a housewife.



Dolores and Frank, 1980

Dolores Jean Ritter was born in Sitka, Kansas, September 22, 1933. Daughter of Miller Perryman and Anna Crane Ritter, she attended schools in Sitka and Ashland, graduating in 1951. She has four brothers and two sisters. Bowling and sewing are her favorite hobbies. While a senior, she married Robert Appleby.

Robert Eugene Appleby was a carpenter. Born in Ashland, Kansas, October 18, 1930, died September 14, 1973. Bob and Dolores had three children, Teresa, Robert and Dana.

Teresa Susan Appleby was born July 22, 1952 in Ashland, Kansas and married Danny Barker. They have three children,

Travis, Curtis and William. They have a dairy farm.

Robert Roy Appleby was born June 24, 1955 in Ashland, Kansas and is a school teacher. Lavonne and Robert have two children, Jennifer, and Rachael.

Dana Jean Appleby was born in Springfield, Mo., September 25, 1963. She lives and works in Bolivar.

Frank Thomas Dickerson was born December 21, 1930 in Bolivar, Mo. He has two children, Russ and Dee Ann. Russ and Debbie have a son, Dustin, and live in Bolivar. Dee Ann is a junior in high school. Frank and Dolores were married in 1974.

Submitted by Dolores Dickerson

ORVILLE DICKEY FAMILY

The family of Orville and Myrtle Dickey began when they were married June 1, 1924 in Meade, Kansas. We farmed two years in the Lexington neighborhood, Daisy being born in Hank Morrison's east tenant house. The next ten years were spent farming in Meade County, Ruby, Roy, Elbert and Homer were born there. Elbert was laid to rest at Elsie Chapel Cemetery.

The dust bowl tipped in 1936 and we returned to Ashland. Roland and Violet were born in Ashland. We managed the Lemmon swimming pool until it closed. I worked at Wallingford's elevator seven years, carried mail on the Willard route several years and in 1942 bought Mabel Wallingford's greenhouse.



Back row: Roy, Daisy and Ruby. Front: Roland, Orville, Violet, Myrtle, Homer - Dickey Family in 1940.

The children all graduated from Ashland High under the watchful eye of Prof. Humphreys. They went on from there: Daisy (RN, Wesley Hospital), Ruby (Home Economics, Kansas State), Roy (Naval Academy), Homer (Bible College, Ottumwa, Iowa), Roland (Burler County College), Violet (R.N., Jennie Edmondson Hospital, Council Bluffs, Iowa).

Roy served in the Air Force in Viet Nam and Roland in the National Guard in Korea. Myrtle was laid to rest in December, 1962.

March 17, 1972, Orville Dickey and Lorraine Bassnett were married in the Indian Mission, Canton, Oklahoma.

Submitted by Orville Dickey

DIELMAN FAMILY

Clyde Dielman, son of Phillip Dielman and Caroline Sauer, was born January 15, 1889, Galva, Kansas.

Reta Breneman, daughter of David Breneman and Louisa Brubaker, was born October 6, 1888, Galva, Kansas. They were married April 28, 1912.

Daughter Margaret L. was born March 23, 1913 and in 1914 they moved to Ashland, Kansas. Their horse team and furniture were moved by train to their farm 2½ miles south of Ashland where they lived until they retired and moved into Ashland.

They later had two sons. Raymond was born May 12, 1916 and Harold was born November 30, 1926. Besides farming, Clyde worked as a carpenter, was County Assessor and was on the Election Board for a number of years. He also worked in the meat department at the Bud Roberts Grocery and at Jake Urban's store. He was one of the main ones in promoting the Methodist Ground Hog Supper and his ice cream was his specialty.



Clyde and Reta Dielman

Reta was active in the church, Farm Bureau Unit, besides caring for her family. Her friends still remember her "Sour Cream Raisin Pies."

Their dwelling caught fire and burned to the ground in 1938. They bought the Dodson house and moved it to the burned location and started over. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in 1957 and their 50th in 1962.

After a long illness, Clyde passed away June 19, 1968. Reta entered Fountain View Villa in 1975 and passed away May 20, 1978. They were survived by 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Margaret Dielman Waugh Knight

HAROLD DIELMAN FAMILY

Harold Dielman, youngest child of Clyde and Reta Dielman, was born November 30, 1926. He graduated from Ashland High School and was in the Army from 1945 to 1947 and served in the occupation of Germany. He and Jean Callison were married in 1950. They had four children. Steven, born November 29, 1951, passed away in 1965.



Harold Dielman and children, David, Becky and Pamela, taken at country home south of Ashland.

David was born November 25, 1953. He has been in the Marine Corps since graduation from high school in Ashland and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. He and wife Lulu and sons Alan and Eddie live in Oceanside, California.

Pamela was born March 28, 1958 and she and her husband Orland Rosell and son Jason live at Great Falls, Montana, where Orland is stationed with the Air Force.

Becky was born July 30, 1959 and she and her husband Ray Officer and son Bryan live in Wichita. Becky is employed by an electrical installation and repair company.

Harold has been employed by Northern Natural Gas Company for 31 years and will retire in June, 1984. He will continue to do farm work.

Harold was divorced from Jean in 1977 and in December of 1979 was married to Irma Swartz of Dodge City.

Submitted by Harold Dielman

RAYMOND AND OPAL SHROPSHIRE DIELMAN

Raymond Dielman graduated from Ashland High School. He married Opal Shropshire in April, 1936. They lived in Boise, Idaho through 1942, then Baker, Oregon since 1943.

Raymond's occupations and dates of occupation were: 1937-1942, Manager Boise Concrete Pipe Co.; 1942-1967, Railway Postal Service; 1968-1976, bookkeeper men's store; 1976-1981, bookkeeper Elk's Club. He was secretary-treasurer of the Railway Postal Clerks Union from 1953 to 1984; editor of Elk's monthly newsletter from 1965-1984; secretary-treasurer of Elk's Insurance Club, 1968-1984 and treasurer Baker Little League, 1983-1984.

Opal was a homemaker from 1936 to 1945; from 1945-1951, she was an invoice clerk in a department store and from 1957



Opal and Raymond Dielman

to 1978 was resources clerk for US Forest Service. She was treasurer of Methodist Church from 1969 to 1984 and a volunteer member of hospital auxiliary from 1978-1984.

Their children are: Gary (August, 1939) married Eloise Reynolds. Both are college graduates with master's degrees. Gary taught German at Purdue four years and was a Baker Juvenile Officer for eight years. He is now with US Forest Department. Eloise is a teacher and head of English Department at Baker High. Two children. Katrina has a nursing degree and is a registered nurse. She married Peter Susi who has a degree in biology. Nels graduated from music school in Hollywood and plays in a Chicago band.

Sharon (November, 1942) married Gary Moser who teaches school in Bellevue, Washington. Sharon works in hobby shop teaching tole painting, wheat weaving and has shows in Seattle. Three children: Jeff works and attends college in Seattle. Greg is in Army in Missouri and Chris is a junior high student.

Cindy (July, 1951) graduated Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. She teaches third grade in Oregon City, Oregon. Cindy travels extensively during the summers.

Hazel Shropshire is Opal's mother, Margaret Knight is Raymond's sister. Harold Dielman is a brother of Raymond and Dulcie Pike is Opal's aunt - all these relatives live in Ashland.

Submitted by Raymond Dielman

DR. MARK DION FAMILY

Mark and Kathlyn Dion moved to Ashland from San Diego, California, in November, 1983. They are the parents of two children, Marlana and Jonathan.

Mark William Dion was born in Seattle, Washington, on August 2, 1951, the oldest of three children. He was raised in Colorado Springs and Denver, where he graduated from Arapahoe High School in 1969. He attended Western State College of

Colorado from 1969-1973, and the University of Colorado Medical School from 1973-1977. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1977 and served for seven years. He established a general and family practice in Ashland on December 1, 1983.

Kathlyn Virginia Dion was born November 13, 1957 in Los Angeles, California, as one of seven children. She was raised in San Diego, graduating from Poway School in 1975. She worked as a dental and oral surgery operating room technician for the Navy and continues this vocation in Ashland, often helping Mark on his surgical cases.



The Dion family. Marlana, Mark, Kathy and Jonathan

Daughter Marlana Renee Dion was born in San Diego on April 9, 1982. Their son, Jonathan Trevor Dion, was born on January 31, 1984, and was honored as the first baby born at Ashland District Hospital during the Ashland Centennial year.

Mark and Kathy were married on June 21, 1981 in San Diego. Their marriage and family are committed to a Christian life and walk. Kathy's hobbies are sewing, crochet, music, sports, skiing and collecting plates and fans. Mark enjoys hunting, skiing, playing Christian guitar music and computers.

Submitted by Mark Dion

CLELL AND MARY DODSON

Clell Dodson was the first-born son of Millard Washington Dodson and Clara Ella Klinginsmith, born July 12, 1885 in Mercer County, Missouri. Clell had a sister Lizzie Dodson Sherrid, and a brother who died in infancy.

Mary M. Daniels, daughter of Isaih Daniels and Nancy Elizabeth Tindal, born March 9, 1883 in Putnam County, Indiana (Clay Center). Other children were Will, Emory, James and Clara.



