

ty Attorney until he retired.

In 1906, at the age of 45, he married Hattie Cassity and they had seven children, all of whom were born and raised in Ashland. Melvin Mayse, who married Gene Quinn of Clay Center, was the Clark County Engineer for several years and is especially remembered for his drawing of early Clark County, which was eventually etched in stone on the front of the County Courthouse. Helen Mayse married A. Ted Johnson, who was manager of the Home Lumber & Supply Company for several years. They currently live in Topeka. Their three children, Ron, Ken and Jodi were born in Ashland.

Wilburn (Bud) never married; Marjorie married Merlin E. Dunn; Meredith married Maxine Elling; Roland married Vivian Fox; and Richard married Maxine Brown Bratcher.

Hank died November 11, 1942 and Hattie died July 4, 1972. Both are buried in Ashland Cemetery.

Submitted by Kenneth N. Johnson

LOUISE MULL McCARTNEY

On October 9, 1915, Louise Eleanor Mull was born in Ashland to Henry and Cynthia Jane (Jennie) Mull. For five years she, with her sisters, Opal and Helen, attended Fairview School, a mile from their parents' farm. She completed grade and high schools in Ashland.

From 1933 to 1947 Louise worked for various government agencies in Ashland, Dodge City and Wichita, primarily as a secretary. However, during World War II, she was Commercial Sugar Rationing Officer for Kansas. For the next eight years, she worked for an oil company in Wichita.



Louise Mull
McCartney



Earl McCartney

In 1955, Louise married Earl McCartney, a native of Penasola, Kansas, who was co-owner of an oil drilling company in Wichita. Earl was the father of a daughter, Judith, who, in 1956, married Eugene Stanley of Wichita. Their children are twins, Merri and Michael, born in 1960, and Sherri, born in 1962.

Louise and Earl lived in Denver for two years, then moved to Evergreen, Colorado. Their home was on a beautiful trout stream, and they enjoyed fly-fishing, as well as gardening and traveling.

After Earl's death in 1968, Louise moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. For two years she worked at an American Indian art gallery, and presently works part-time for *American Indian Art Magazine*. She is also designing and sewing casual wear and enjoys swimming, gardening and travel.

Louise's travels include trips to Canada, Mexico, the Orient, Hawaii, Europe, and a cruise through the Panama Canal to San Juan.

Submitted by Louise Mull McCartney

DONLEY McCARTY FAMILY

Donley McCarty was born September 8, 1922 to George and Harriett Bock McCarty at Bloom, Kansas. The family purchased and moved to a farm in Vesta Township in 1927. Donley attended grade school in Fairview District school and Englewood

High School, graduating in 1939. He attended Kansas State College until enlisting in the Aviation Cadets in January, 1942, receiving his pilot wings and 2nd Lt. Commission May, 1943. He instructed several classes of students in SE Advance Flight Training before going to Twin Engine Fighter training where he met and subsequently married Lt. Marjorie V. Andrews, November 15, 1944.

Marjorie, second daughter of Sam and Helen Markey Andrews, was born in Salina and grew up in the Culver area, graduated from Culver High School and Halstead School of Nursing where she worked as RN until accepted in the Army Nurses Corps and then assigned to the Air Corps. She was stationed at Hammer Field, Ephrata AFB, March Field and Salinas AFB while Donley was with the "Dirty Dozen Fighter Sqd." in the Pacific. They returned to Kansas from California in the spring of 1946 and built a new farmstead where they raised their family.



Donley McCarty family. Helen, Marjorie, Donley, Cheryl, Mike and Donna

The McCarty's children are Helen, Cheryl, Mike and Donna.

Helen, born February 1, 1949, graduated from K State, taught home economics at CedarVale, Kansas and married Robt. Matthews, a local resident, where they now reside.

Cheryl, born August 26, 1950, graduated from Marymount College of Salina with a BS in Nursing. Cheryl married Paul Corcoran, DDS, and they reside in Vail, Colorado.

Mike attended Dodge City Community College for a year, returning home to raise cattle and wheat. Mike married Denise Vogel of Dodge City.

Donna graduated from Hutchinson Community College in Medical Records, moved to Wichita, where she continues to work in her chosen field.

The family, members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, have tried to take an interest in the community of their choice, Marge and Donley moved to town last year and Mike now resides on the family farm.

Submitted by Marge McCarty

DONNA LEIGH McCARTY

Donna Leigh, daughter of Marjorie and Donley McCarty, was born in Minneola Hospital February 11, 1959. Donna attended Ashland Grade School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1977. She graduated from Hutchinson Community College in 1979, majoring in medical records which has been her career.

Donna accepted a position with St. Francis Hospital and moved to Wichita in early summer, 1979. She resigned this position in 1980 and accepted one at Osteopathic Hospital of Wichita where she felt she would have a broader, more varied job description. She worked in this position until January, 1984, resigning to accept a position with the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc., serving as an area coordinator for various hospitals in regards to medicare issues.

Donna, when she lived at home, was active in all school activities—a cheerleader, member of the band and participated in track.

Donna Leigh McCarty



She also was active in all activities of St. Joseph's Church and still remains active in community affairs, belonging to the Big Brother-Big Sister of Sedgwick County since 1979. Donna has always been sports minded, both in attendance and participation. Donna plays softball with a Wichita team, is a regular racquetball participant, swims, water skis every chance she gets, and the same with snow skiing.

Submitted by Donna McCarty

EUGENE McCARTY

G. Eugene McCarty, son of Harriett Bock McCarty and George McCarty, was born February 3, 1921 at Bloom, Kansas. The family moved to Vesta Township in 1927 where Gene grew up and still resides. Gene attended grade school at Fairview School and then began farming and raising livestock with his father until his retirement in 1980 from active farming, however, still making his home on the "Home Place."



Gene McCarty

All of his life, Gene has had a special liking for horses and the things he could do with them, consequently, from a young boy with his first pony until his retirement, he was never without one or more at his disposal, making his work easier and enjoying their companionship.

Gene, in his retirement, still enjoys taking care of his farm keeping the fences, corrals, etc. in good repair.

Submitted by Lorna Pettijohn

GEORGE McCARTY FAMILY

The George McCarty family have lived in Clark County since 1927 moving here from Bloom, Kansas.

George A. McCarty was born in Dawn, Missouri, September 24, 1888, the son of Jerry McCarty and Isophene Park McCarty. The family lived at Braymer, Missouri where George attended grade school. As a young man he worked on the Burlington Railroad as a fireman and later in the railroad's machine shop at Davenport, Iowa. Early in the 1900's, his mother and stepfather, Harmon Shinogle, decided to move to Minneola, Kansas, and George came with them to begin farming in Ford County. It was at Minneola that he met Harriett Bock and they were married June 21, 1914.

Harriett Elizabeth Bock McCarty was born September 13, 1892, in Alton, Kansas to Elizabeth Tope Bock and John Bock. She attended school at Alton graduating from Alton High. She attended Bethany College of Lindsborg, Kansas, majoring in music. She came to Minneola as a teacher in a country school, thus meeting George.



Harriet and George McCarty

George and Hattie, as she was known, had three children: Lorna Lucile, born April 3, 1917; George Eugene, born February 3, 1921; and Donley V., born September 8, 1922. The family lived in Ford County until 1927 when they moved to a farm they bought in Vesta Township where they raised their family and lived the remaining years of their lives.

George, an avid fisherman, and Hattie, who loved to paint, spent many winters on the Gulf as well as traveling throughout the United States.

Hattie passed away in the Ashland Hospital May 21, 1971 and is buried in Greencrest Memorial Gardens in Dodge City.

George remained active in his farming interests and hobbies and maintained his home with Gene until 6 months before his death in the Minneola Hospital on August 10, 1982 and is also buried in Greencrest Memorial Gardens.

Submitted by Lorna Pettijohn

MIKE McCARTY FAMILY

Mike, the son of Marjorie and Donley McCarty, was born May 16, 1953 in St. Anthony's Hospital, Dodge City, Kansas. Mike grew up in the Fairview community and attended Ashland schools and Dodge City Community College. It was at St. Joseph's Church that Mike met Denice Marie Vogel, who was co-owner of the Mini-Beautique Beauty Salon of Ashland. They were married on November 23, 1974 in Sacred Heart Cathedral of Dodge City by her uncle, Father Wm. A. Vogel, and Msgr. Leo Kelty.



Mike McCarty family in 1983

Denice, daughter of Martha Stack Vogel and Pat Vogel, was born July 16, 1952 in St. Anthony's Hospital and lived until 1957 at Wright, Kansas, when the family moved to Dodge City where they still reside. Denice attended Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's of the Plains High School, Dodge City Community College and Dodge City School of Cosmetology.

Mike and Denice's children are: Alyson Marie, born March 13, 1976, at Dodge City in Trinity Hospital. Melinda Michelle was born June 15, 1978 at Minneola Hospital, and Travis Michael was born November 6, 1980 at Minneola Hospital. The family resides on the farm where Mike grew to manhood, located 12 miles west and 3 miles south of Ashland. The family is active in community affairs and their church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Ashland.

The McCartys, as a family, enjoy boating, water and snow

skiing and all activities concerning horses, and are presently deeply involved in computers.

Submitted by Donley McCarty

CHARLES AND ANNA McCASLAND

Both Charles and Anna McCasland were born near Benton, Illinois; he on August 30, 1867, the oldest child of John L. and Louisa Montgomery McCasland; she on Friday, March 13, 1874, the fourth child of Hosea Vice and Laurina Upton Ingram.

Charles came to Clark County in 1887 with his mother, two brothers, sister and aunt. He did some farming in "No Man's Land" in Oklahoma and worked at various jobs in Clark and Barber Counties in Kansas before getting a steady job on the railroad section line beginning April 15, 1889, and he was appointed foreman in 1890.



Mrs. McCasland, Paul, Lois and Hope.

Front: Mildred, Mr. McCasland and Dorothy.

In 1892, he returned to Illinois and married Anna on October 16. They arrived back in Ashland in time for Thanksgiving. Their first child, Lois, was born in October of 1894. In 1896, they leased a farm near Alto Pass, Illinois. Their son, Paul, and daughter, Hope, were born in Illinois.

In 1899, they returned to Clark County and Charlie took over the management of the Potter Ranch in Lexington community for approximately 5 years. It was here that Anna said she had her real pioneer experiences.

In 1903, Charlie was elected county treasurer, serving in that capacity until 1913. Their daughters, Dorothy and Mildred, were born in Ashland. In 1913, they purchased a furniture store and Charlie continued to own and manage the Home Furniture Store until his retirement in the late 1940's except for 7½ years (from 1923 to March, 1931) which time was spent in the Rio Grande Valley near Weslaco, Texas, operating a truck farm.

Charlie and Anna were charter members of the Baptist Church of Ashland. He served on the Ashland school board for 18 years and also served as county commissioner.

Charles died on November 7, 1957, and Anna died August 16, 1958. They are both buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland.

Submitted by Peggy Wilson

JOHN AND EULA LESLIE McCOLLISTER FAMILY

John McCollister was born in Akron, Colorado, April 2, 1891, and died November 17, 1977. He grew up in Akron and attended grade school and high school there. He homesteaded and proved up a half section of land southeast of there. John operated the City Light Plant in Akron for ten years, then moved to Allenspark, Colorado in 1921 and was in business there until his retirement in 1975.

Eula Alden Leslie, daughter of Ulysses Grant and Brettie



Eula and John, 1970

Ruperta Leslie, was born September 17, 1900 at Kinsley, Kansas, and moved with her parents to Ashland in 1910. She attended Riverside Grade School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1919. She later attended Emporia Teachers College and received her B.S. Degree from there in 1928.

Eula taught school several years and served three terms as County Superintendent of Schools in Clark County. During her last term in office, she went into business with Grace Ray Yeager and they operated the Yeager-Leslie Dry Goods and Ready-To-Wear store for eleven years. Eula sold out to Mrs. Yeager in 1948 and she and John McCollister were married November 24, 1948. They made their home in Allenspark, Colorado, where Eula still resides.