Back row: Darlene, Genny, Dixie. Front: Clell, Mary, Lee Roy Dodson

Clell Dodson and Mary Meldoma Daniels were united in marriage October 20, 1908, at the home of the bride's parents, the Isaih Daniels, 7 miles west of Ashland by Judge Kerns. Their witnesses were Mrs. Kerns and Frank Wesner. To this union was born LeeRoy Dodson. Clell and Mary settled on the farm of the original Daniels' homestead, farming for 28 years, having 600 acres of wheat under cultivation. In 1936 they moved to the north edge of Ashland. Clell was the town's milkman and also was Night Marshal. Clell and Mary reared their three granddaugh-

ters, Genevieve, Darlene and Dixie.

It was always fun going to Ashland to visit Grandpa and Grandma Dodson. They had made a pretty rock wall in front of their home. The candy dish was always full as Grandpa encouraged us all to take an orange slice. Grandma kept everything freshly painted.

Great Grandpa (Clell) died February 14, 1970, at the age of 85. Great Grandma (Mary) died July 26, 1973, at the age of 90 years. Both are buried at Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Kerry Hazen Hackney, great-granddaughter

LEE ROY DODSON

Lee Roy Dodson was born July 7, 1909 to Clell and Mary Dodson at Ashland, Kansas. As a young man he attended the Lesley School, located south of Ashland. Lee Roy married Ruby Crouch in 1928. They had three daughters: Genevieve Rose, born April 4, 1928 (Mrs. C.L. Nicholson of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They have three children, Michelle, Cody and Maya); Neva Darlene, born November 10, 1929 (Mrs. Victor Brown of Ashland, Kansas. They have two sons, Gary and Terry). and Dixie Lee, born May 6, 1931 (Mrs. Gene Hazen of Protection, Kansas. They have six children, Merle, Kerry, Steve, Stan, Amy and Trent.) Darlene and Dixie are both deceased.

After serving in the Army, Lee Roy married Twilabelle Gigax,



Twilabelle and Lee Roy Dodson

on December 23, 1944. One daughter was born in 1946 to this union, Mary Marie (Mrs. Gary Jamis of Wichita, Kansas. She has two sons, Michael Lee and Walter Jackson.)

Lee Roy and Twilabelle lived in Ashland. He did farming and was a butcher for Ray Allen and also worked for the county before his retirement. Twilabelle worked in the Ashland Nursing Home.

In 1979 Lee Roy and Twilabelle moved to Fort Dodge, Kansas. They enjoyed their retirement days gardening, having plenty of vegetables to share with others. Lee Roy's favorite hobby is woodworking.

Twilabelle passed away February 21, 1983.

At this time Lee Roy lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Marie and Gary Jamis, in Wichita, Kansas.

Submitted by Lee Roy Dodson and Kerry Hazen Hackney, granddaughter

GEORGE AND DORA DOME

George G. and Dora May Breit were born in Ellis County and raised on farms there. George was born December 1, 1895 and Dora, December 10, 1897. They were married January 26, 1916 and lived on a farm there until coming to Clark County April 1, 1922.

Two children were born in Ellis County. Wilfred, born December 26, 1916, and Thelma Stegman was born July 17, 1920. George and Dora moved to a farm six miles south of Sitka and lived there until 1964 then moved into Ashland. George died September 25, 1970.

Wilfred married Clementine Urban in 1942 and lives in Ash-

Dora and George Dome



land. They have one daughter, Lora Jean Snook, who lives in Wichita and has two children.

Thelma married Gabe Stegman in 1940 and had five children. Gabe died in 1981. Thelma and her son and family live on the farm near the state line.

Lorraine was born July 14, 1922 and married Lloyd Vincent in 1944. They now live in Bella Vista, Arkansas. They have three children.

Cecil was born November 8, 1926 and is married to Louise Walker. They have five children and live in Tehachapi, California.

Rita was born July 9, 1933 and is married to Dencel Adams. They live in Glasco, Kansas. They have four children.

All families belong to the Catholic Church.

Submitted by Dora Dome

WILFRED DOME FAMILY

Wilfred and Clemmie both graduated from the Sitka grade schools and Ashland High School. They are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Wilfred was born on December 26, 1916 at Pfeifer, Kansas. He is the son of George and Dora Dome. They moved to south of Sitka, Kansas, when he was about 6 years old. He served in the Army in World War II from November, 1942 to December, 1945, 2 years of that he spent in combat in the Pacific. Upon his discharge from the service, he went into farming with his father. He later took over the farm.



Wilfred and Clemmie Dome and daughter Lora and family, 1981

Clemmie Urban, daughter of Jake and Katie Urban, was born April 14, 1918, at Loretto, Kansas and moved to Sitka when she was 8 years old. After graduation from high school she attended Wichita Business College and then helped her father in the grocery business, both at Sitka and Ashland. After her father retired, she went to work for Curtis Slaton, a public accountant and worked for him for 16½ years.

They had one daughter, Lora Jeanne, born October 7, 1946. She married Gerry Snook in 1968 and they reside in Wichita. They are both graduates of Wichita State University. They have two boys: Paul, born April 10, 1971 and David, born March 16, 1973. Gerry is a senior specialist engineer at Boeing Military Aircraft and Lora is a substitute teacher in the elementary schools.

Submitted by Clemmie Dome

WILLIAM DOME FAMILY

William Dome's profession was farming and ranching in the Sitka community. William was born at Pfeifer, Kansas, August 18, 1917, the oldest son of Alvis and Lena (Urban) Dome. They moved to Clark County, 2 miles south of Sitka, when he was four years old. He graduated from Ashland High School with the class of 1935. During World War II, he was drafted into the Army and served in the South Pacific. Upon his discharge, he returned to take over his father's farm operation. Bill married Sabina Dome on April 3, 1945. He passed away on February 27, 1983.

Sabina Dome, the third oldest daughter of Jacob and Mary (Breit) Dome, was born January 29, 1917 and grew up in the Sitka community. She graduated from high school with the class of 1934. Sabina has worked at the Ashland Post Office over 22 years and served as substitute clerk, regular clerk, acting postmaster and is presently working part time.

The Dome's children are Kenneth, Pam, Ben and Susan. Kenneth was born March 15, 1946. After graduating from high school, he served in the Army as helicopter crewchief and was stationed in Germany. After his discharge, he received his degree at Northwestern State University, Alva, Oklahoma. He majored in industrial arts and geography. He returned to Ashland to assist his father in the farm and cattle operation. Kenneth married Vivian Baker and they have two children, Jeff and Chad.

Pam was born May 26, 1947. She received her degree at Wichita State University and majored in elementary education and Spanish. She has taught kindergarten in Annaheim, Germany, in Ashland, and is presently teaching kindergarten and art in the Protection, Kansas school. Pam married Warren Lee Petty of Selman, Oklahoma community and they have two children, Melissa and Kristin.

Ben was born January 13, 1951. He attended Garden City Juco and received his degree in accounting at Northwestern State University at Alva, Oklahoma. Ben is presently Clark County Appraiser and Assessor and is in partnership with his brother, Kenneth, in the farming and cattle operation. Ben married Debra Wyatt and they have four children, Trent, April, Angela and Jacob.

Susan was born January 20, 1954. Susan received her degree in elementary and special education. Susan is employed at the Remedial Reading Clinic at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and received her Masters in remedial reading.

Submitted by Sabina Dome

GENE AND EVELYN DORSEY

I was born January 8, 1924 in the ranch home of my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mull, west of Ashland. My parents were Jack and Ruby Mull Dorsey, who farmed until his death from a farm accident in 1929. My mother carried on alone and raised my younger brother, Wayne, and younger sister, Margie,

Evelyn, Eric, Tyna and Gene Dorsey



and myself through the depression years. Mom is now Mrs. H.A. Kersey and she and pop live in Liberal, Kansas.

I went through the Ashland schools, graduating in 1942 and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. I moved to Coldwater where I met my wife, Evelyn Wall. We were married in April of 1946. Our first son, Perry, was born in 1949, and our second son, Eric, was born in 1957. Perry was killed in an accident in 1974 and Eric is married to the former Tyna Reese of Hugoton, and they have a daughter, Erica, born in January, 1984. They live in Liberal.

We moved to Wilmore in 1949 where I managed the Wilmore Hardware for a number of years. In 1957, we moved to Littleton, Colorado, where we owned and operated another hardware store and moved to Liberal in 1965 where we still reside. Evelyn and I both are active in First Christian Church of Liberal and she belongs to Beta Sigma Phi sorority. I am a 32nd degree Mason and belong to Midian Shrine and Southwest Shrine Club of Liberal.

Evelyn was a beauty operator for several years and we are both now retired and enjoy taking trips in our motor home. Although we will probably continue living in Liberal, our roots are buried deep in Clark and Comanche counties which we still call home.

Submitted by Gene Dorsey

JOHN JEFFRIES AND LULIE ABIGILL DUVALL DORSEY

John Jeffries (Jack) Dorsey was born in Larue County, Kentucky, March 20, 1848, the son of Anderson James Dorsey and Mary Polly Harrington Dorsey. He was reared to manhood in his native state, Kentucky and educated in the public schools there.

August 14, 1870, he and Lulie Abigill Duvall eloped and were united in marriage at Gallatin, Tennessee. She was born December 1, 1852, in Hardin County, Kentucky, the daughter of Gabriel Duvall and Elizabeth Slaughter Duvall.

To this union were born five children: Robert Anderson, Gabriel Duvall, Aldora Nettie, Thomas Martin and Amy Hynds.

In 1884, they came to Wellington, Kansas, making the trip with a team and wagon. In July, 1887, they came to Lexington Township. Mr. Dorsey was a farmer most of his life except the years spent in Ashland.

In 1895, he was elected Register of Deeds on the Democrat ticket and served for four years. In 1902, he was manager of the Exchange Hotel in Ashland.

Later they moved back to Lexington Township where he farmed and in 1915, they moved to Sitka Township.

In 1920, he retired and moved to Ashland. August 14, 1920, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with about 150 friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland. He was a member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellow Lodge.

Mrs. Dorsey died February 5, 1923 and Mr. Dorsey died June 20, 1925. They were both buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Sidney and Mary Ellen Dorsey

ROBERT ANDERSON AND LAURA ETHELYN (EFFIE) MORRISON DORSEY

Robert Anderson Dorsey was born near Sonora, Larue County, Kentucky, April 1, 1872, the son of John Jeffries (Jack) Dorsey and Lulie Abigill Duvall Dorsey. In 1884, they came to Kansas and in 1887 came to Lexington Township in Clark County.

November 24, 1895, he was united in marriage with Laura Ethelyn (Effie) Morrison, daughter of Henry R. Morrison and Mary Belle Metcalf Morrison, pioneers of Clark County. Effie was born July 5, 1875, in Clinton, Indiana and came to Lexington Township in 1884.

To this union were born eight children: Lillian E., Henry L., John Shell, Sybil G., Sidney B., Lula Belle, Robert A. and Alfred Gabriel.

Anderson taught school in Lexington School District No. 42 in 1895 and 1896.

In 1902, the Dorsey barn and house were destroyed by a cyclone, except the room in which the family was huddled. Several rooms were built on and they lived there until 1914.

He proved up land in Lexington Township and built a two-story house in which they lived until his death. He farmed and raised cattle, also had two large threshing machines.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey were both members of the Lexington Methodist Church. Mr. Dorsey was also a member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge.

In 1924, he was elected County Treasurer on the Democrat ticket and the family moved to Ashland. Mrs. Dorsey died August 7, 1925. He served as County Treasurer 4 years and then moved back to the farm.

Mr. Dorsey died July 21, 1935. They are both buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Sidney and Mary Ellen Dorsey

ROBERT THEODORE AND LINDA MAY SMITH DORSEY

Robert Theodore Dorsey was born February 24, 1938, the son of Sidney Bryan Dorsey and Mary Ellen Smith. He attended Ashland Public Schools and graduated from high school in 1956. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 173. He received the rank of Eagle Scout in 1954. He attended Fort Hays State College for two years. He attended and graduated from the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma where he received a B.A. degree and a B.S. degree in 1963. He attended the University of Arizona where he received his Masters of Education in 1967 and his Masters of Science in Teaching Mathematics in 1971.



The Dorsey family in 1979.
Ted, Linda, Ryan and Michelle

"Ted" was united in marriage on August 23, 1959, to Linda May Smith. Linda was born January 31, 1941, to Roy Francis Smith and Ruby Rose Betschart. She was a member of the First Christian Church and the Acres 4-H Club. Linda attended Ashland public school and graduated from high school in 1959. She attended the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma and received her B.A. degree in 1963. She attended the University of Arizona where she received her Masters of Education in 1967.

To this union were born two children: Ryan Theodore Dorsey, born May 4, 1968, and Michelle Lin Dorsey, born July 30, 1972.

Ted and Linda are members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Tucson, Arizona. Ted teaches mathematics in high school and Linda teaches elementary school for the Tucson Unified School District.

Submitted by Linda May Smith Dorsey

SIDNEY B. AND MARY ELLEN SMITH DORSEY

Sidney B. Dorsey was born in Lexington Township, July 23, 1907, the son of Robert Anderson Dorsey and Laura Ethelyn (Effie) Morrison Dorsey, both pioneers of Clark County.

When Sidney was three years old he was stricken with polio, and with the wonderful care of his parents and family, he recovered.

He went to the Lexington School District Union No. 2 for 8 years and then attended Ashland High School and graduated in 1928.



Mary Ellen and Sidney Dorsey, 1979

He was elected County Clerk on the Democratic ticket in 1934, took office in January, 1935 and served in that capacity for 20 years when he retired to take other employment.

He was united in marriage, December 25, 1936, with Mary Ellen Smith, the daughter of Theodore T. Smith and Effie P. Walden Smith, both pioneers of Clark County. She was born July 5, 1911.

To this union was born one child: Robert Theodore, who married Linda May Smith, daughter of Roy F. Smith and Ruby R. Betschart Smith. To this union were born two children: Ryan Theodore and Michelle Lin.

After the death of Sidney's father in 1935, he and R.A., his brother, operated the Henry R. Morrison Estate land consisting of 2,000 acres, and in 1947 bought the land from the heirs. They continued together until 1965 when Sidney sold his cattle and machinery to R.A. and leased his part of the land to him. In 1974, they sold the land to Jesse Waits.

Mary Ellen attended the Ashland Public Schools and graduated from the Ashland High School in 1930. She is a life member of the Ashland Eastern Star, now the Protection Chapter. She was a member of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century until they disbanded.

Sidney served on the Ashland City Council for several years and on the Board of the Ashland Co-op. He was also a member of the Ashland Odd Fellow Lodge.

Sidney was a member of the Lexington Methodist Church until it disbanded, and then a member of the Ashland Methodist Church. Sidney and Mary Ellen were both active in the Methodist Church and he was Chairman of the Board for several years and also Financial Chairman. They are presently members of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Tucson, Arizona.

In 1955, Sidney was employed by the Clark County Abstract Loan & Investment Company to manage the abstract office. Mary Ellen worked with him until 1968, when she had to retire because of ill health. Sidney continued working until December

31, 1972, retiring after having worked 18 years for the company.

After his retirement, Sidney and Mary Ellen went to Tucson to spend the winters, and in 1976, they sold their home in Ashland and bought a home in Tucson, where they are living at the present time.

Submitted by Sidney and Mary Ellen Dorsey

DORIS PAULINE YORK DOVE

In the spring of 1918, Al Jolson sang "Mammy" on Broadway, the first Raggedy Ann doll was sold, Woodrow Wilson was president, and I was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. York at our home southeast of Ashland.

My name was entered on the Cradle Roll at Sitka Methodist Church and I attended Sitka Grade School with teachers, Ella and Mabel McMinimy, Alma Knost and Floyd Palmer. Childhood memories are of riding in our open touring car with the isinglass windows and my first picture show, "The Perils of Pauline."

April 14, 1935, my 17th birthday, was "Black Sunday" of the Dust Bowl era. Such harsh days, but we never gave way to the elements. In fact, my parents took me to Dodge City to Eckles Department Store where with total disregard to the dust, I selected a lovely white dress which I wore with pride to the Junior-Senior Banquet. "Spring Party" was the theme for that gala occasion. The class of 1935 had thirty-five graduates and to me, it was the best class ever.



Doris York Dove, 1983

In 1947, James Dove and I were married and lived in Ponca City, Oklahoma, where I worked twenty-two years for Continental Oil Company.

Our daughter, Barbara Gail of Dallas, is married to the Rev. Lonnie H. Lee and their sons are Deron Gregory and Christopher Robert.

Our son, Gregory Louis, is a land man living in Midland, Texas.

We retired in 1978 to a townhouse in Houston and where since James's death in 1981, I continue to live.

Submitted by Doris York Dove

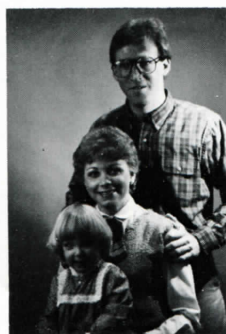
RICHARD DRAKE FAMILY

Rick and Susan Drake live in Dodge City where Rick is a CPA with Sharp, Bausch & Co., a regional CPA firm. Susan works part time as a case manager for the Social and Rehabilitation Services. Before moving to Dodge City, they lived in Amarillo, Texas, four years where Rick was with the same firm and Susan taught students with learning disabilities.

Susan Seacat Drake, daughter of R.J. and Joan Seacat, was born February 12, 1956 in Dodge City. She grew up in Lexington community and attended the Ashland schools, graduating in 1974. Susan attended Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Susan and Rick met at Baker and were married on July 10, 1976. After they were married, they lived in Kansas City where Susan completed a B.A. in elementary and special education at Avila College.

Richard Drake was born February 10, 1956 in St. Louis,

Missouri and attended grades 1-12 in the Florissant schools. After graduating from high school in 1974, Rick went to Baker University where he was a member of Zeta Chi fraternity and played baseball on the Baker University baseball team. After marrying Susan, Rick completed his B.S. in accounting at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.



Drake family in 1984.
Rick, Susan and Cassie

The Drakes have one daughter, Cassie Marie, born October 28, 1981 in Amarillo, Texas.

Rick and Susan Drake attend the United Methodist Church. Rick enjoys a variety of sports and is an avid tennis player. Susan enjoys taking additional college courses, sewing and tennis.