Submitted by Eula Leslie McCollister

ESTELLA McCORMAC FARRELL FAMILY

Estella McCormac, born November 2, 1932, in Ashland, Kansas, middle child of Max and Thelma McCormac, attended schools in Dodge City, Kansas, Hood River, Oregon, graduating from Ashland High School in 1953. Enlisted in Women's Army Corp. March 17, 1955; trained at Ft. McClellan, Alabama; spent three years in Munich, Germany. Discharged at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, August, 1961.

Married October 8, 1960 at Ft. Harrison, Indiana to James Neil Farrell, a career man in the Army; he retired September 30, 1966 at Ft. Hood, Texas. One son, Max, born October, 1961, died October, 1961. One daughter, Vikki Lynn Farrell, born at Ft. Harrison, Indiana, February 12, 1963. Moved to Joliet, Illinois, October, 1966. Vikki is a chiropractic assistant in Lockport, Illinois. James is president of Ben Levin, Inc., Joliet, Illinois. Maxine is Vice President and Secretary at Ben Levin, Inc. All living in Lockport, Illinois as of March, 1984.

Submitted by Estella McCormac Farrell

Farrell family picture on Page 232.

MAX ELSWORTH McCORMAC FAMILY

Max Elsworth McCormac was born in Warwick, Kansas on January 16, 1906, one of seven children born to J.R. and Jennie Hamm McCormac. Max attended many schools as his father was a depot agent for the Missouri Pacific Railway. Max enlisted in the army at Ft. Riley, Kansas in 1924 and served as a mail clerk. He was discharged in 1927. On August 26, 1930, Max married Thelma Stenger at Meade, Kansas. Max was learning to cook at the time at the Hodson Hotel Coffee Shop; he was to make cooking his life's work. Max and Thelma had three children, Margaret, Maxine and Bill.



Thelma and Max McCormac

Thelma Stenger McCormac was born in Houston, Missouri, November 13, 1913, one of seven children of Otto and Clara Raper Stenger. The Stenger family moved to Ashland in 1922, so Thelma received her schooling in Ashland. Max and Thelma worked together running restaurants in Ashland for five years during the late 1940's. They lived in various places during their married life; Dodge City and Hoisington in Kansas and Hood River and Hepner, Oregon. They returned to Ashland in 1965 to make Ashland their home.

Max and Thelma celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 26, 1980. Max passed away in April, 1983. Max enjoyed his family, home and yard after he retired. Thelma is a faithful worker in the Christian Church and enjoys her baby sitting and all kinds of handwork.

Submitted by Thelma McCormac

MICHAEL McCOWN FAMILY

Michael Allan, Valerie Lyn and Katherine Delyte McCown moved to Ashland, Kansas in April of 1984.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. McCown, was born on May 8, 1951 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended public schools there and graduated in 1969. He attended Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he studied math and psychology. Michael began his career in woodworking in 1973. He enjoys exhibiting his handcrafts at arts festivals. Other interests include antiques, camping, fishing and gardening.



Val and Mike McCown

Valerie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Milligan, was born on April 23, 1957 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She moved to Ashland, Kansas on October 1, 1962. She attended public schools there and graduated in 1975. Valerie attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in May, 1982. Valerie's hobbies include needlework, sewing and cooking.

Michael and Valerie were married on October 23, 1980 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have one child, Katie, born on March 19, 1984 in Norman, Oklahoma.

Submitted by Valerie McCown

HAROLD McCREIGHT FAMILY

Harold Knox McCreight came to Ashland in 1963 as Superintendent of Schools to climax twenty-five years of education service to Kansas boys and girls.

Harold was born September 7, 1917, seventh of nine children, to an Osage County, Kansas farmer. He graduated from Lyndon, Kansas High School in 1935 and received his B.A. Degree from Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas in 1939, and M. Ed. Degree from Wichita University in 1958. During his Sterling College days, he met Vanetta Gayle Volkland.

They were married December, 1939 in Hartford, Connecticut.



Vanetta and Harold McCreight

Harold and Vanetta's children are: Kent Everett, born April 25, 1941, married to Betty Androes, June 10, 1962, received B.S. Degree in 1972 from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas and is a career salesman; Larry Keith, born April 17, 1942, married to Marjorie Riedesel, June 5, 1965, received B.A. Degree in 1965 from Sterling College and M.A. Degree from Wichita University in 1967, and is an engineer for Boeing Co. of Wichita; Sheryl Ann, born November 9, 1945, attended Sterling College two years and married Wm. D. McKnown, January 21, 1966, and is a postal service employee; Mark Allen, born August 2, 1961, married Heather Callison, February 25, 1984 and is a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Harold is a Kiwanian and Vanetta is a Mum Embroidery Club member; both are members of the Ashland United Methodist Church. Vanetta is an officer in the Kansas Conference United Methodist Women.

Harold completed his education career of thirty-five years on his retirement July 1, 1983.

Submitted by Harold McCreight

HERBERT RANDOLPH McDONALD

Herbert Randolph McDonald was the son of John and Emma McDonald. Herbert started school in Missouri and finished grade school at Sunnyside in Clark County. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1916.

On November 13, 1918, Herbert married Berniece Shepherd of Ashland. They moved to the McDonald farm where they had four children: Herbert Randolph McDonald, Jr., born September 3, 1921; Betty Ann McDonald, born December 19, 1924; Francis Marion McDonald, born August 6, 1926 and Paul Wayne McDonald, born September 10, 1933.

They moved to Ashland in 1936 and moved again in late spring of 1939, when Herb and Berniece moved the family to Twin Falls, Idaho.

Herb and Berniece were divorced. Herb married Mattie Arrie Watkins in April, 1946. Mattie has one son, Coleman Watkins. Herb and Mattie continued living in Twin Falls. Herb died on July 12, 1961.

Son H.R., Jr. married Alene Beneger of Jerome, Idaho in 1942. They had two daughters, Carolyn and Gaylyn, and five grandchildren. H.R., Jr. died in 1970 in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Daughter Betty married Vernon C. Skeen on April 12, 1942. They have three daughters, Verna, Elouise and Nancy, and one son, Charles Richard. They have eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of whom live in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Son Francis married Wilma Shepherd of Twin Falls in October, 1946. They are living in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Son Paul Wayne married Dorothy in Washington and later moved to Porterville, California. They had seven children: Paul, Jerry, James, Harold, Dorothy, Patricia and Michael. Dorothy passed away and Paul has remarried. Paul and Sally are living in San Francisco, California.

Submitted by Betty Skeen

C.C. McFARLAND FAMILY

Many years ago in 1885, Clair (C.C.) McFarland came to Clark County with his parents and two brothers from Iowa, settling in the Lexington community, and moving to Ashland in 1904. Clair subsequently left Ashland for several years to work for the railroad in Wyoming and homesteaded land there. Returning to Ashland in 1912, he took over his father's insurance business known as McFarland Realty Co.

In 1909, Dora Perry, with her parents, brother and sister, came to Ashland where she met Clair. They were married in 1920.

Clair and Dora enjoyed golf, bridge parties and dancing. Clair often played the piano and the violin at the monthly dances held in the old Opera House on Main Street. Music was a special entertainment for them, and their home was often filled with music with Dora playing the piano and Clair on the violin.



Lila Fay and Bonnie Lee,
Thanksgiving, 1983

Two daughters were born, Lila Fay in 1927, and Bonnie Lee in 1937. The girls grew up in Ashland, taking active part in church and school activities, both graduating from Ashland High School. Both daughters married, giving Dora and Clair six grandchildren—three boys and three girls and currently four great-grandchildren. The daughters, husbands and grandchildren enjoyed many visits with "Grandma and Grandpa" in Ashland, and still consider a visit to Ashland to see Grandma a special treat.

Clair retired from the insurance business after 50 years. He passed away in 1961. Dora is still busy doing for others and says "There's no place like home - Ashland."

Submitted by Lila Fay Hammermeister and
Bonnie Lee Hays

LUTHER MCGEE FAMILY

We first came to Ashland in 1973 when we moved to the Pearl Abell ranch. Joe Jarboe had the place at the time, and we worked for him.

Luther came originally from Browns Station, Missouri, near Columbia. He spent most of his growing up years in the Bloom, Kansas community.

My folks were the Walter Cusicks of the Minneola, Kansas area. I grew up there, went to the Minneola schools and graduated with the class of 1943.

Luther and I were married in 1948. We lived near Caney, Kansas for several years and our two oldest children were born there.

We have three children. Tony William, age 31, is married and lives on a farm west of Dodge City, Kansas. He works for Stanion Wholesale Electric Company. His wife, the former Elaine Smith of Bucklin, Kansas, is a fourth grade teacher at Lincoln School in Dodge City.

Peggy Lee, 29, is married to Dennis Snodgrass. They live in Ashland and have two children, Melissa Dawn, 9, and Cody William, nineteen months. Dennis works for Northern Natural Gas Company.



Linda, Tony, Rosa Lee, Luther and Peggy (McGee) Snodgrass

Linda Mae is our youngest. She is 16, a junior in high school.

Luther works for a farmer here in Ashland and enjoys his work. Ashland is a friendly community and we have enjoyed our eleven years here.

Submitted by Rosa Lee McGee

JOANNA ASHCRAFT MCGUIRE

Joanna Coble was born in Harvey County, Kansas on a farm. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Otis M. Coble. After her early school years in Sedgwick, Kansas, she attended Baker University. Her teaching career began in Winchester, where she taught for two years—later teaching for two years in Anthony.

Joanna was married to Walter Clifton Ashcraft in 1925. They had been high school sweethearts. Walter's parents were the Hugh Ashcrafts of Sedgwick. He attended Fairmount College (now Wichita University) and enlisted in the Navy in World War I (1917-1919). He came to Ashland in 1923 where he was a drug-gist and pharmacist.



Joanna, Buzz and
Jonell Ashcraft

Walter and Joanna had two children, Walter Coble and Jonell. Their son, Walter (known to his friends as "Buzz") was born March 22, 1937. He is now a thoracic surgeon, lives in Lander, Wyoming, and has two boys. Jonell was born December 2, 1930. She married Odd Williams of Lawrence and they had five children. Odd died in November, 1982, and Jonell still lives in Lawrence. Walter died February, 1952. Joanna continued to keep Ashcraft Drug Store operating until it was sold to Don Milligan in 1968.

On July 19, 1960, Joanna married Joe McGuire of Wichita, Kansas. Joe was born in Sharon, Kansas. He is a Shriner, and has his 50-year Blue Lodge Masonic pin. Joe was in the automobile business until his retirement.

Joanna is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, P.E.O. and OES. She and Joe divide their time between Wichita and Ashland, maintaining homes in both places. They are Presbyterians. Since retirement, they have both enjoyed extensive traveling.

Submitted by Joanna McGuire

H.W. McINTYRE FAMILY

H.W. "Red" McIntyre came to Ashland in June of 1926 on a lark, to try the wheat harvest work. He left his home in Florence, Alabama four years before to "make it" on his own. He was born in LaGarde, Alabama. After a try in the harvest, he hired out to the late Fred Armentrout, Rexall Drug Store owner. He then worked for the late Russell Charles, who had purchased the store in 1928. Red moved to Englewood in 1937 and for six years owned the drug store, then to Buffalo, Oklahoma, where he purchased the Miles Drug Store in 1943, running it until his health forced retirement in 1967. He then worked as part time relief pharmacist for Milligan Pharmacy in Ashland for 13 years.

Callie Stone was born in south Oklahoma, and when four years old, came to Ashland, with her parents. She received her education at the Fairview and Cleaverdale country schools and Ashland High, with one year at Pittsburg State Teachers College. She taught one year at the Fairview School.