Submitted by Susan Drake

DEBRA J. DREISKI

I am a new resident in Ashland. I am a Certified Laboratory Technician currently employed at Ashland District Hospital. I have lived in Ashland since late July, 1983. I attend the United Methodist Church. My hobbies include cooking, reading, needlework; I also enjoy woodcarving, although I have not made one for awhile.

I received my laboratory training at the Wichita Medical Laboratory Technicians-C School in Wichita, Kansas. I attended the school from January, 1982 through January, 1983. Upon completion of my laboratory training, I received certification from the National Certification Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel.

In May, 1978, I graduated from Hutchinson High School. After high school, I attended Hutchinson Community College. I took courses in general science and secretarial science, but I did not graduate. I went to work at a day care center for one summer and stayed there for almost two years.

Hutchinson, Kansas is my hometown. I lived there with my family until I moved to Wichita. My mother, Marlys Bernard, is employed at the Reno County Courthouse as the Diversion Coordinator in association with the County Attorney's Office. My step-father, Jewell R. Bernard, is a fireman. He is employed at the Hutchinson Fire Department. I have one brother and two sisters, Jewell (Beanie) Bernard, age 23; Kristi Bernard, age 21; and Linda Weible, age 26.

Ashland is a pleasant community. I like the friendly people here. I hope to live and work in Ashland for a few years. Happy Birthday Ashland!

Submitted by Debra J. Dreiski

CHARLES R. AND AMY H. DORSEY DUGAN

Charles R. Dugan was born in 1881 in Ohio and came to Clark County in 1885 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Dugan. Charles attended the public schools in Ashland. After attending business college, he assisted his father in the County Treasurer's office. Later he was employed by the Carson Loan and Abstract

Office, where he worked for 29 years.

December 14, 1903, he was united in marriage with Amy H. Dorsey, daughter of John Jeffries Dorsey and Lulie Abigill Duvall Dorsey. Amy was born in Larue County, Kentucky, March 11, 1881, and came with her parents to Clark County in 1887.

To this union were born two sons: Thomas B. who married Maxine Nelson; Willis B., who married Virginia Shanks. Thomas graduated from Ashland High School in 1924, and Willis graduated in 1928.

Charles and Amy were both members of the Ashland Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Ashland Eastern Star, Rebecca Lodge and Royal Neighbors.

Mr. Dugan died May 28, 1931.

Amy was elected Clerk of the District Court on the Democrat ticket in 1932 and served 4 years.

January 15, 1938, she was united in marriage with John R. Windus and resided in Protection until his death in December, 1942, after which she moved to Holly, Colorado. She was living in La Junta, Colorado at the time of her death, November 26, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Dugan were both buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Sidney and Mary Ellen Dorsey

ROY AND CLYDE JOHNSTON DUVALL

Roy Duvall, son of George Alonzo (1868-1951) and Isadora Arvilla Baker Duvall (1869-1939), was born at Shelbyville, Illinois, August 8, 1892. The family moved by covered wagon to Wellington, then to Medicine Lodge to a ranch where the Indian Peace Treaty had been signed. He remembers Carry Nation with her hatchet chopping on saloons.

In 1897, the family moved to their ranch 12 miles west of Ashland, with 7-year-old Roy driving 500 head of sheep, five cows and extra horses. Fred Hinkle, a boy of 7, joined the cattle move before they lost one-third of their sheep crossing Kiger Creek.

Roy was considered the fastest sheep shearer in this area. Around St. Jacobs Well, the pasture was good. He lived in a dug-out until 1915, when a two-room house was added. Washing was done on a board, kerosene lamps were used, 12-14 hogs were butchered yearly, and food was mutton, beef, milk and churned butter. Wood, cowchips and coal provided heat and cooking fuel.

Roy and his brothers made it safely home from a country school during a blizzard but Mrs. Nola Aniston, the teacher, was found frozen to death. It was free-range country and the boys were sent horseback to reclaim lost animals. Roy worked 56 head of mules. A 1-row lister pulled by horse-teams plowed no more than 2 acres/day. Maize was cut by hand and the maize heads thrown into a wagon. Men pitched or forked wheat and hay into stacks for threshing. Roy worked Mexicans as herders and shearers.

Roy Duvall, 7 years old, Harry Duvall, 5 years old watering horses while driving sheep in 1897.



Clyde and George Duvall, 1975



Roy was a good mechanic, repairing machinery for many neighbors. He loved horses and often carried the flag in parades. "Goldie Mare," a beautiful Palomino, was brought to town for children to ride (with eight riding at the same time!). Farming and ranching were his jobs. He never fussed with neighbors, drank nor smoked. He was partially deaf.

Roy and Clyde Opal Johnston were married at Lipscomb, Texas, May 16, 1925. They have two sons: George Roy and Harold Ray. Roy has lived 87 years in Clark County. He retired in 1967 and built a house at Eighth and Walnut. Clyde loved working inside and out. She painted, made fair floats and won many blue ribbons, and was an active member of the Ashland community and of their Methodist Church.

Submitted by Clyde Duvall

GEORGE ROY DUVALL

George Roy was born May 28, 1928 at Ashland, Kansas to the family of Roy and Clyde Duvall. He has one brother, Harold. He attended Fairview School, 1-7, and 7-12 grades at Ashland public schools. He served in the U.S. Army.

Upon his discharge he returned to his farm home and lived there until 1977 when he moved to Garden City for one year. Then he moved to Haysville, Kansas, where he is employed at Product Manufacturing Corporation.

Cleora Duvall was born October 2, 1934 at Dodge City, Kansas to Clarence and Martha Nichols at Fowler, Kansas. She attended Fowler public schools and Dodge City Juco.

George and Cleora were married August 8, 1966. The Duvalls have two daughters. Georgia Lea was born September 12, 1968 and is a freshman at Campus High School, Haysville, Kansas. Sandra Kay, born September 8, 1970, is a seventh grader at Haysville Jr. High.

The Duvalls are members of the Ashland United Methodist Church. George is a Mason and enjoys going to Ashland looking after farming interests. Cleora is an employee of Southwestern Bell. She has worked for them for 17 years.

Submitted by George Roy Duvall

FARRELL



The James Farrell family

The Farrell family story on Page 323.

DONALD D. EDMONSTON

Don was born September 8, 1931 on a farm five miles north-east of Protection, Kansas. He was the first child of Harold and Helen Edmonston.

In 1934, his sister, Melba, was born on the Girton place near the Protection cemetery. In 1936, the family moved to the McCormick farm in eastern Clark County, and in 1942 to the Jackson place nine miles east of Ashland. In 1943, his brother Myron was born.

Melba and Don would ride 2½ miles on the family's pony, Snowball, to Liberty rural school (north of underpass). Don was never absent nor tardy from first through his twelfth year in school. Melba was the only one in her class all through grade school and she graduated from Sitka. Both she and Don attended and graduated from Protection High School.

Don helped his father on the farm and in 1953, he started farming on his own. This was south of Kingsdown.

He served in the army and while stationed in Germany in 1955-56 he toured 11 countries. Returning home, he continued farming.



Back row: Don, Melba, Myron. Front row: Harold, Helen, 1973

In 1959, he married Joan Smith, a nurse. They lived at Bucklin, then moved to Ashland. Later, they moved from Clarence Aldridge's to the Hicks place, four miles east of Ashland, that Don bought in 1965.

One son, Mark Jay, was born August 9, 1962 in Dodge City.

Although Don is now living 8¼ miles south of Greensburg along 183 highway on the Shelton Ranch which he bought in 1979, and farming and ranching in Kiowa and Ford County, he continues to come to Ashland for business purposes.

Submitted by Don Edmonston

MYRON AND SUSAN EDMONSTON

Myron was born May 24, 1943 in the Ashland Hospital. He was the youngest of three children born to Harold and Helen Edmonston. He grew up on a farm 9 miles east of Ashland, graduated from Protection High School in 1961 and Fort Hays State University in 1966, and served in the National Guard 1966-1972.

Myron married Susan Strobel, eldest of five children of Orin and Judy Strobel. She was born June 15, 1946 at Lawrence, Kansas. The Strobels moved to Protection in 1949 and were in the newspaper business until 1976. Susan graduated from PHS in 1964 and Kansas University in 1968, taught second grade in Protection five years, and was Ashland's elementary school librarian September, 1975-May, 1981.

In April, 1970, we purchased the Amos Baker farm five miles east of Ashland. Four daughters were born while living there:

Sheri (July 23, 1970), Emily (October 29, 1973), Amy (July 20, 1976), and Connie (April 6, 1978). Sheri was the only daughter born in Clark County and she attended kindergarten, first and second grades in the Ashland schools. The other girls were born in Ford County.



Myron and Susan Edmonston



Edmonston girls, July, 1983.
Sheri, Emily, Amy and Connie

We moved nine miles east of Ashland in August, 1978 to Harold Edmonston's homeplace. The old farmhouse was moved off and a new one located on the same site.

Myron is farming and ranching in Clark and Comanche County, and Susan stays busy with family, church and community activities in both Protection and Ashland. Since we reside in U.S.D. 300, our children attend school in Protection.

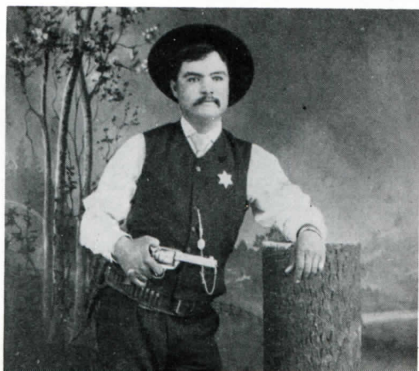
Submitted by Myron and Susan Edmonston

FRED EDWARDS

Fred Edwards, who came up the trail from Texas, had worked on the Taintor Ranch, belonging to Chalk Beeson, at which place he worked a year or two. He came to town the winter of 1885-86. Fred was a Mexican and was raised a Catholic until he was four years old when he was kidnapped.

After that he was thrown with the roughest, toughest of people. He could change from the kindest man to a real fighter at a moment's notice.

Willis Long, City Marshall of Englewood at this time, asked Fred to be the City Marshall. The next morning after he was put in office, he went out on the street-as he told it. "I was surprised. There were sixteen out-houses along the street. It sure made me feel bad. Well, I waited till two o'clock. The gang, eleven in all, were standing in front of the post office. John Folley looked awfully big. They all laughed at me. I told them to move the houses back to where they got them. I gave them one hour to move them back. If they did not, I would have the Governor send me one hundred state soldiers. A lawyer told them it would go hard with them if the state took a hand. Every house was moved back in its proper place."



Fred Edwards, about 1885

More about Fred Edwards in the Early Clark County books, book number II. The picture was donated by Lewis Park, 1893-1979.

Submitted by Bonnie Swayze

O.H. 'SPIKE' EDWARDS FAMILY

O.H. Edwards was born in Hartville, Mo. in 1893, came to Ashland in the early twenties, lived here until 1939, went to Oklahoma and worked in the oil fields, and later into Civil Service until he retired in 1961 and returned to Ashland.

Ottilia (Tillie) Wasinger, daughter of Frank J. and Anna Wasinger, was born in Victoria, Kansas. She grew up on her parents' farm north of Sitka, is a graduate nurse, and also retired.



Spike, Howard, Tillie and Leo

Their boys, Howard and Leo, both attended the Ashland schools for a time. Howard graduated from Ashland High, is a World War II veteran and lived in the Washington, D.C. area until he retired as an electronics technician. His hobby is barber-shop singing. Leo finished his schooling in Oklahoma, enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He is a computer analyst. Both boys now live in Texas.

Submitted by Tillie Edwards

JOHN AND IDA ELLIOTT

Ida and John Elliott came first to Harper County, Oklahoma in 1903 and then to the J.P. Campbell ranch in 1919 where Ida was housekeeper until 1941.

The Elliotts came from Iowa by way of Omaha, Nebraska. They and Marguerite, who was 7, came across Kansas in a covered wagon from Omaha and settled in Harper County, Oklahoma, south of Ashland.



Elliott family. Front row: Dee, Marguerite, Amanda. Back row: Alonzo McClurg and his wife Ruth.

Their children were: Alonzo Walter McClurg, born December 15, 1891, who lived with a great uncle near Logan, Oklahoma, Leta Marguerite McClurg Elliott, born October 8, 1896; Demetrice John Elliott, born June 29, 1905 and Amanda Mae Elliott, born July 5, 1908.

Ida Elliott was born at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, October 31, 1870 and

died April 26, 1954 at Dodge City, Kansas. John Elliott was born at Moline, Illinois January 16, 1849 and died December 24, 1922 at Ashland, Kansas. They are buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland.

Submitted by Alice Breit

CLYDE C. ELLSWORTH FAMILY

Clyde and Myrtle Ellsworth moved to Ashland in 1915 from Waurika, Oklahoma. Their first home was on the Bob Mayse farm, 15 miles north of Ashland, in a neighborhood known as the Flats. They remained in that vicinity farming until 1926 when they sold out and moved to Springer, New Mexico. The altitude was too high for Myrtle, so after a year, they moved back to Ashland, where they lived until Clyde passed away in 1938. Myrtle moved to Escondido, California in 1954 where she passed away in 1959.



Mildred, Clydie, Melvin, Leslie, Ross, Evie Mae, Lois. Picture taken at Ross Ellsworth's home (family reunion) in 1975.

They had seven children, all graduating from Ashland High School. They are as follows: Melvin and Aladine (formerly Aladine Ray of Ashland) of Laguna Beach, California. Melvin is retired from the position of President of the Fluor Corporation. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Ross and Lois of Escondido, California. Ross is retired from having owned his own business.

Lois and Pat Terry of Yakima, Washington. They have two children and one grandchild.

Evie Mae Certain (widow of George Certain) of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has four children and three grandchildren.

Clydie Rhoades (widow of Virgil Rhoades of Ashland) of Wichita, Kansas. She is employed at Beech Aircraft. She has three children and seven grandchildren.

Mildred and Hubert Crane (formerly of Ashland) of Wichita, Kansas. She is employed at Beech Aircraft. She has two children and two grandchildren.

Leslie and Jerri of Escondido, California. He has a position with Gulf-Atomic. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Submitted by Ross Ellsworth

MELVIN A. ELLSWORTH FAMILY

Melvin Andrew Ellsworth was born April 30, 1910 in Paducah, Texas, the oldest of seven children born to Clyde and Myrtle Ellsworth. He started school at Cleaverdale with Nellie Cleaver as his first teacher. He later enrolled in Ashland Grade School, graduating from Ashland High School in 1928. He enrolled at Oklahoma State University in 1930, majoring in industrial engineering. He graduated in 1934. On November 6, 1969, Mel was elected to O.S.U.'s College of Engineering Hall of Fame for his integrity, leadership and meritorious service to the profession of engineering.

Mel started his career in 1940 as salesman in Tulsa with the

Fluor Corporation, an engineering and construction company that became one of the largest in the world. He became Corporate Vice President in 1952, its Executive Vice President in 1962 and its President in 1968--the office he held until his retirement in 1976.

Aladine Louise Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Ray, was born July 19, 1911 at Wilmore, Kansas. She moved with her family to Ashland in 1921 when her father became publisher and editor of *The Ashland Clipper*. She entered the 5th grade with Ms. Fern McCaslin as her teacher. She graduated from Ashland High School with Summa Cum Laude honors in 1929. She attended Ottawa University her freshman year then transferred to Oklahoma State University majoring in home economics.

Melvin and Aladine were married May 19, 1935. They have two children, Richard born May 19, 1941, and Marcia, born November 25, 1943. Richard is married to Ginger Viers Hoffner and they have three children, Jody, Deborah and Robert.



Aladine and Melvin Ellsworth

Aladine and Mel are enjoying their retirement years at their beach home at 182 Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach, California and their Palm Desert home at Marrakesh. Mel's favorite hobby is golf and he and Aladine enjoy travel. They are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California.

Submitted by Aladine and Mel Ellsworth

GEORGE AND FAYE ELY

George Cattlet Ely was born at Fairfax, Mo., April 17, 1883, oldest of four boys born to Charles Columbus and Ann Haseltine Ely. He came to Clark County in 1905, living on the Phillip Randall ranch. He met Etta Faye Wilson, who came to Lexington with Levi Wilson family. She taught the Zane School. They were married January 29, 1908 and started housekeeping on the B.L. Stephens ranch. Two children were born while there: Margaret Evyonne, November 6, 1908, and George C., Jr., September 17, 1910. They moved to Protection for a short time. While there Raymond Wilson was born September 4, 1912.

They moved back to Ashland where they spent their lives. Two more children were born: Beryl Kathryn, December 15, 1919, and Charles Lee, June 11, 1922. George continued his interest in ranching and farming, and was active in local activities as County Clerk, Mayor and in the Methodist Church.

George Ely family in 1931. Back row: Raymond, George, Faye, G.C., Jr. and Margaret. Front: Beryl and Charles. Raymond, G.C. and Margaret were departing for college.



Margaret received degrees from Stephens College and WSU. G.C. attended Southwestern at Winfield and University of Missouri at Kansas City. Raymond and Charles graduated from KSU. Beryl attended WSU.

Margaret taught, then married R.W. Conklin of Mulvane. Later she became a medical librarian. They have one daughter.

G.C., due to illness, didn't finish his medical studies. For awhile, he taught at Colorado State College at Alamosa, Colorado, where he met and married Lorene Bushyeager. Then he went into an oil refinery where he was purchasing agent. They have three daughters and one son.

Raymond worked for Cities Service Oil Co. and retired as superintendent of Central Division of U.S. He and Nancy have two daughters. He served in World War II in the South Pacific and retired as a Colonel.

Beryl married William Martin. They had two sons. She went to WSU and was a legal secretary. She is now married to Kenneth Randall, formerly of Ashland.

Charles went into service from KSU as a Lieutenant, was killed in Germany, receiving a Silver Cross medal.

Faye passed away July 20, 1937. On August 4, 1940, George married Mabel Faulkner. George passed away October 27, 1946. Mabel passed away September 25, 1966.

Submitted by Margaret E. Conklin

GEORGE WASHINGTON ESPEY

George W., son of Robert and Elizabeth (Smith) Espey, was born in Ohio, September 5, 1847. He came early to Clark County. "George Espey's Palace Drug Store - one of the neatest in the whole country." (located NW corner 8th & Main) *Clark County Journal* October 15, 1886. George died in Wichita, January 9, 1924.