Callie Stone and H.W.
"Red" McIntyre
1978, 50th anniversary

Red and Callie were married in February of 1928. One daughter, Lenna Faye, was born. She married Richard Newcomb of Woodward, Oklahoma and they had one son, Kent. She attended Ashland and Englewood elementary schools and Buffalo, Oklahoma high school, graduating from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. She now resides in Upland, California. After moving there, she married Joe Balvocius. Her son, Kent Newcomb, lives in Lubbock, Texas.

Red's profession and dedication to the public as a friend and servant is the example he left behind in June of 1983 when he died. Callie was his helpmate for nine years, then retired to their home, with church and community activities her interests.

The McIntyres were married fifty-five full years. Callie still resides in their home of forty years in Buffalo, Oklahoma.

Submitted by Callie McIntyre

JOHN (POP) AND BETTY McINTYRE

John McIntyre moved with his family from Bartlett, Kansas in 1929. John McIntyre, Sr., worked for Northern Natural Gas until his death in 1956, residing most of that time in Ashland. John McIntyre, Jr. ("Pop") married Betty Lunsford, January 17, 1942 at Victoria, Texas, where he was stationed in the service. They made their home in Ashland in 1945, where Betty worked with home nursing, utilizing her nursing school experience and Pop was a mechanic. In 1952, Pop began contract pumping of oil and gas wells. Pop and Betty had two children, DeAnna in 1948, and David in 1952. Pop was involved in stock car racing for a number of years with John Thomas, Ben Ellis and Willard Zuehlke. Also, Pop and Betty were members of the flying club which was at one time quite active in Ashland. Betty has now returned to nursing at the Ashland Hospital as a certified nurses' aide.

DeAnna McIntyre received a B.S. in Pharmacy from Southwestern State College in 1973 and resided in Wichita, Kansas, practicing pharmacy until 1982. At that time she returned to

Ashland, practicing pharmacy and gardening.

David McIntyre received a technological degree at Liberal, Kansas in 1972, where he met his future wife, Catherine Glenn. David is employed by Northern Natural Gas at the Beaver Station in Oklahoma. The couple resides with their two children, Daniel and Kathleen, in Elmwood, Oklahoma. Cathy has a large garden during the summer months and David is an avid hunter and fisherman.

Submitted by Betty McIntyre

McKINLEY BROTHERS

The McKinleys should be a part of any book about Ashland, I wish I had more detailed knowledge about their early days here. I know that Will McKinley lived here in the early days but can't give a date. He and his wife, Amelia, raised their two children here, Joe and Seigna. They moved to Maxwell, New Mexico after the children were grown. Will and his son, Joe, lived on farms that were close; Seigna married and lived at Tempe, Arizona. All are dead now.

Wade McKinley and his wife, Katherine, lived here at about the same time. They had four boys, Robert, Jr. (Bob), Francis, Wade Kent, and William (Bill). They were connected to a general store here. I think both Robert and Will McKinley were part of it also. After Wade left the store, he and his family moved to Colorado Springs. After Wade and Katherine died, Robert moved to Buena Vista, Colorado. Wade went to California. Francis was in the Springs for years, then retired and moved to Arizona, near Phoenix. The last time I knew of Bill, he was living in Omaha, Nebraska.



Dot, Ben, Wade, Bob, Charlie, Will, Orin; in front, Grace

Robert McKinley was here at the same time that Will and Wade were. He sold real estate and was in business at the store with the rest of the family. He married Pearl Wingate of Ness City, Kansas and they made their home here for the balance of their lives. They had no children. They were very much a part of the Ashland community. He and his brother, Ben, were partners in a ranching venture in Oklahoma. At some time (I have no date) they divided the property and Robert took the north part, now called the Swayze place, because the Swayzes operated the place, and son and grandson still do. That part belongs to the Glen Estate.

Submitted by Inez McKinley

BEN McKINLEY FAMILY

Ben McKinley joined his brothers here about 1908. He worked in their store but owned no part of it. He kept buying up land in Woods County, Oklahoma with his brother Robert and they operated it as a ranch in partnership. Ben lived on the ranch and managed it. After they divided the property, Ben moved from the headquarters at the Swayze place to a small

house on the south end which was his part of the division. He met and married Inez Young. They had four children.

Shirley, who married George Talbot and lives at present in Dodge City, had two children, Terri and Tony. Ben, Jr. (Mac) lives in Alva, Oklahoma with his wife, Jerri (Pickens) and two daughters, Susan and Sarah. They have a son, Dan Ward, who lives in Wichita. Ben, Jr. manages the family ranch and has a veterinary clinic in Alva. Barbara married Gary Hoffman. They live in Dodge City and have three sons, Mitchell, Brett and David. Sharon married Jack Partridge. They live in Wichita with their two girls, Leslie and Tracie.

Ben McKinley and Inez bought the house on the corner of 6th and Main in 1937. Ben died in 1956 in Sinton, Texas, where the family was spending the winter. Inez still lives in the only house she and her husband owned and hopes to stay until she dies. She loves Ashland.

Submitted by Inez McKinley

CHARLES R. (CHUCK) McKINNEY FAMILY

Charles Russell McKinney was born January 5, 1941, in Ashland, son of George Wesley and Esther Bowers McKinney. He attended grades 1-12 at Englewood. After graduating in 1959, he attended Fort Hays State University and received a degree in animal science in 1963. Chuck is the fourth generation McKinney to be involved in ranching in Clark County. Other than his ranching activities, he has been active in farming and feedlot operations in Kansas and Oklahoma and is presently manager of Seacat Feedyard. Chuck is vice-president of Ashland School Board and has served on the Extension and Farm Bureau Boards.



Front: Charles R. McKinney, Gloria, Gayla. Back: Wes and Russ

On September 2, 1962, Chuck married Gloria Ann Thompson in the Christian Church at Meade. She was born July 22, 1941, at Garden City. Gloria grew up on a farm north of Meade, graduating from high school there and from Garden City Junior College in 1961 and from Fort Hays in 1963 with a degree in home economics. She has always enjoyed farming and ranching activities in addition to pursuing hobbies of sewing and genealogical research.

The McKinney's children are: James Wesley, born February 3, 1964, student at Fort Hays and presently involved in family ranching operations, and Russell Lynn, born February 12, 1966, a senior honor student at Ashland High School. Both boys were members of the Kansas 1A State Football Champions in 1980 and have participated in many other school and community activities. Daughter Gayla Lea, born November 9, 1969, is in 8th grade and active in sports. She was a member of the first junior high girls' basketball team to win a league championship in 1984. She also holds gold and bronze medals in shot put and

discus as well as being an honor student.

Submitted by Gloria McKinney

RAYMOND (R.G.) AND RUTH McMILLION

Raymond and Ruth McMillion are fourth generation Kansans. Their parents were Jordan and Minnie McMillion and George and May Harvey. Raymond and Ruth have lived in Clark County all their lives and on their present farmstead for 55 years.

Raymond attended Kansas State College, Manhattan. He is in farming and livestock. R.G. was a member of Clark County Farm Bureau, is a member of Kansas Livestock Association, served on Ashland Oil Company Board and served as Deacon at First Christian Church for 40 years. His hobbies are farming, cattle, guns, golf and his family.

Ruth attended Kansas State Teacher's College, Emporia. She is a National Presswoman, was a member of Kansas Author's



Raymond McMillion



Ruth McMillion

Club, Area Editor for *Kansas Farmer*, and did features for *Texas Cattleman*, Fort Worth, Texas. Ruth wrote a souvenir Cowpoke booklet *Knight of the Range* and has been writing news for *Clark County Clipper* for over 25 years. She is listed in Marquis Publication's 1981-82 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*, representing rural-town women. Her second hobby is oil and water-color painting.

Ruth taught Christian Church High School Sunday School class for ten years, also serving as Church and Board Clerk.

The McMillions have one daughter, Monica Wilkinson, who lives in Dodge City with her husband, Richard, and their children, Kris, Darcy, Nicholas and Chance Jordan.

Ruth and R.G. helped raise a niece, Evelyn Harvey Gilger, who, with her husband, Roger, their children, Richard and Susan, live at Garden Plain, Kansas.

Ruth and R.G. enjoy their children and grandchildren and try to have one good travel tour each year.

Submitted by Ruth McMillion

BESSIE McMINIMY KELLY

Bessie Madge McMinimy was born south of Sitka, January 14, 1915 to Thomas H. and Mable Shipley McMinimy and attended Centerville School, graduating from Ashland High School. April, 1937, she enrolled in Wichita's Venus Beauty College, graduating October, 1937.

Bessie married Roy Homer Kelly, July 2, 1938 in Great Bend, Kansas. Roy had two daughters: Dorothy Eileen, born July 30, 1927 and Delores Ann, born June 22, 1929. Dorothy married Bill Swigert, January 27, 1951 and lives near Wichita. Ann died October 29, 1944.

After Roy served in World War II, from November, 1942 through September, 1945, he and Bessie returned to Great Bend where their children were born: Douglas Dee, November 15, 1946, and Yvonne Jeanette, June 7, 1949. When Roy retired from the finance business in 1965, they moved to Kimberling City, Mo. on Lake Table Rock.

Douglas attended Kansas State in Manhattan and married Patsy Schneider of Ellsworth, Kansas, July 8, 1967. Their chil-



R.H. and Bessie Kelly family, May, 1977. Seated: Douglas and Brendon Kelly, Bessie and Roy Homer Kelly and Dorothy Swigert. Standing: Patsy and Leah Kelly, Elliott and Camille Knox, Yvonne and Melanie Knox and Bill Swigert.

dren are: Brendon, born September 20, 1971, and Leah, born September 23, 1975. Douglas is a commercial artist in Springfield, Mo.

Yvonne graduated from Springfield SMSU and teaches home economics in Walnut Grove, Mo. She married Elliott P. Knox, November 29, 1969. They live in Springfield and have two daughters: Camille, born June 9, 1973, and Melanie, born October 19, 1975.

Roy Homer Kelly died December 24, 1982. Bessie continues to reside in Kimberling Hills.

Submitted by Bessie Kelly

MAURICE IRVIN McMINIMY

Maurice Irvin McMinimy, born June 25, 1909, Ashland, Kansas, to Thomas Henry and Mabel Emma Shipley McMinimy, attended Sitka and Centerville schools and graduated from Ashland High. After school at Kansas State, he and his father were partners in livestock and wheat farming interests until 1943.

Frankie Prather, born September 18, 1914, Shattuck, Oklahoma, to John William and Iva May Swinney Prather, attended schools in Oklahoma and Arkansas, graduating from Shattuck High. She attended Universities of Oklahoma, Northwestern State and Colorado, receiving a degree in Business Economics. She did graduate work at State Universities of Iowa, Kansas, West Texas and Wichita State and taught in high schools of Protection and Englewood, Kansas and Higgins, Texas. She also held administrative positions in Wichita offices and service agencies.



Maurice, J.T. and
Frankie McMinimy, 1967

Married women teachers were "taboo;" so, Maurice and Frankie secretly married October 15, 1938 at Taloga, Oklahoma. While living on the Stone or Kit Carson place west of Ashland, their son, John Thomas, was born December 12, 1940 in Shattuck, Oklahoma Hospital. As a small child, he was stricken with encephalitis, resulting in brain damage. J.T. is living at Norton, Kansas State School & Hospital.

Maurice and Frankie moved to Wichita in 1951. Together they worked nationwide with American Red Cross and Insurance Companies' Disaster Reserve Staffs. They were charter members

of Park City Christian Church and Lions and Lioness Clubs in Wichita. Maurice was a charter member of Wichita's Masonic Trinity Chapter. Maurice died September 24, 1978. Interment of his ashes was in Lawrence, Kansas Oak Hill Cemetery. He and Frankie willed their bodies to Kansas University Medical Center in 1973. A beautiful memorial rock garden and fountain were established at Park City Christian Church by friends and family.

North of Highway 160, four miles east of Ashland where Maurice grew up, there is a lone, weathered evergreen tree. At one time the Centerville School was there. Arbor Day, 1916, when Maurice was seven, each child planted a tree. The only one that has survived is the little pine tree Maurice planted.

Submitted by Frankie McMinimy

MILDRED McMINIMY-JACOBS

The depression of the late '30s and fate started this happy union. Albert Jacobs or, better known as Jake by his CCC buddies, enlisted in Roosevelt's CCCs in the spring of 1933. "Jake" spent six months in Minnesota, then transferred to Ashland, Kansas in the fall of 1933. He worked at Bluff Creek Dam for about 1½ years, where he met his charming wife Mildred, daughter of Tom and Mabel McMinimy, who lived on a farm about four miles east of Ashland. The young couple stayed in Ashland until 1938, working at George McNickle Ford Agency and on several farms. They moved to Menasha, Wisconsin, and stayed there until his retirement from auto business in 1978.



Al Jacobs, Mildred McMinimy Jacobs, children Rhoda, Ruth, Annette, Walter, 1945 in Wisconsin

Their oldest daughter, Annette, was born at Englewood, Kansas. Then they had a son, Walter, and twin girls, Rhoda and Ruth, born in Wisconsin. There are now eleven grandchildren.

Mildred and Jake are retired in Mountain View, Arkansas, where he plays lots of music and both enjoy it very much.

While in the auto business, they have collected several antique cars and belong to the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

Submitted by Al and Mildred Jacobs

MILTON W. AND BARBARA McMINIMY

Milton and Barbara are residents of Garden City, Kansas. Both are self-employed. Milton has his own CPA practice. Barbara has a real estate appraisal firm.

Milton W. McMinimy was born July 24, 1941, in Ashland, Kansas. He was the youngest of four children of Vernon W. and Naomi L. McMinimy's family. He attended grades 1 and 2 at the Sitka Grade School and grades 3-12 in Ashland, Kansas. From Kansas State University he received two degrees, one each in agricultural economics and accounting. In September, 1977, Milton was granted a certificate designating him a Certified Public Accountant by the Kansas Board of Accountancy.

Milton's military experience consisted of 4 years in naval intelligence.

Barbara McMinimy, oldest daughter of Vernon R. and Doris

Runkel's four children, was born November 5, 1942 in Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from high school in the Shawnee Mission school system in Mission, Kansas. She obtained two degrees from Kansas State University, a bachelors in music education and a masters in elementary education.

Milton and Barbara were finally married May 19, 1973.

Submitted by Milton McMinimy

THOMAS HENRY McMINIMY FAMILY

Thomas Henry McMinimy, born June 4, 1879, Bentonville, Arkansas, came to Clark County in 1885 with his parents, William Wesley and Mary Burgess McMinimy. Since there were no fences, Tom herded cattle daily; in 1887 sold milk for 5 cents a pint to the railroad camp on their homestead 5½ miles west of Protection, Highway 160. Cow chips and coal from the train tender were used for fuel.

Tom attended school on the Bare homestead until he was sixteen. Entertainment was the school's Literary Society Friday night's "Declamations." Tom's parents moved to Wichita in 1896 where he attended Wichita Business College. Summer of 1897, he broke sod northwest of Buffalo; winters of 1898-99 he helped feed 1500 steers for Charles McKinney. When the first bridge was built across the Cimarron in 1903, a Kansas City company hired Tom and his team. On completion, he and the team were the first to cross the bridge.



Tom and Mabel McMinimy, 1939

Summer of 1902, Tom met Mabel Emma Shipley, born in Mankato, Kansas, May 26, 1882 to William Brumley and Frances Amelia Wilson Shipley. Mabel came from Pattonsburg, Missouri in 1900 to her sister Ella's home (Mrs. Arthur Shaw), Buffalo and proved a quarter of land.

Tom and Mabel married November 28, 1906 at the George Theis place north of Ashland. They built a home in Ashland where their son, Maurice Irvin, was born June 25, 1909. They moved to Sitka where Tom operated Farmers' Elevator until 1912; then moved south of Sitka where their daughters were born: Mildred Esther, April 7, 1913, and Bessie Madge, January 14, 1915.

In 1919, Tom and Mabel returned to their farm home east of Ashland. Tom also managed the elevator 1924 through 1932. He retired from farming after Mabel's death, July 13, 1944 and moved to Great Bend. February 17, 1951, Tom died while visiting Mildred in Wisconsin. He and Mabel were buried in Ashland Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Frankie McMinimy

VERNON AND NAOMI McMINIMY

'Twas a beautiful spring day, January 16, 1927. We stood in front of a double window full of houseplants, with a canary furnishing the music, as Minister Asa Ingram pronounced us husband and wife. Our guests were my parents, W. Clyde and Connie Pile, Vernon's mother, Mary Randall McMinimy, his brother Wendell and Mrs. Ingram. So began 46 wonderful years.

Wheat that year looked great, was hauled out just before harvest.

William Lee arrived November 15, 1927 at Ashland Hospital. August, 1928, we left Bill with his grandparents Pile, packed a tent and went to Yellowstone Park via Salt Lake City. What fun! Was many years before we traveled again.

Vernon Randall arrived December 14, 1930. Connie Carol, July 18, 1933, in time to experience the "dust bowl days."

Milton Wesley joined the family July 24, 1941.

These were busy years with many activities. We were members of the Christian Church where Vernon served as Deacon and Naomi as Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir, etc.



Naomi and Vernon McMinimy

Other boards Vernon served on were Sitka School, Ashland Oil, Farm Bureau, Ashland Hospital, Greensburg Production Credit. Naomi worked with 4-H, belongs to Extension, Circle of Friends Club and Ashland Study Club.

The years pass swiftly, by June 28, 1967 we had 12 grandchildren and by March, 1984, five great-grandchildren.

Vernon died suddenly December 13, 1973. His children and their spouses wrote his obituary with this tribute -

"To most it was not only what Vernon did, but how he did it that they remember. His contribution to family and community were enhanced by patience, honesty, fairness and sensitivity to others. In his quiet manner he taught those close to him how to live a rich full life in honor of God. His faithfulness to the Lord, the love and honor which he afforded to his family and fellowman, the life of integrity and service he lived, were an inspiration to his family and all those whose life he touched."

Submitted by Naomi McMinimy

VERNON RANDALL McMINIMY FAMILY

Vernon and Phyllis were born in Ashland in 1930 and 1933. Vernon's parents, Naomi Pile and Vernon W. McMinimy, were farmer-ranchers in the Sitka community and Vernon attended elementary school in the two-room Sitka school house. Phyllis's parents, Ray and Fannie Smith Crosby, were Ashland residents, Ray being involved in the service station business there. Both graduated from Ashland High School, a fine school provided by a caring community. A year at Washburn University preceded Vernon's four years of service in the U.S. Navy.

Phyllis attended College of Emporia prior to their marriage in Ashland in August, 1952. Four children blessed this union: Linda, Mark, Douglas and Paul. Following duty in Corpus Christi, Texas and San Diego, California, Vernon was honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of 2nd class metalsmith. January of 1955 started a long educational and family building period. Vernon received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University in 1959 and 1960. He was elected to Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta honor societies. A fellowship from the University of California, and a loan from Jim Berryman (who helped many young people finance higher education) enabled Vernon to pursue a doctoral degree in Agricultural Economics.

Courses and exams behind, in August of 1964, the family of six settled near Alexandria, VA and Vernon began employment

with Economic Research Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He later joined the Staff Economist Group in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture. During this time he served on a Presidential mission to Afghanistan and on a government fact-finding trip to Thailand. The Afghanistan trip offered the opportunity of meeting relatives who were stationed there with the Peace Corps. In 1979 the family was in New Orleans, LA and Vernon was employed as a research analyst for Kohlmeyer and Co., a brokerage firm. Southern living was brief and in 1980 the family settled in Summit, N.J.; Vernon commuted to New York City for a research position with Continental Grain Co., a world exporter of grains. A transfer to Geneva, Switzerland in 1976 gave Vernon responsibility for research for International Operations. Douglas and Paul attended the International School in Geneva.



Paul, Vernon R., Phyllis, Linda and Walt Smiley, Mark and Douglas McMinimy, 1973

Since returning to the U.S. in 1979, Vernon has worked briefly with Schnitker Associates, a private consulting firm in Washington, D.C. and is currently employed as Director of Commodity Research for A.E. Staley Mfg. Co. in Decatur, IL. Both Vernon and Phyllis have been active in local churches, serving as elders and on various committees. Phyllis worked with a ministry to Cuban Refugees and a day care ministry in New Orleans, with the League of Women Voters in Virginia, as president of Church Women United and with the American Women's Club in Geneva, Switzerland.

Linda holds a Masters Degree in Social Welfare from Kansas University and is employed by the American Heart Association. Her husband, Walt, who holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from Kansas University, is a staff analyst for the Virginia State Legislature. They, with their son, Stephen, reside in Richmond, VA. Mark holds a degree in history from Delaware University and is currently employed by Foreign Agricultural Organization with the United Nations in Rome, Italy. Douglas is currently a student at Kansas University, majoring in dance, and Paul is majoring in political science at Ohio University.

Submitted by Phyllis C. McMinimy

WENDELL AND MADELINE McMINIMY

Wendell McMinimy, the fifth child of William Alexander and Mary LeBarron Randall, was born at the family home south of Sitka, February 10, 1905. Wendell's father died in a hay wagon accident when Wendell was seven. His mother managed farm and family, still finding time to encourage her children's education and cultural activities. For Wendell, as he became a young man, football, music from a portable phonograph, airplanes and Madeline seemed most important.

Madeline Bean, the only daughter of Purl Newton and Drada Johnson Bean, was born May 25, 1907 in Olpe, Kansas. A few

years after her birth the family moved to Proection and a house adjacent to the school yard. Madeline finished school there, went on to teacher training and taught in country schools.



Merlyn Sue, Madeline and Wendell, 1952

Madeline and Wendell were married secretly September 17, 1931. When discovered by the Sitka community and threatened with a chivaree, Madeline moved to Wendell's house on the original Randall place. On July 23, 1938, their daughter, Merlyn Sue, was born. The next years brought an airplane, a deep freeze, a new barn, a remodeled house, civic and church responsibilities.

In 1958, Merlyn married Bill Matthews. They had two daughters, Lynn, born May 18, 1959, and Sarah, born March 16, 1961. In June, 1961, Bill and Merlyn graduated from Kansas University and moved to Seattle. In the mid-seventies Merlyn and Bill were divorced. Merlyn married Maurice Bell in 1975.

On September 21, 1965, Wendell died of a heart attack. Madeline continues to live in the country.

Submitted by Madeline McMinimy

WILLIAM ALEXANDER McMINIMY

William Alexander McMinimy was born August 14, 1866, near Wamego, Kansas, the oldest son of William Wesley and Mary Burgess McMinimy. The family moved to Bentonville, Arkansas in 1867 and then to Clark County, Kansas in 1884.

On December 22, 1895, he married Mary LeBarron Randall. Mary was born September 20, 1866 in Iowa, daughter of Edward Vernon and Sarah Allen Randall. Mary was educated in Grinnell College, Iowa and came to Clark County with her family in 1889.

Will and Mary lived on their ranch just south of the Sitka townsite. Their six children and birthdates are: Mabel Lee (Schram), September 27, 1896; Anna LeBarron (Chadwick), October 3, 1898; Ella, November 28, 1900; Vernon Wesley, February 11, 1903; Wendell, February 10, 1905; and Marvin Albert, December 28, 1906.



William A. McMinimy family. Back row: Mabel, Ella, Anna. Front: William A., holding Marvin, Vernon, Mary, holding Wendell, c. 1907.

Will farmed and raised cattle. He and Mary were active in church, school and community activities. They were considered an honest, hardworking Christian family by their neighbors. In 1910, they had a large two-story home built.

On November 29, 1912, Will was killed in an accident while hauling oil cake from the train in Sitka to his ranch; the wagon had been piled high and about halfway home the sacks on top be-

gan to slip and Will was thrown to the ground in front of the back wheel.