George and Martha Jane (Patterson) Espey became the parents of Ifie May, February 17, 1870, in Bushnell, Illinois. Martha died three months later (May 8, 1870). Ifie grew to adulthood under the care of her mother's people. "Geo. W. Espey's daughter, Miss Ifie, arrived Monday from Hull, Iowa, where she has been in school. She is a handsome and accomplished young lady and will be a valuable addition to our society. Still there is plenty of room and a hearty welcome for more of the same kind." *Clark County Clipper* July 22, 1886.

"Miss Ifie Espey returned to school at Pattersonville, Iowa, the first of the week. Frank Arnold accompanied her as far as Wichita and then ran down to Anthony. (His parents resided there.) The fact cannot be disputed that Ashland has more gallant young men and ladies than any town of its size in the state. As proof of this, we need but mention the little party given in the parlors of the State Bank last Friday night by Frank Arnold, in honor of Miss Ifie Espey, who left the Sunday morning following for school in Iowa. Only a select few were invited, consisting of six or seven couples and a most elegant time was had. Such acts of sociability are a credit to any town, especially when performed by one of our young men." *Clark County Clipper* September 9, 1886.



Ifie May Espey (Arnold)

Ifie and Frank M. Arnold were married in Ashland on June 21, 1888.

Submitted by Carrie Humphreys

FERN HOUGH EUBANK

Margaret Fern was born November 20, 1926 to Ernest Daniel and Daisy Miller Hough on a farm southwest of Ashland. About two years later, my parents moved into Ashland where I attended school. During the 6th grade, the new grade school was completed and everyone was happy to move into the new building.

Girl Scouts have pleasant memories. Leaders Lou Berryman, Mary Lou Broadie, and Faigh Grimes taught us to weave baskets. We went to Dodge City the summer of 1939, stayed overnight in a cabin camp, toured museums, other educational sights and then went swimming in the big pool.

High school highlights were learning to sew, giving dramatic readings at speech contests, Girl Reserves, operettas, senior play and graduation in 1944.



Fern and Howard Eubank

Howard Bradie Eubank and I were married June 10, 1944. Howard was born July 13, 1921, to George and Mahala Ellen Eubank at Protection, Kansas. He had graduated from the Protection school and was in the Army. He served in Europe until January of 1946. We moved to the farm south of Protection, where we lived for the next 30 years.

Our four children graduated from Protection schools.

Carolyn Sue was born August 3, 1947, married Thomas Pearson, a lawyer, has two sons, Michael and John, and lives in Houston, Texas.

Barbara Diane was born March 22, 1950, married Dan Hines, Assistant Vice-President for P. & S. Rice Mills of Houston, Texas, has two children, Travis and Gretchen, and lives at Cypress, Texas.

George Daniel (Danny) was born March 30, 1953, married Mary Friend, is a farmer-stockman and lives on the home place south of Protection, has two daughters, Robin and Gayla.

Howard Robert was born February 23, 1955, attended Dodge City Community College. He lost his life in an automobile accident in 1974 at the age of 19 years.

In 1976, we moved into Protection to live. We continue to farm and have a livestock partnership with our son, Danny.

Submitted by Fern Eubank

GEORGE AND MAHALA ELLEN EUBANK

George DeWitt Eubank was born January 13, 1886 at Humbolt, Nebraska. His family moved to Pratt County, Kansas the same year and bought farm land.

Mahala Ellen (Ella) Howell was born January 21, 1889 at Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas. Her family moved to Springvale, Pratt County, Kansas in 1900 to farm.

George and Ella were married May 6, 1908. Farming and livestock made their living. Later George managed elevators for Arkansas City Milling Company at Springvale and Croft. They told George they would build an elevator in Protection if he would be

manager. July 19, 1919, George, Ella, and children arrived in Protection in a Buick touring car. The household goods came by freight train. They built a new home the next year.

In the spring of 1923, George resigned to begin construction of his new modern elevator. The Eubank Grain Company was in operation in July, 1923.

In 1926, they bought a farm three miles south of Protection and moved there to live. Their six children were growing up. Helen married Harold Edmonston in 1930; Stella married Ralph Moore in 1935; Mal Bill married Marjorie Bonham in 1933; Adabel married Orville Browning in 1937; Junior married Frances Harden in 1938; and Howard married Fern Hough in 1944.

Mahala Ellen and
George D. Eubank,
1924



In 1942, George and Ella purchased a brick home on West 8th Street in Ashland. They moved there with plans to retire and travel. The traveling was postponed until after the war. As long as health permitted, they made trips to Texas and Minnesota each year to fish.

In 1964, they built a home in Protection and enjoyed being near their children and grandchildren. George passed away April 30, 1968. Ella passed away June 12, 1976.

Submitted by their family

GEORGE AND FRANCES EUBANK

Laura Frances Harden was married to George Junior Eubank December 2, 1938. Junior was born near Croft, Kansas, December 4, 1917. He moved to Protection with his parents when only 1½ years old. At the age of 9, the family moved to a farm 3 miles south of Protection. Farming was the occupation of his father, George.



Frances and George Eubank

Frances was born in her maternal grandparents' home in Protection, September 2, 1920. Her parents had made their home on the farm northwest of Protection, in the Lexington community. She spent her childhood on the farm, going 8 years to the Lexington school 1½ miles west of the home. Frances attended high school in Protection, graduating in 1938.

After marriage, Junior and Frances set up housekeeping on a farm 3 miles south and 1 mile west of Protection, and remained there until March, 1944. They purchased 400 acres that had been known as the headquarters for the Turkey Track Ranch. They moved there in the month of March with their three children, Terry Wayne, Paul Dwight, and Alice Ann.

Terry married Marcia Bramlett of Coldwater. Three children were born to them, Ricky Lynn, Roy Lee and Rochelle Lane. Rochelle died December 15, 1983. Terry and his family live in

Ashland. Paul married Betty Bramlett of Coldwater. Two children were born to them, Douglas Bruce, and Sherry Dianne. Sherry died in January, 1968. In 1969, Julie Ann came to join the family by adoption. They live on a farm south of Cullison, Kansas. Alice Ann married Larry Rich of Protection. Three children were born to Alice and Larry; Jeffrey Michael, Yvonne Denise and Angela Lynette. Larry has taught school and coached football and girls' basketball since graduating from Hays State College. They live in Ashland.

Frances and Junior still live on the farm they purchased in 1944.

Submitted by Frances Eubank

TERRY WAYNE EUBANK

Terry Wayne Eubank, son of George, Jr. and Frances Harden Eubank, was born July 3, 1939 at Ashland, Kansas. He attended all of his school years at Protection, Kansas and graduated in 1958.

The summer of 1958 he met Marcia Bramlett, daughter of Claude and Ruth Cole Bramlett of Coldwater, Kansas. Marcia was born January 14, 1941, at Protection, Kansas. She attended the Wilmore Grade School at Wilmore, Kansas and attended Coldwater High School at Coldwater, graduating in 1959.

Terry and Marcia came to Ashland community as newly-weds. They were married May 24, 1959 at the Coldwater Methodist Church. Terry had started farming with his father in 1958, land that his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Eubank, bought in 1943. Terry did other jobs, such as curb and guttering and oil field work to help supplement their income while getting started.



Terry Eubank family, 1982

They were blessed with three children: Ricky Lynn, born August 15, 1961; Roy Lee, November 21, 1963; Rochelle Lane, July 29, 1970.

The fall of 1965 we were told that our son, Rick, could benefit by going to a special school for the handicapped. We entered him in the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas, where he lived for most of the next eight years. When Rick returned home (1973) he attended Ashland grade and high school and graduated in 1982, and attended Dodge City Community College for two years.

Roy started school in 1966 and attended all 13 years at Ashland grade and high school and graduated in 1982. He attended Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kansas.

Rochelle started school in Ashland in 1975 and attended until December, 1983. She was active in Acres 4-H, Ashland Methodist Church and most school activity. One of her highlights was being cheer leader, which she accomplished in the eighth grade. Rochelle passed away December 15, 1983 with complications caused by cystic fibrosis.

In 1964, Terry became a charter member of the Ashland Jay-

cees. He served that organization in many local and state offices. He served on the Jaycee Ranch Board, camp for the handicapped from 1973-1983 at Augusta, Kansas.

Terry and Wallingford Elevator of Ashland went into partnership and built the first alfalfa pellet mill in Ashland, known as Western Pellet Mill, located in the south end of town. The partnership dissolved in the fall of 1970.

In 1981, Terry started a new business called Western Aero Ag. Inc. It is an agricultural spraying business. Terry always loved to fly, so decided to use his hobby for a business. In August, 1983 he had the misfortune of having an accident that totaled his plane, so he purchased a Hillar 1100 in February, 1984.

We are a family business, Terry flies, Rick and Roy are the ground crew when not in school and Marcia does the books.

Submitted by Marcia Eubank

JAMES MORTON FARIS

James Morton Faris, born October 21, 1962 at the Naval Hospital, U.S. Marine Base, Barstow, California, is the youngest of four children, he has a sister Elva Dale, a brother Ted Vanoy, a sister Kit Ellen, of Elva Troupe Faris and Sgt. Maj. Willis (Ted) Vanoy Faris. My dad died May 15, 1970 of a heart attack and injuries incurred during the invasion of Saipan.