Mary and her children continued to operate the ranch until 1930 when it was rented to her son, Vernon, who later bought it. Mary lived with her daughter, Ella, until her death, May 4, 1946.

Submitted by Eldora McMinimy

WILLIAM L. McMINIMY FAMILY

Bill and Eldora McMinimy live just south of Sitka in a 2-story home which was built by Bill's grandparents in 1910.

William Lee McMinimy was born November 15, 1927, the oldest child of Vernon and Naomi McMinimy of Sitka. Bill went to grade school in Sitka and graduated from Ashland High School in 1946. Interested in geology, he enrolled at Southwestern College, Winfield. In 1951, he went to the Army serving as a medic in Korea. After his discharge in 1952, he returned to the family ranch.



The Bill McMinimy children. Gisele, Kendall and Vera

Eldora Zanna McReynolds, daughter of Ralph and Eleanor McReynolds, was born March 20, 1939 and grew up on their farm in Scott County, Kansas. She attended a rural one-room grade school and then graduated in 1955 from Scott Community High School. In 1959, she graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Home Economics Education and Extension. That same year Eldora was employed by the Clark County Extension as Home Economics Agent.

Bill and Eldora were married August 26, 1962. Their children and birthdates are: Gisele Kay, December 19, 1963; Vera Lynn, May 24, 1965; and Kendall Lee, June 28, 1967. Gisele and Vera are currently students at Kansas State University (having graduated from Ashland High School in 1982 and 1983, respectively); Kendall is a junior in high school. Besides school activities, they have been active in church and in 4-H.

Bill continues the cow/calf wheat ranch operation and is an avid golfer; Eldora does substitute teaching and watercolor painting.

Submitted by Eldora McMinimy

WILLIAM WESLEY McMINIMY

William Wesley McMinimy came to Clark County in 1884 and took a claim 12 miles east of Ashland on Highway 160.

He had been born June 21, 1835, in Martinsville, Indiana, son of Willis R. and Pomelia McGrew McMinimy. In 1858, the family moved to Holton, Kansas and ran a mercantile store.

On July 26, 1863, William Wesley married Mary Jane Burgess. She had been born March 19, 1843, near Enniskillen, Ireland, to William and Rebecca Wilson Burgess. In 1850, during the Irish famine, the Burgess family sailed to USA, arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana. They moved to St. Louis, Missouri and then to Louisville, Kansas, where they farmed.

William Wesley and Mary's seven children and their birthdates were: Eva Rena (Bare), May 5, 1864; William Alexander, August

14, 1866; Cora Rebecca (Wilson), May 25, 1869; Lavona Belle (Bachman), November 9, 1872; Vernica "Bea" (Wilson), April 11, 1876; Thomas Henry, June 4, 1879; and Albert Marvin, September 30, 1881.



McMinimy Reunion, October, 1982

After his marriage, William Wesley enlisted in the Union Army February 1, 1864 and was discharged on September 26, 1865.

In 1867, he moved his family to Bentonville, Arkansas where they lived about 18 years. Then in August, 1884, he came to Kansas to file on a claim, joined by his eldest daughter, Eva Rena, in January, 1885, who also filed on a quarter.

The rest of the family stayed in Arkansas until the following May and started to Kansas with two wagons and twenty-seven head of cattle, some horses and mules. The trip took about a month.

In 1896, William Wesley decided to retire from ranch life and he and Mary moved to Wichita. He died July 23, 1917 and she, December 4, 1924.

Submitted by Eldora McMinimy

MICKEY McMURPHY FAMILY

Luther Mitcheal (Mickey) McMurphy, son of Jim and Pat McMurphy, was born October 20, 1941 in Woodward, Oklahoma. He grew up and attended grades 1-12 in Woodward, graduating in 1959. He attended Northwestern State College for one year, then entered the U.S. Army Reserves for 6 months.

Margaret Ann McMurphy, daughter of Marven and Ellen McPhail, was born August 23, 1942 in Ashland, Kansas. She grew up and attended grades 1-12 in Ashland, Kansas, graduating in 1960. She attended a one-year program for licensed practical nurses in Woodward, Oklahoma.



Ann, Mick, Kelly and Dallas, 1971

Mickey and Ann were married in Taloga, Oklahoma on December 29, 1961. While living in Woodward, Mickey worked in the oil field and Ann worked as an office nurse. After four years, they moved to the Englewood area and then to the Acres area where Mickey worked on farm-ranch operations for 13 years.

The McMurphy's two children were born in Ashland, Kansas. Kelly Dawn on September 6, 1966 and Dallas Shawn on October 24, 1967. Kelly is now a junior and Dallas a sophomore in Ash-

land High School.

In the spring of 1978 the family moved to Ashland. Mickey was employed by Mesa Petroleum Co., Amarillo, Texas, as a pumper and is now working as a field superintendent. Ann has worked as office nurse for four doctors in Ashland since 1975. For the past two years she has been employed by the Ashland District Hospital as laboratory and x-ray technician.

Family interests include raising, riding and showing good quarter horses and the building and showing of streetrod cars.

Submitted by Ann McMurphy

ALBERT BARNES AND RHODA McNICKLE

Jessica and Jill McNickle, like several of their contemporaries, are 5th generation Ashlandites. Their great-great-paternal grandfather and grandmother, Albert Barnes and Rhoda Balderson McNickle, moved to Ashland in 1913 to be near their daughter, Mrs. Nettie Berryman, and son, George Walter McNickle, and spent their remaining 13 years here.



Mr. and Mrs. A.B. McNickle, 1916

Albert Barnes McNickle served in the Illinois Infantry during the Civil War and later was active in community and church affairs wherever he lived. He served a term in the Nebraska legislature and several years as Probate Judge in Ashland. The following is cited as an example of his high moral values and determination. "During his term in the Nebraska legislature, he was carried to the House on a stretcher to cast the deciding vote on an issue about which he felt strongly."

Submitted by Anna Marie McNickle

DR. 'ANDY' McNICKLE

George Andrew McNickle was born in Ashland, June 30, 1949, attended Ashland public schools, Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and received his medical degree from Kansas University Medical School. At the completion of a three-year residency in family practice at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, he practiced in Ashland for 3½ years. He is presently a member of the staff of the Maple Ridge Clinic in Wichita.

Andy has two daughters, Alison, born April 27, 1977, and Amanda, born February 8, 1979.

Submitted by Anna Marie McNickle

GEORGE W. AND HATTA McNICKLE

George Walter McNickle, the great-grandfather of Jessica and Jill, was born in Nebraska, May 5, 1883. After graduation from high school in 1902, he moved to Ashland to work in the Stockgrowers Bank. He was appointed postmaster April 28, 1910 and held this position until he went into the Ford business.

George McNickle and Hatta Louella Thompson were married December 24, 1906 at her sister's home in Ashland. Hatta was born at Lake City, August 7, 1885 to Louisa Hargis and William Oscar Thompson, and came to Clark County in 1898 to stay with her sister, Pearl Fritzlen, and attend school. At age 16 she taught school in "Poverty Flats School", five miles northeast of the D.G. Fritzlen ranch (now the Pyle ranch), driving a buggy or

riding horseback to and from school with her nephew, Fritz.

In 1911, Hatta and George built the home in which they reared their two children, Georgia and Jerry, and lived all their lives. Jessica and Jill now live there with their parents.

It was a neighborhood of happy families and all the children found a warm welcome at the McNickle home where "Nanner" was well known for her cinnamon rolls, popcorn balls and other goodies.



George and Hatta McNickle

Hatta and George were active in the Presbyterian Church and many other community affairs. Hatta was a member of Ashland Study Club, P.E.O., Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary. George was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Clark County Fair Association and other community activities. George was in the Ford business in Ashland from 1914 to 1949 when he retired. His records showed that since 1921 he had sold 2,977 cars and trucks, but some of the most prolific years were before 1921 in the Model T days. The lowest retail price during those days was \$397.00 and the highest before his retirement was \$2000.00.

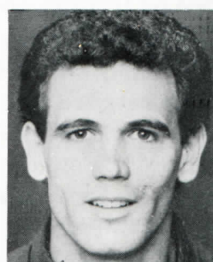
Hatta died in 1961. In the succeeding years, George lived first alone, then with his son, Jerry, and family, and finally at the nursing home where he was loved for his wit and good humor. He died in March of 1978.

Submitted by Anna Marie McNickle

JAMES TAYLOR McNICKLE

Jim McNickle is the third son of Anna Marie and the late Dr. Jerry McNickle. He is a fourth generation Ashlandite.

Since 1979, Jim has lived in New York where he pursues an acting career. His credits in that profession include work in television (soap operas and commercials), movies, musicals and dramatic and choral works. His music training began in Ashland at the age of ten in the First Presbyterian Church and continued with varied vocal and instrumental work in high school and college.



James Taylor McNickle

A graduate of the University of Kansas with a bachelor of arts in journalism, Jim spent a year on the *Clipper* staff and published a tour pamphlet for the Chamber of Commerce before moving

to Reno, Nevada in 1976 where he performed with the Nevada Repertory Co. as well as the Nevada Opera Guild.

From Reno, Jim toured the Orient with a USO show performing for American troops in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines and an island in the Indian Ocean, Diego Garcia. The eleven-member cast and crew traveled over seemingly impassable terrain to perform for audiences from 20 to 2000. It was an unforgettable travel and theatrical adventure.

Most recently, Jim was featured in an Off-Broadway revival of James Thurber's "A Thurber Carnival." Just prior to that, he played the role of Eddie McKim in the world premier of "The Buck Stops Here," a musical about Harry Truman.

Although he resides in "the Big Apple," Ashland is still home to Jim. He returns frequently to see his family and to partake of the beauty and grandeur of the Great Plains and the warmth and hospitality of the people.

Submitted by Jim McNickle

JERRY HAL AND ANNA MARIE TAYLOR McNICKLE

Jerry Hal McNickle was born in Ashland, November 20, 1915, the younger child of George and Hatta McNickle. After attending Ashland public schools and Kemper Military School, he was graduated from the College of Emporia and received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

In June, 1941, Jerry was married to Anna Marie Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Taylor of Iuka, Kansas.

After a one year internship at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, Jerry enlisted in the Air Force and served as a flight surgeon with the 9th Troop Carrier Command in North Africa, Sicily, England and Holland. His first son, Robert, was born during his overseas duty.



Jerry and Anna Marie McNickle, Amsterdam, Holland

Following the war, Jerry and Anna Marie returned to Ashland where he started his medical practice in 1946 and continued until his death in 1973. Six children were born to Anna Marie and Jerry, four of whom survive, Robert, Andy, Jim and Hal. They also reared Jerry's sister Georgia's orphaned children, Beth Lynch Nelson, Georganna Lynch Lee and Michael De Lynch.

Anna Marie was born in Iuka, Kansas, November 9, 1917, attended Iuka and Pratt public schools and received her AB degree from the College of Emporia. Her activities since living in Ashland have included serving as an elder and Sunday School teacher in the Presbyterian Church, a member of 20th Century Club, P.E.O., Ashland Art Association, Iroquois Medical Auxiliary, State Board of the Medical Auxiliary, Clark County Fair Board and American Legion Auxiliary.

Jerry's community activities included serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Presbyterian Men's Organization, American Legion and Masonic Lodge.

Submitted by Anna Marie McNickle

DANA DIANNE AND JON HAL McNICKLE

Jon Hal McNickle, youngest son of Anna Marie and Jerry

McNickle, was born November 13, 1956 in Ashland. He attended Ashland public schools and Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.



Mark, Hal, Dana holding Tera,
October 9, 1983

October 9, 1983, Hal and Dana Barnhart were married in the Presbyterian Church in Ashland. Dana was born December 5, 1956, the daughter of Merle Callis of Clayton, New Mexico, and graduated from high school in Clayton. Dana has two children by a previous marriage, Mark, born November 22, 1978, and Tera, born April 2, 1981.

Hal and Dana, with Tera and Mark, live in Ashland where Hal is employed by the Jack Hardesty Spraying Company. Hal is a volunteer fireman.

Submitted by Anna Marie McNickle

ROBERT McNICKLE

Robert Stephen McNickle was born October 26, 1943 in Pratt, Kansas to Anna Marie and Jerry McNickle. He lived in Iuka, Kansas with his mother and grandfather during World War II. At the age of 2, he moved to Ashland with his mother and father. Robert graduated from high school in 1961. He attended the University of Kansas, became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was graduated with a liberal arts degree in history.

Sally Ann Kohl, daughter of Raymond Anton and Doris Maher Kohl, was born February 25, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri. She grew up in Glendale, Mo., Overland Park, Topeka, Kansas and Kirkwood, Missouri. She majored in elementary education and art history at the University of Kansas where she became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was graduated in May, 1968 and was married to Robert in August, 1968.



Jill, Sally, Robert and
Jessica, April, 1982

Robert and Sally have worked and taught in Joplin, Missouri; Overland Park, Wichita, Stillwell and Leawood, Kansas, before moving to Ashland in 1974. Their daughters, Jessica Marie, born May 2, 1975, and Jill Louise, born April 23, 1979, are 5th generation Ashland descendants.

Sally is a member of 20th Century Club, P.E.O., and a Brownie Scout leader. Robert is a volunteer fireman, a member of the Ashland Centennial Committee and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by Sally McNickle

BRUCE McPHAIL FAMILY

Bruce Marland McPhail and his twin brother, David, were born

December 28, 1949 at Ashland, Kansas, son of Marven and Ellen McPhail. He attended school in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 1968. Bruce and David served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972 and were stationed in the Philippines and Thailand for a year.

Bruce married Eva Faye Heglin at Gate, Oklahoma on July 24, 1971 and after his discharge from the Air Force, they lived and worked on the Dunne Ranch south of Ashland. Their son, Tyson Wade, was born April 7, 1977 at Meade, Kansas. They were divorced in 1983.



Bruce McPhail, 1971

Bruce was married August 19, 1983 to Robin (Baker) McGill and they live in Ashland. He works for David Bouziden doing ranch work and farming.

Robin Baker was born January 7, 1962. Her parents are Jerry and Joyce Baker. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1980. Jessica Linne McGill was born January 15, 1981 at Ashland and lives with Bruce and Robin. Bruce's son, Tyson, visits frequently in Ashland.

Bruce enjoys working with horses and likes to rope in his spare time. Robin bowls with a bowling team.

A son was born March 31, 1984 named Dustin Cole.

Submitted by Mrs. Marven McPhail

CHARLES AND KATIE McPHAIL

Charles A. McPhail was born in Saline County, Kansas, February 7, 1873. Katie Base McPhail was born in Marion County, Kansas, December 25, 1889. They were married June 29, 1907. In 1915, they moved to western Kansas to a farm west of Plains. In 1919, they moved to the Barber-Lemon Ranch north of Sublette, Kansas. In 1928, they came to Clark County to a farm southeast of Sitka, Kansas.

Charles was injured early in life from a fall from a barn roof, while repairing it, so was never able to do much manual labor. Katie was raised on a farm so she enjoyed working in the field, loved taking care of a large flock of chickens, also raising baby



Charles and Katie McPhail

chicks, selling them in the spring to her many customers. They reared a family of six children. The younger boys all attended Sunnyside Country School.

Harry married Emma Hoffman; they reside in Ashland. Velma married Alfred Park. Elizabeth married Mort Newton. Both daughters reside in Protection, Kansas. Marvin married Ellen Crane, they reside in Ashland. Weldon married Lois Browning, they reside in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Joe married Pauline Skinner, they live on a farm outside of Rangle, Colorado. In 1938, due to Charles' failing health, they moved to Protection

for their retirement. Charles passed away January 9, 1950. Katie passed away October 5, 1971. They had twenty-three grandchildren.

Submitted by Emma McPhail

CLIFTON L. McPHAIL

Clifton Lee McPhail was born April 21, 1943 at Ashland Hospital to Harry and Emma Hoffman McPhail.

He attended grades 1-8 at St. Joseph's Catholic School. At Ashland High, he participated in sports, vocal music and school plays. He graduated in 1962.

Virginia Sue Deewall was born September 23, 1944 to Leroy and Dorothy Deewall at Ashland Hospital. She grew up on a farm southeast of Coldwater, attended school in Coldwater, K-12, graduating in 1962. In her senior year, she met a special guy by the name of Cliff McPhail. They were married August 31, 1963, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ashland.

Four years were spent farming with Virginia's dad.

They were surprised with the birth of their first child--twin daughters, Mandi Lee and Marci Lin, October, 1964. Then came Melissa Kay, October, 1966, Marla Jan, October, 1967, Matthew Rollin, March, 1970 and Max Leroy, August, 1972.



Back row: Marci, Mandi, Melissa and Marla. Front row: Max, Virginia, Cliff and Matt.

The next 10 years were spent operating a service station in Minneola and Cimarron, Kansas.

In 1977 they purchased the Amoco distributorship, Cimarron. They work together operating McPhail Oil and Supply, Inc.

Having six children has kept them busy. They attend most school activities.

Mandi, Marci, Melissa, and Marla were 1983 Cross Country Track 2A State Champions. Four of the first five to finish the race were "The Mac Attack" sisters. A national magazine, *The Runner*, published a feature story on "The Mac Attack."

Matt and Max have won medals in swim team, fun runs and track meets. Running from four sisters keeps them in practice.

The family loves camping, boating, water skiing and fishing.

They are active in their community and attend St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Ingalls, Kansas.

Submitted by Cliff and Virginia McPhail

DAVID AND SHERYL McPHAIL

David Marven McPhail and his twin brother, Bruce, were born December 28, 1949 at Ashland, Kansas, sons of Marven and Ellen McPhail. He attended school in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 1968. David and Bruce served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972 and were stationed in the Philippines and Thailand for a year.

David and Bruce, 1969



Sheryl Lynn Cox was born March 24, 1952 at Ashland, daughter of Shirley and Don Cox. She attended the first four years of school in numerous schools at Augusta, Meade and Ashland. She completed school at Beaver, Oklahoma, graduating from Beaver High School in 1970.

David and Sheryl met when she was visiting in Ashland. They were married June 9, 1971 at Perryton, Texas.

After his discharge from the Air Force he did ranch and farm work at Gate, Oklahoma and Meade, Kansas. They now live in Lexington community where he works for Robert Seacat, taking care of cattle and doing some farming.

The McPhail children are Melissa and Jeremy. Melissa was born May 1, 1972 at Beaver, Oklahoma. She is in the sixth grade. Jeremy, born January 8, 1977, at Meade, Kansas, is a first grader.

David enjoys working with horses and likes to rope. Sheryl enjoys doing needlework.

Submitted by Mrs. Marven McPhail

DEAN McPHAIL FAMILY

Donald "Dean" McPhail is the second son of Harry and Emma McPhail, born September 26, 1935 in Clark County. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1953. Dean served four years as a jet mechanic in the U.S.A.F. - from 1957 to 1961. Dean has worked at various occupations. In 1970, he and his wife, Verna, started a small business and are now the owners of McPhail Interiors. Dean is a partner of D & M Hay and loves being outdoors during the hay season. Dean's hobbies are fishing and hunting, if he can find time, although being a devoted husband, father and grandpa to his seven grandchildren comes first in his life. Dean is an active member of St. Joseph's Church.

His wife, Verna, is the daughter of Elsie Arnold and Vernon A. Webb, born June 27, 1940, in Guymon, Oklahoma. Verna moved to Ashland with her mother and step-father, Carl A. Arnold, in 1956. Dean and Verna were married April 12, 1958, in St. Joseph's Church.

Dean and Verna have five children and all graduated from Ashland High School.

Bobby Jude graduated in 1974, and enlisted in the Navy. He is married and living in Niles, Ohio, with his wife, Lynn, and son, Joseph. He works in the Fisher Body Plant.

Donald W. (Butch) graduated in 1976. Butch and wife, Barbara, have three children, Casandra, John Paul and Markus Allen. They own and operate McPhail Service in Cimmaron, Kansas.

Debbi graduated in 1977 and now lives in Manhattan, Kansas

Back row: Butch, Mike, Jude. Front: Debbi, Verna, Dean, Susan, 1983



with husband, Phillip Messer, and three daughters, Nichole, Jessica and Heidi. Phillip works for UPS and Debbi enjoys being a full-time homemaker.

Susan graduated in 1980 from Ashland High School and went on to graduate from Colby Community College in 1982. She is working and living in Cimmaron, Kansas.

Michael graduated from Ashland High School in 1983, and is attending Pratt Community College. He works part time for Roberts Welding.

Submitted by Verna McPhail

HARRY McPHAIL

Harry McPhail was born March 5, 1912 in Marion County, Kansas. He moved with his parents (the late Charles and Katie McPhail) to Seward County, Kansas in 1916, then in 1928 the family came to Clark County to a farm southeast of Sitka.

I, Emma Hoffman McPhail, was born August 14, 1912 in Rush County, Kansas. But I lived in Barton County, Kansas until 1925, when I came to Clark County with my mother (the late Josephine Hoffman) and five brothers. We lived on a farm southeast of Sitka for three years, then moved to a farm north of Ashland (the Charles Mosshart farm). I attended St. Mary's Academy of Dodge City, Kansas during my high school years and graduated from there in 1931.



Emma and Harry McPhail

Harry and I were married in 1933 and have lived in the northwest part of Ashland since 1941. Harry worked on a WPA project, constructing Highway 183 south of Sitka. The work in those days was done with a team and a fresno, which was real manual labor. He became interested in road work and in 1939 went to work for Clark County Highway Department. In the fifties he became a foreman and worked there until his retirement in 1974. His pride and joy was to maintain good roads in Clark County. He also enjoyed playing his fiddle. He and his buddies played for many a barn and house dance around the country.

We raised five sons and a daughter, they all attended Ashland schools. The family attend St. Joseph's Church. Four of our sons served in the Air Force. At one time we had three sons overseas, in Thailand, Korea and Vietnam.

Harry and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary April, 1983. We never have a dull moment, as we have twenty-six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. We always have plenty of activities to attend and love every minute of it.

Submitted by Emma McPhail

KEITH AND CHARLOTTE McPHAIL

Keith Cloyd McPhail was born June 5, 1952 in Ashland, Kansas, son of Marven and Ellen McPhail. He attended school in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 1970. He was drafted into the United States Army in September, 1972 and took basic training at Fort Ord, California and was then at Fort Hood, Texas.

Charlotte Ann Stinson was born March 24, 1956 in Laverne,

Oklahoma, daughter of Marvin and Shirley Stinson. She attended school in Laverne. Charlotte and Keith were married January 3, 1973 at Perryton, Texas.

Keith and Charlotte lived in Killeen, Texas while he was stationed at Fort Hood. He then spent a year in Aschatenburg, Germany. His family joined him there. After returning from Germany, he was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado until he was discharged in February, 1979.



Back: Keith, Crystal and Shelly.
Front: Charlotte and Justin

Their children are Crystal, Shelly and Justin. Crystal Dawn was born June 21, 1973 at Buffalo, Oklahoma. Michelle (Shelly) Ann was born May 29, 1975 at Ashland. Justin Keith was born December 11, 1980 at Enid, Oklahoma.

After Keith's discharge, they moved to Enid, Oklahoma. He worked in an auto body shop learning body repair and refinishing. He now works at Franklin Motor Company doing auto front end alignments. His hobbies are hunting and fishing and he restores old cars and pickups.

Charlotte is employed at Andrews Real Estate. Crystal is in the fifth grade; Shelly, third grade at Adams Elementary School. Justin goes to Ruby's Child Care during the day.

Submitted by Mrs. Marven McPhail

MARVEN AND ELLEN McPHAIL

Marven Marland McPhail was born August 30, 1919 in Haskell County, Kansas, one of six children of Charles and Katie McPhail. They moved to Clark County, southeast of Sitka in 1928. He attended grade school at Sunnyside School in southeast Clark County.