I attended Tene C. Camaron Grade School and one year of junior high where my interests were motorcross bike racing, swimming, track and football. July of 1976, we moved to Englewood where I attended Ashland Junior and Senior High graduating May 17, 1981. In school I lettered in football, co-captain of State Champions in 1980-81. Basketball, member of 1979-80 squad in State play-offs and co-captain in 1980. Track, two third place medals at State and a member of team placing second at State in 1981. I also participated in student government, being class president one year and stuco representative another year. Received a Summa Cum Laude award.



James M. Faris

During summer vacations I worked in harvest for Don McKinney, driving a wheat truck and farming for Oscar Borth and weighing and unloading trucks at the Englewood Co-op.

At present I'm enrolled at Fort Hays State University pursuing a degree in data processing. I'm still active in sports, playing intramural sports and racquet ball. I also work part time for Sears. After graduating, I plan to work as a computer programmer for a major corporation.

Submitted by James Faris

JOSEPH AND JANET FAST FAMILY

Janet Sue Arnsperger was born in Dodge City, Kansas, January 9, 1954, the second child of Richard Charles and Betty Spotts Arnsperger. Following grade and high school in Ashland, Janet attended Washburn University of Topeka. At Washburn, Janet was active in Delta Gamma social sorority serving as vice president and president. She was also active in Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity and Nonose, a women's scholastic honorary society. In spring, 1976, Janet graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Education. After graduating, she held positions in

Minneola, Kansas schools during the 1976-1977 school year and in the Holton, Kansas school district from 1978-1980. Janet enjoys music, especially playing the piano, camping, bird watching and spending time with her three children.

Joseph Michael Fast was born in Topeka, Kansas, July 19, 1953, the first child of Earl Phillip and Marjorie Dempsey Fast. Because his father was with the Corps of Engineers, Joe received his schooling in Topeka, Great Falls, Montana, Cheyenne, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado, graduating from Mullen Prep School in 1971. In the fall of 1971, Joseph entered college in Topeka at Washburn University. While in undergraduate work, Joe was also active in Alpha Delta social fraternity and rowed with the men's varsity rowing crew. He graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice in May, 1977. He entered Washburn Law School in 1977 and received his J.D. in Law in May, 1980. While attending law school, he served as a clerk in the office of Attorney General Robert T. Stephan. Following graduation, he accepted a position with Legal Aid in Salina, Kansas. He later accepted a position as Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the Kansas Attorney General's office. He currently is employed by the Don Spotts Lumber Co. Joe enjoys camping, hiking, bird watching and reading.

Joseph and Janet were married July 9, 1977 in Ashland, Kansas. They have three children: Erin Elizabeth, born February 4, 1979; David Dempsey, born January 6, 1981, and Jeremy Michael, born May 9, 1983.

Submitted by Janet Fast

ED FELKINS FAMILY

Ed Felkins was born March 5, 1880, in Missouri and Millie Stephens was born February 11, 1879. They were married May 22, 1899.

Ed farmed in Missouri and cut rail road ties to provide for his family. In 1915, Lemro, his eldest son, went to Chanute and Sylvia Grove, working on the railroad. Ed and his family followed by wagon, complete with their cow tied behind. The following spring Ed moved his family to Fowler, Kansas. The chinch bugs completely destroyed their first year's maize crop. They moved several places in Clark County including the Clay place, Elmer Wallingford's place and the Holmer Horse Ranch in Ditch Valley. A cyclone demolished their house on the edge of Oklahoma.

In 1928, they moved back to Clark County and bought a 160-acre farm one mile north of the Alex Floyd place. They sold it to Lemro and moved to California for a better climate and to be near their other children.

Their children are: Emma (Mrs. L.J. Austin), Lemro, Elsie (Mrs. Clarence Girtman), Everett, Ross, Paul, Jessie, Lowell, Henry, Forest, Louise (Mrs. Claude Wilson), and Reece. Jessie died in September, 1983 on his way home from visiting here in Kansas.

Ed died of cancer October 2, 1958. Millie sold their home and lived with her daughter, Elsie, in Liveoak, Idaho, until her death November 17, 1971. Both are buried in the Liveoak Cemetery.

Submitted by Bessie Lee Bliss

L.C. FELKINS FAMILY

Lemro Columbus Felkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Felkins, was born August 8, 1900 in Texas County, Missouri. Lenora Emma Van Deusen was born November 12, 1903 in Hickory County, Missouri, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Deusen.

Lemro and Lenora were married by Judge Baker August 11, 1926 in Ashland, Kansas.

Lemro worked for farmers in and around Ditch Valley, Box Ranch, Lexington, and Fowler areas. Lenora worked out as a young lady for the Powers, Rogers and Gabberts. In later years she drove a school bus and cooked in cafes and the hospital.

They bought their farm eight miles north of Englewood in 1932 from Ed Felkins. When their house burned in 1933, Lemro saved most of their possessions and more importantly his invalid father-in-law.

Three children born to them at the farm were twins, Bessie Lee and Jessie Lee, born June 19, 1934, and Lemro Freddie, born August 14, 1936. Jessie Lee died when he was three days old and was buried in the Englewood cemetery.



Seated: Fred and Lemro. Standing: Bessie Lee and Lenora, 1966

Twice the Felkins left their farm near Englewood before finally moving to Ashland in 1946. From 1939-1941 they lived in Minneola where Lemro was a partner in a welding shop, and in 1943 they moved to Gridley, California. They worked in the Libby's cannery and the logging camps there.

Excluding time spent in Indiana, Oscar Morrison lived with them from 1926 until shortly before his death. They always had an open door and an extra space at the table and were ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

Lenora belonged to the Ashland Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher several years.

In 1983, Lemro sold their home in Ashland and lives at the Prairie Plaza Apartments in Coldwater, Kansas. Lenora lives in the Pioneer Lodge in Coldwater.

Submitted by Bessie Lee Bliss

L. FREDDIE FELKINS FAMILY

Lemro Freddie Felkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemro Felkins, was born August 14, 1936 in rural Clark County. He attended the Fairview country school and schools in Ashland.

Fred met Paulette Fatet while on military duty in France and brought her to the United States where they were married November 1, 1959 in the Ashland Baptist Church. Paulette was born September 13, 1937 in Saumar, France, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fatet. She applied for and was granted American citizenship.

Fred worked for Cleo Bliss before joining Lemro in the well repair business. Paulette was a waitress in the Best Cafe and Highway Cafe.

Following a race car accident, Fred joined the Dodge City Police Department. He worked his way up to police lieutenant before accepting the job of police chief in Marceline, Missouri. The climate not agreeing with him, Fred moved his family back to Dodge where he did truck mechanic work and drove trucks also. The family next moved to Spearville where their children

graduated. Fred and Paulette built and sold homes on their off job hours. Fred was on the police force and Paulette worked in restaurants until graduating from cosmetology school. Fred is now working full time in carpentry and Paulette works at the pharmacy in Bucklin, Kansas.

Two children were born in Ashland: Cindy Michelle on September 16, 1960, and Thierry Fred, on July 22, 1963. Sonia Lynn was born April 16, 1965. The couple have two grandchildren.

Submitted by Bessie Lee Bliss

FRANCIS AUSTIN (JACK) FELLERS FAMILY

Jack and Pauline moved to Ashland with their sons Robert and John Thomas in 1946. Jack was born July 16, 1910 to Sara and Austin Fellers at Mullinville, Kansas. He graduated from the Mullinville schools in 1927 and attended Kansas City University for 2½ years. He managed the Mullinville Coop Oil Co. from 1932 until 1946. He and Pauline Cox were married March 23, 1934. They had two sons, Robert Austin and John Thomas.

Pauline was born August 28, 1904 in Greensburg, Kansas to Dicy and Eli Cox. After graduating from the Greensburg schools, she received her teaching degree from Emporia State College and returned to teach the first grade at Greensburg each year until her marriage.

Jack and Pauline opened a Firestone store in Ashland in 1946 and closed it out in 1949 when they purchased the Ford Agency from George McNickle. They worked as a family in the business until Pauline's death on May 7, 1967.

On May 9, 1969, Hazel Pace, of Brentwood, California, and Jack were married in Ashland. At the present time they are spending the summers in Ashland and the winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Submitted by Jack Fellers

JOHN THOMAS AND PHYLLIS RUTH FELLERS FAMILY

John Thomas Fellers was born August 20, 1937 to Francis Austin and Pauline Cox Fellers. Mullinville was his early childhood home and in February, 1946, he moved with his parents to Ashland where he graduated with the class of 1955. Tom, as he is known to most, attended Fort Hays State University, where he received his B.S. degree in 1959 and M.S. degree in 1960.

Following completion of his college education, he taught school at Scott City, Kansas for 2½ years. On May 31, 1961, he married Phyllis Ruth Peterson, daughter of Freemond and Garland Peterson of Protection, Kansas.

On February 1, 1963, he joined the staff of Stockgrowers State Bank as a bookkeeper. He has served at all capacities and was named President and Chairman of the Board of Directors on February 13, 1981. Tom has served on the Board of Education for U.S.D. 220, as Mayor of Ashland for six years, Ashland City Council four years and is a faithful Kiwanian. While serving as mayor he was instrumental in establishing the Elm Grove

Jacque, Tom, Tom Scot, Elizabeth. Seated: Phyllis



Apartments. Phyllis worked for U.S.D. 220 as clerk of the board of education for 13 years. She resigned her position on June 30, 1983.