Lillie Ellen Crane, daughter of Virgil and Jennie May Crane, was born March 6, 1923 in the Lexington community. I grew up there and attended Lexington Grade School. My favorite pastime was horseback riding. I graduated from Ashland High School in 1940. I met Marven at a dance in the Rainbow Cafe in Ashland and we were married October 4, 1941.



Ellen and Marven
McPhail, 1979

Marven served in the Army during World War II from September, 1942 to November, 1945 and was engaged in combat action in New Guinea, Biak Island and the Philippines. Ann and I stayed with my folks at the farm until Marven was discharged.

We have lived in Ashland since his discharge from the Army. He has been in the service station business most of that time. He retired as manager of Ashland Oil Company in July, 1981. We have also farmed in the Lexington community since 1974

and bought my parent's farm in 1976.

Marven enjoys reading and working with the quarterhorses we raise. I enjoy many kinds of crafts, sewing, reading and gardening.

Our children are: Ann, born August 23, 1942, married Mick McMurphy, December 29, 1961; Virgil C., born November 29, 1946, married Sharon Baalman, June 25, 1966; Virginia, born December 27, 1947, married Tom Betschart, February 23, 1968; David and Bruce, twins, born December 28, 1949. David married Sheryl Cox, June 9, 1971. Bruce married Eva Heglin, July 24, 1971 (divorced), then married Robin (Baker) McGill, August 19, 1983. Keith, born June 5, 1952, married Charlotte Stinson, January 3, 1973; Deana, born October 19, 1956, married Kenneth Leterle, December 17, 1973 and Janna, born October 21, 1961, married Matt Hunnicutt, June 4, 1983.

Submitted by Ellen McPhail

ROBERT McPHAIL

I, Robert C. McPhail, was born November 29, 1933, in Clark County, Kansas. I attended grade school in Sitka, my first year, where my parents lived at that time. I came to Ashland with my parents, Harry and Emma McPhail, in 1941 and attended Ashland schools and graduated in 1951. Upon my graduation from AHS, I enlisted in the Air Force.

On December 26, 1953, I married Nadine Dorsey, daughter of the late Charles and Marie Dorsey. I spent twenty-two years in the service and was stationed in Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, Japan and twice in Thailand. On my last assignment to Thailand, my family joined me, which was an education and rare experience for them.



Robert C. McPhail family. Back: Robert, Jr., Brian, Kathy, Shawnee, Linda. Front: Nadine and Bob.

I came back to Ashland, upon my release from the service for a short while, then moved to Cimarron, Kansas, where I was employed by Magourik Chevrolet as their bookkeeper, but was transferred to the Brent Magourik Chevrolet in Dodge City, Kansas.

We still reside in Cimarron, where Nadine is employed by Cimarron Insurance Company. We reared a family of five children and have seven grandchildren.

Robert married Valeria Zouch and is stationed at the Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C. Linda married David Redger, son of the late Albert and Grace Redger. They live in Macksville, Kansas. Bryon is employed with the Brent Magourik Chevrolet in Dodge City, where he resides. Shawnee married Sergio Padillo and they reside in Liberal, Kansas. Kathy is a junior in the Cimarron High School.

Submitted by Bob McPhail

VIRGIL C. AND SHARON McPHAIL

Virgil Charles McPhail was born November 29, 1946, son of Marvin and Ellen McPhail at Ashland. He attended school in Ashland, graduating from Ashland High School in 1965. He served in the United States Air Force from September, 1965 to May, 1969, and was in Viet Nam for a year.

Sharon Ann Baalman, daughter of Richard and Luetta Baalman, was born July 21, 1948 in Denver, Colorado. She attended school in several towns including Ashland and Oakley, graduating from Oakley High School in 1966.

They met when Sharon attended school in Ashland her sophomore year in high school. They were married June 25, 1966 at Oakley.

Stephanie was born December 23, 1967 at Alexandria, Louisiana, while they were stationed there.

After V.C. was discharged from the Air Force, they lived in Ashland and Coldwater for a few years. He worked for Bliss Heating and Plumbing. They moved to Cimarron in 1973 where he had a heating, plumbing, and repair business for several years. He now works for a heating and air conditioning wholesale company in Garden City. He installs heating and air conditioning systems in his spare time.

Stephen was born February 28, 1971 at Ashland. Christopher was born August 21, 1978 at Garden City, Kansas. Stephanie, Stephen and Christopher attend school in Cimarron.

V.C. and Sharon enjoy skiing. He likes working on vintage cars and she enjoys many kinds of needlecraft.

Submitted by Mrs. Marvin McPhail

WELDON McPHAIL FAMILY

Weldon Brice McPhail was born July 26, 1922 in Sublette, Kansas, to Charles and Katie Base McPhail. While he was a small child, the family moved to rural Commanche County where he attended school. Weldon served in the Army, being stationed in India. Following his discharge, he managed a skating rink in Greensburg, Kansas and later a bowling alley in Holly, Colorado.

Martha Lois Browning was born March 9, 1927 in Syracuse, Kansas to Rola and Sidnie Watson Browning. She attended a rural school near their farm and later graduated from Syracuse High School. Holly, Colorado is where Weldon and Lois met. They were married April 28, 1947, in Ashland, Kansas, where they made their home. Weldon was in the construction business.



Weldon, Lois and
Kevin

Kevin Brice McPhail was born September 26, 1964, in Wichita, Kansas, and is the adopted son of Weldon and Lois. While a student in high school, Kevin was twice listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and once in the United States Achievement Academy Awards of 1983. He is currently an engineering student at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Following about three years in Brazil, S.A., the family moved to Oklahoma City, where they currently reside. Weldon is in life

insurance and Lois is the marketing coordinator for a property and casualty insurance company.

The McPhails are members of the Church of Christ in Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Lois McPhail

DENISE YVONNE FOX-BRETT LEE MEANS

Denise Yvonne Fox Means, daughter of Gerald Dean Fox and Eleanor May Fox, was born June 7, 1958 at Ashland, Kansas. She attended schools at Ashland until October, 1966 when the family moved to Goddard, Kansas. The remainder of her schooling was at Goddard and she graduated in 1976. Following graduation, she attended Cliff Mann Floral Design School in Denver, Colorado and is presently employed as a floral designer at Flowers, Etc. in Goddard.

Brett Lee Means, son of Bob Means and Marilyn Wattenbarger Means, was born April 1, 1958 in Wichita, Kansas. He grew up and received his schooling in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, until the family moved to Goddard, Kansas. He finished sophomore through senior years and graduated in 1976. He attended Labette County Junior College at Parsons, Kansas on a wrestling scholarship, graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree. His education was continued at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois, on a wrestling scholarship where he finished fourth in National competition and earned title of All American in wrestling. He graduated with a B.S. degree with specialization in accounting. He is presently employed at Fox and Company in Wichita as a C.P.A.

Denise and Brett were married July 29, 1978 at Goddard. They resided in Illinois during 1978-1980 while Brett finished his schooling. Following graduation, they returned to Goddard to build their home where they now reside.

Submitted by Eleanor Fox

ELAINE THOMAS MENDENHALL FAMILY

My grandfather, R.D. Smith, moved to Ashland around 1919 with his wife Anna, his three youngest daughters, Fannie (later Mrs. Ray Crosby), Lucina (later Mrs. John Culp), Roberta (later Mrs. Elva Baker), and his son Herbert. His oldest daughter, Nell Thomas, was already married, living in Texas.

He opened a poultry house and cream station on Main Street in Ashland. Later he added groceries. He retired in 1937.

My mother, Nell Thomas, moved to Ashland with my brother and me in 1925 after my father drowned. She owned a variety store on Main Street until 1927, when she remarried and moved away. I attended Ashland Grade School in 2nd, 4th and 7th grades. My teachers were Mrs. Haelsig, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Mull.

In 1935, I returned to Ashland and lived with my grandparents while attending Ashland High School my sophomore, junior and senior years, graduating in 1938. My two favorite high school

Four generations: Elaine Thomas Mendenhall, Nell Thomas Gray (mother), Pamela K. Mendenhall (daughter), Anna Mary Smith (grandmother) - 1946



teachers were Prof. Humphreys and Gladys VanOrdstrand.

I attended business college in Wichita and was working there when I married my husband, Virgil, in 1943. We had four children. In 1959, we moved to St. Petersburg, Florida and owned a trailer park here for 20 years. My husband died in 1981, the same year I retired from 20 years as secretary, editor and administrator in the electronics field. One daughter lives in Michigan, a son in Texas, and the other son and daughter in St. Petersburg. There are eight grandchildren.

I volunteer two days a week working with a computer at the church I attend. Other hobbies include reading and travelling.

Submitted by Elaine Mendenhall

EVERETT B. MENDENHALL FAMILY

The Mendenhall family came from Marlborough, England. Francis Mildenhall died and was buried in 1675 in Little Bedwin, Welts County, England. His children, Benjamin, John and Mary, were the first generation to come to America, to Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1684.

James Monroe Mendenhall was of the seventh generation, born in Green County, Ohio, 1834. In 1867, he married Ruth Smith, born 1841, daughter of Dr. William Brazelton and Edith Larrance Smith. Their children: Alpha Elizabeth, Everett Burton, Ralph Roy and Perry Edgar. They came to Kansas in 1884 because of Mrs. Mendenhall's health. In 1885, Mr. Mendenhall staked a claim about 15 miles southeast of Ashland in the "Doc" Day horse pasture. Later, he bought a farm east of the D-Cross Ranch.

In 1903, Ella Webster Wallingford, Ashland, came to teach the Day Creek Valley School, living at the Mendenhall home. Everett and Ella fell in love and after "keeping company" for over a year, married in 1905. To them were born James Webster, 1906; Mary Louise, 1907; Alpha Elizabeth, 1909; Hazel Irene (Joan), 1911; Charles Augustine, 1913; and Everett Burton, 1923.

Everett and Ella lived at the James Mendenhall farm (2 years), in Ashland (1 year), Whitmore, California where Mr. Mendenhall owned a fruit ranch and did carpenter work (5 years), then returned to Ashland where they spent the remainder of their lives. Everett owned a dray line and bus for hauling railroad passengers, also working for Wallingford Brothers. Ella was postmistress and Register of Deeds. She wrote family histories for the Clark County Historical Society.

James married Charlotte Hughs, daughter of Gay and Gertrude Hughs. Their children: James, Beverly, Ronald, William, Sandra and Deanna. James worked for the Colorado Highway Department.

Mary Louise married Wallace Raymond Cleaver, son of Wallace Dumont and Dora Bell Snyder Cleaver, September 23, 1930. No children. Ray and his brother, Luman, were in charge of Cleaverdale Farm, northwest of Ashland and Ray worked with ASCS and SCS over Kansas.

Alpha married George K. Mobley, son of Scott and Blanche Mobley, of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Children: Jack, Everett, Scott, and Sam Wallingford. George and Alpha live in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Hazel Irene (Joan) married Max Schmidt of Chicago, where they live. No children.

Charles lived in California and Missouri.

Everett Burton married Margaret Soyars of Jacksonville, Florida. Children: Rhett, Kathleen, Marcille, Mary and Mark. Everett was an electrical engineer at Cape Kennedy before re-

tirement.

Submitted by Mary Louise Mendenhall Cleaver

JOHN MESSER FAMILY

At present the John Messer family reside in Fairfax, Missouri, but Ashland and Clark County are a vital part of the family's history.

Johnny Darwin Messer was born August 8, 1953 in Ashland, the son of Loftis and Leona Messer, and the grandson of Johnny D. and Gladys Messer. He attended Ashland Public Schools, graduating in 1971. In 1975, he graduated from Manhattan Christian College and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel by the First Christian Church of Ashland on July 25, 1976. In 1979, he graduated from Kansas State University. He has pastored churches in Kansas and Missouri.