Tom and Phyllis are parents of four children: Jacquelyn Cherie, born September 15, 1962, is studying pharmacy at the University of Kansas. Jacquelyn married James H. Stearns on December 31, 1983. Thomas Scot, born April 12, 1965, is a freshman at Fort Hays State University. Elizabeth Ann, born December 13, 1968, is a freshman at Ashland High School. David Craig, born April 8, 1967, died in infancy.

The family is active in the Ashland community, being members of the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Phyllis Fellers

ROBERT FELLERS FAMILY

Robert Austin Fellers was born April 29, 1935 in Wichita, Kansas, the oldest son of Jack and Pauline Fellers. The first decade of his life was spent in Mullinville, Kansas. He came to Ashland with his parents and brother, Tom, in 1946. He graduated from the Ashland schools in 1953; received his BA in business administration from Fort Hays State College in 1958; spent six months in the U.S. Army before returning to join his father in business. He married Patricia Peterson on December 28, 1958.

Patricia Ann Peterson, daughter of Freemond and Garland Peterson, was born January 5, 1937 at Hays, Kansas. She moved to Protection, Kansas with her parents and sisters in 1941. She attended grades 1-12 in Protection, graduating in 1955. She attended Fort Hays State College graduating with a diploma in nursing in 1958.



Back row: Jim, Steve and Paul. Front: Bob and Pat.

Robert and Patricia have three sons: James, Steven and Paul. All of the boys attended grades K-12 in Ashland schools. Jim was born September 1, 1960. He graduated from Fort Hays State University with a BS in industrial education in 1982. Steve, born January 19, 1962, is a senior at Fort Hays State, majoring in field viology. Paul, born January 16, 1964, is a sophomore at Ft. Hays State, majoring in business.

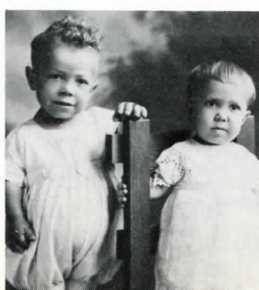
The family enjoys life in Ashland where they are members of the Methodist Church. Robert manages Fellers Motor Co. and Patricia works as a registered nurse at the Ashland Hospital.

Submitted by Patricia Fellers

FRED AND MILLIE MEIER FILE

Fred and Millie File, 1916

Leo and Idamae, 1921



Fred and Millie Meier File, born in Russia, came to the U.S. in 1900 with their respective families. The Meiers landed at Enid, Oklahoma, where Millie's uncle met them. The Files landed in Okeene, Oklahoma, where Fred's grandpa lived. A month later the Meiers moved to Fargo, Oklahoma to a farm just five miles out of town. The Files moved also, making Fred and Millie living a mile apart. They walked two miles to school where they attended school to the seventh grade. They worked in the fields and there was no high school in Fargo in 1916.

Fred and Millie were married and moved to a farm. Three years later Fred had the mail route from Fargo to Slapout. He didn't have to go to the First World War because he had the mail route. By then they had two children, Leo and Idamae. Their next move was to a farm three miles from Fargo, so the children went to school in Fargo. When Idamae was in the fifth grade, she got sick and died (1929) at the age of eleven years. In 1934, they moved to Ashland, Kansas, where Fred had a shoe shop. He passed away on December 11, 1962 in Corpus Christi, Texas, due to a heart attack while they were on vacation.

Leo graduated with the class of 1939 and went to Winfield two years. He got sick and stayed home six months. After that he took Civil Service and the Armed Forces sent him to Hawaii to work on planes where he stayed two years. When he came back he went to Weatherford, Oklahoma to learn watch repair. After receiving his diploma, he went to Great Bend and worked until he married Maxine Karr (who had a little girl ten years old). They moved to Jetmore where he has his own shop for jewelry repair. They have lived there for thirty years and had no children. Maxine's little girl is now married.

Submitted by Millie File

RAY AND DORIS LESLIE FINLEY

Ray Finley came to Ashland in December of 1923 and took over the bakery. He was a widower with three small children--James, living now in Littleton, Colorado; Maynard of Hamilton, Montana and June of Hayward, California.

I met and married him July 14, 1924. I had just finished my junior year of high school.

Our son, Jack, was born in Ashland, December 16, 1925. He is now living in Cody, Wyoming. Our daughter, Mary Lou, was born in Salida, Colorado, August 15, 1936 and she is living in Littleton, Colorado.

We moved a lot and lived in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming. We owned and operated bakeries, a cafe, a grocery store, a trailer park, a rooming house, an apartment building and a cabin resort.

By 1954, all the children were gone from home and in 1961 we moved to Olathe, Colorado and built our own home, after living in Gunnison, Colorado for twenty years. I am always in touch with our five children.

My husband was an avid fisherman and loved to hunt. He passed away December 3, 1977 after our 53rd wedding anniversary.

I sold our home and moved into a Senior Citizen Center in 1982. I am active in the Olathe Methodist Church and do lots of volunteer work for senior citizens and also play the piano for the Olathe Rotary.

Submitted by Doris E. Finley

LEO AND ANNA MAY FISCHBACH

The Fischbachs moved to Ashland, Kansas, November 23,

1953. They were born and grew to manhood and womanhood in Moorepark, Michigan and had graduated from Parsons Business College in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Leo was born in Three Rivers, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. George Fischbach of Vicksburg, Michigan. Anna May Gross was the daughter of Edward and Ida Gross of near Three Rivers, Michigan, on the old Gross homestead. Leo and May were united in marriage August 25, 1905 in a large home wedding. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary here in Ashland at the hotel owned and managed by Mrs. Cogley.



May and Leo Fischbach, 1955

After making two homes in Indiana, they came to Ashland. It was here that they went into partnership with her nephew, Dean Cox, and opened the "D & L" department store. Due to the failing health of May, the store was closed in December, 1964.

They enjoyed a very active life in Ashland. It meant much to them to be near May's sisters, Rhea Gross, who was County Clerk, and Edna and Leonard Cox and their sons Frank and Dean.

They were Presbyterians where Leo served as Elder. He was active in all civic affairs and a true friend to all who knew him.

Submitted by Edna Cox

HAROLD AND HARRIETTE FISHER

Harold and Harriette Fisher came to Ashland in December, 1951. They owned and operated Fisher's IGA store on Ashland Main Street for twenty-three and a half years. Their son, Gary, joined them as a partner in 1965.



Harold and Harriette Fisher

Before coming to Ashland, they operated IGA stores in Leoti, Kansas and Clinton, Oklahoma.

Harold was born and raised in Stockton, Kansas. He graduated from high school there. Harriette grew up in Wyoming and Montana. She graduated from high school and business college in Billings, Montana.

They have two children, Gary, of Ashland, and Barbara Gwin of Houston, Texas. Barbara has three children. Gary is the meat cutter at Les' Jack and Jill Store. He has two children, Valerie Stegman of Ashland, and Vaughn, a senior at Ashland High School.

The Fishers retired in July, 1975 from the grocery business.

Submitted by Harriett Fisher

LELA FLOYD

Lela Floyd was the daughter of Alex and Minnie Floyd. As a small child, she came to Clark County with her parents and brother via train in 1909. She started to school that year at

McDonald-Whittington country school east of Sitka. She later attended Fairview country school, west Clark County, and Englewood High School.



Lela Floyd

The summer following her graduation she worked in the law office of W.W. Harvey, State Representative. Later, she worked for the Stockgrowers Bank and for W.G. Carson. After Mr. Carson's death, Lela went into business for herself, handling abstracts, insurance and loans until her retirement. Lela was active in the Methodist Church, where she was head of the Nursery Department for about 10 years. She was active and interested in Pioneer Museum and served on the City Library Board. Lela was in partnership with her brother, Tillman, in farming and ranching until her death. She was a member of Eastern Star.

Lela was a good business woman and helped many with their financial needs, serving as friend and advisor. Lela passed away in September, 1980.

Submitted by T.W. Floyd

THELMA WILSON FLOYD

Thelma was born December 6, 1906 in Tacoma, Washington, to John C. and Mabel Pack Wilson.

She came to Harper County, Oklahoma with her parents when she was two years old and has continued to live in the Ashland-Oklahoma area. She attended high school in Ashland and played on the girls' basketball team three years. Thelma worked for numerous people in Ashland during her high school years.



Thelma Wilson Floyd in basketball suit, 1925.

In the fall of 1926, she enrolled at the Wichita Business College for a one-year course. Upon returning to Ashland she started working at part time or full time jobs. Thelma married Tillman Floyd, January 1, 1929, at Protection, Kansas.

Some of the merchants or businesses for whom she worked were: the City Bakery, owned by Ward; Telephone Company; R.D. Smith and J.M. Maricle, both grocery stores; B.T. Broadie; Earl Haelsig; Ashland Post Office; Robert's Coffee Shop; Theater; and operated the lunch counter at the Sales Barn. For a short time during World War II, she was working near San Francisco, in a cafe.

With her friendly disposition and interest in people, she made an excellent clerk and welcomed customers. She has made many friends during her lifetime.

Submitted by Venna Vallentine

TILLMAN AND DOROTHY FLOYD

Tillman Floyd is the son of Alex and Minnie Floyd, Clark County pioneers. He attended Fairview Grade School, gradu-