Marcia and John Messer, children, Alicia, Daniel, Andrew and Philip

John and Marcia Ann Loar were married on November 17, 1973 at Manhattan, Kansas. Marcia, an Ohio native, received her early schooling in Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from high school in Renton, Washington in 1971. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1975 and taught elementary education in two Kansas communities.

The Messer children are Philip Loftis (born 1976), Daniel Howard (born 1979), Alicia Ruth (born 1981) and Andrew Loar (born 1984).

The Messers presently live in Northwest Missouri where John is minister of the Christian Church in Fairfax. The family enjoys an active church life, gardening, and a number of outdoor activities which include bike riding, yearly observation of geese migration and pheasant hunting.

Submitted by John Messer

LOFTIS MESSER FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Loftis Messer came from Oklahoma in 1947 to Ashland. Loftis worked on the REA that was being installed around Plains. He then started working for Ralph Gardiner in 1948 and worked there several years.

Their three older children, Howard, Hilda and Norma, were born in Oklahoma, the other four, John, Nona, Phillip and Mark, were born in Clark County.

All seven children graduated from high school in Clark County, Howard at Minneola and the others at Ashland. Six of the children are married and have families. The youngest, Mark, will be married in June of 1984.

The Messers have 19 grandchildren at this time, four of their children live in Kansas, two live in Louisiana and one in Missouri.

In 1968, Loftis was a candidate for Sheriff of Clark County and won the election. He started his first term of office on January the 13, 1969, and has remained Sheriff up to this time. Loftis' wife, Leona, has worked in the office since 1969 and is still at work there.

The Messers have lived in the same building where the jail is located from January of 1969 until July 5, 1983. Loftis as Sheriff did his sheriff's duties and took care of the prisoners; Leona did the cooking for the prisoners and worked in the office.

The Messers moved to their home on South Main Street in July of 1983 when they started the remodeling of the jail. They are in their 16th years of Loftis being sheriff and Leona helping him in his duties.

Loftis and Leona both feel the job has been very interesting and fulfilling for them.

Submitted by Leona Messer

IRENE RANDALL MEULI

I, Irene Randall, was born October 10, 1912, at the Edward V. Randall Ranch (now the Wendell McMinimy home) to Bentley Randall and Grace (Wright) Randall.

I went to Ashland grade school for three years, 1918 to 1921, when we moved to the Bentley Randall Snake Creek Ranch. There we went to a country school two miles from the Oklahoma line. Estella Brown was the teacher the first year, then Paul Salyer taught the second and third years.

We used to drive a team of horses hooked to a spring wagon to school. On the way one morning, we met a man riding a motorcycle, which so frightened the team, they ran into the fence along the road. Books, children, blankets and lunch pails went flying. The teacher, Estella Brown (Salyer), came running, but no one was hurt.

For the next three years, I went to school at Sitka, riding on the bus George Reed drove. My teachers were Mr. Cunningham, then Floyd Palmer.

After graduating from Ashland High School, I attended Fort Hays College for two years, then came back home to teach one year in the Sitka Grade School.

In 1934, I married R.J. (Pete) Meuli, of Hope, Kansas, in our Ashland home. We had one child, Max Randall Meuli.

In 1956, Max married Marjorie Gardner, from Wakeeney, Kansas. Their children are Brad L., Bret L., Marti E., and Micca M. Meuli.

Submitted by Irene Meuli

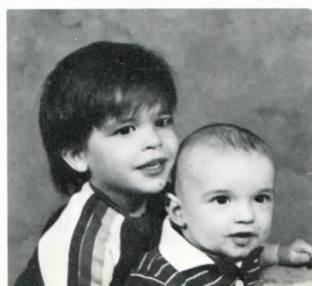
MICHAEL TODD AND DEBORAH KAY MILLAM

Michael Todd Millam was born May 22, 1963 in Ashland, Kansas. His father was Jack Waldo Millam and his mother was Charlotte Marie (Murphy) Millam. He has one brother, Joel Scott Mallott, Colby, Kansas. His father died March 8, 1981. His mother is employed at the Citizen's State Bank in Ashland.

He went to Ashland Grade School and Ashland High School. In high school he was active in about everything from speech to sports, especially football. His team won the state football championship in 1981, which was his senior year.

While growing up, Mike enjoyed helping his dad on the mail route and vacationing to the coast with his parents. Mike worked for Robert York for six years, which helped him learn a lot about

Robbie Michael and Cody
James Millam, 1983



farming, ranching, trucking and a lot about life.

He married Deborah Kay Gillespie on September 26, 1981. She was born August 28, 1964 in Folsom, California. She was the fourth of five children born to Robert Allen Gillespie and Ella Kay (Godfrey) Gillespie. She has one sister, Teresa, and three brothers, Robert, Tony and Chris. She has one step-sister, Kim, and one step-brother, Darin.

Her father died May 28, 1972 when she was seven years old. Her mother married Bob Harmon, October 7, 1978.

She went to Ashland Grade and Ashland High School. In high school she was active in most everything, but her favorites were speech and basketball. She enjoyed cheerleading for both basketball and football. She graduated from high school in 1982.

Mike and Debbie have three boys. Twins, Robbie Michael and Dustin Todd, were born July 29, 1981. Dustin died in infancy. Cody James was born September 29, 1983.

Mike is employed at Ashland Oil Co. and Debbie is employed at the ASCS Office, both in Ashland.

Submitted by Debbie Millam

ART DAVID MILLER FAMILY

Art D. Miller, son of William David and Mary Ellen Puder Miller, was born January 11, 1891 near Martinsburg, Iowa. He moved with his parents to a farm west of Ashland in 1910 where he continued farming operations with his father. On May 8, 1921, he was married to Eva Graff, daughter of Edward Graff of Ashland. Eva taught school beginning in September, 1919 in School District 86, Center Township, until her marriage, where they resided on a ranch 10 miles southwest of Ashland. They drove the school bus and boarded the local school teacher, along with their many farming activities.



Eva, Virginia and Art Miller

Art and Eva were both active in their respective churches as young people. Art was a member of the Baptist Church and Eva was a member of the Methodist Church in Ashland.

On April 29, 1923, their daughter Virginia was born. At the age of three she moved with her parents to Beaver, Oklahoma on a farm that they had purchased.

They both lived a full and active life, Art having passed away July, 1975. Eva now resides in the Moore Few Nursing Home, Nevada, Mo., to be near daughter Virginia and her grandchildren.

Submitted by Virginia Miller Raynor

MONTE AND SALLY MILLER

Monte Miller and Sally Ray were married August 7, 1965 in the Methodist Church in Ashland. They have two sons, Michael Ray, born February 1, 1972 in Houston, Texas, and Matthew Joel, born February 1, 1975, in Summitt, New Jersey.

Monte was born in Kansas City, Mo., on May 4, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Miller, formerly of Ashland. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1961 and from Fort Hays University in 1965 with a BS in chemistry. He worked for Farmland Industries in Phillipsburg, Kansas, for two years, then returned to college at Wichita University and graduated in 1968

with a masters degree in business administration.

Monte went to work for Shell Chemical Company in Chicago, Illinois. After living there a year, they moved to Houston in 1969, then to New Jersey in 1974. In 1976, Monte became Assistant Vice President of Marketing for El Paso Products Co. in Odessa, Texas. In 1981, he was made President of El Paso Petrochemical Co.



Monte and Sally Miller, Michael and Matthew

In 1983, the Millers moved to Houston, and Monte and an associate started a chemical marketing company, RAMM Horn Marketing, Inc.

Sally Ray Miller was born in Ashland on February 16, 1943. Her parents are Harold and Margaret (Grimes) Ray. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1961 and from Fort Hays University in 1965. She taught English in Phillipsburg and Valley Center, Kansas and Houston, Texas.

Monte and Sally now reside at 4803 Shore Hill Drive in Kingwood, Texas.

Submitted by Sally Miller

WILLIAM DAVID MILLER FAMILY

William David Miller, son of William Mot and Mary E. Wood Miller, was born near Pekin, Iowa, March 25, 1863. On September 9, 1887, he was united in marriage with Mary Ellen Puder of Martinsburg, Iowa. They had three children, John W., Art D. and Ida Matilda Young.

The family left Iowa in 1896, living near Trenton, Mo., then Isabel, Kansas. In 1910, they moved to the farm they purchased 5½ miles west of Ashland, living there until his death January 11, 1936. They moved into Ashland for nine years during this period, where William was janitor of the grade school for eight years.



Art D., Mary, Ida Matilda (Tillie Young), William and John W.

Mary seemed to have a double measure of courage and with her faith in God she was able to face the hardships and loneliness which came her way as she continued to operate the farm until moving into Ashland in 1943. She was always ready to help out in time of need and in her earlier years was often called upon to help in homes where there was sickness. She loved people and always looked for the good in others. Mary died at the age of 95 in 1966.

William Miller was the son of a pioneer family reaching back

to the early days of United States history. His grandfather, George Miller, and his father and mother emigrated from Baden Germany to America in 1817. Due to shipwreck enroute, they were cast ashore on one of the Maderia Islands where they remained one year, later working their passage and arriving in Pennsylvania.

Submitted by Virginia Miller Raynor, granddaughter

DONALD MILLIGAN FAMILY

The Don Milligan family moved to Ashland, Kansas, September 30, 1962. The move was precipitated by Don accepting the pharmacist-manager position for the Ashcraft Drug Company.

Donald Edd Milligan, Jr. was born October 10, 1933 in Borger, Texas. He is the eldest son of Donald E. and Faye E. Milligan. The family moved to Laverne, Oklahoma in 1938 and Don finished grades 1-12 there. In 1953, he graduated from OMA Jr. College in Claremore, Oklahoma. While attending junior college, he was introduced to his future bride by a mutual friend. On August 29, 1953, Don and Twyla were married and moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma for Don to attend Oklahoma State University. School was completed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a B.S. Degree in Pharmacy.



Don and Twyla Milligan, 1982

Twyla Delyte Atwood, daughter of Homer E. and Fern L. Atwood, was born August 30, 1933 in Picher, Oklahoma. She attended grade school in Picher and graduated from high school and business college in Miami, Oklahoma. Twyla put her secretarial training to work in the early years of married life. This effort on her part made it possible for Don to complete his college work. Twyla enjoys camping and fishing and to be a good skier remains her outdoor challenge.

The Milligans have three daughters: Victoria Lea, born August 4, 1955; Valerie Lyn, born April 23, 1957; and Elizabeth Ann, born August 22, 1962. Vicki and Valerie are married with families of their own. Beth received her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education on May 11, 1984 and is pursuing her field.

Don worked for the Ashcraft Drug Company for 5 years and 3 months. On January 1, 1968, he and Twyla purchased the store and continued the operation, doing business as the Milligan Pharmacy.

Submitted by Don Milligan

J.D. MILLS FAMILY

Josh David Mills was born in Nocona, Texas, July 30, 1916, to Charles and Ida Mills. He moved to California in 1935 and spent the next 46 years working in the chemical industry in Searles Valley, located in the Mojave Desert. J.D.'s service was interrupted by World War II and he spent over 3½ years in the South Pacific. A Japanese grenade put him out of action and he was discharged July, 1945.

Pearlie Mills, born July 1, 1924, Englewood, Kansas, is the youngest of five children of Henry A. (Lon) and Ina Ford. She graduated with the Ashland High School Class of 1942. In 1945, Pearlie moved to California where she worked as a secretary until

marriage to J.D. on June 11, 1945. Two sons were born, John David, on October 1, 1950, and Michael Ray, on December 9, 1951.

John is a T/Sgt. in the U.S. Air Force, presently stationed at McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento, California. He has spent 12 years in the Air Force, with assignments in Greece, Italy, Korea, as well as the United States. He married Jeanne Somes of Somesville, Maine, on February 10, 1982. Michael,



Pearlie and J.D. Mills

a bachelor, graduated from Brooks Institute of Photography at Santa Barbara. At the present time he is a photographer for a NASA contractor at Edwards Air Force Base, Lancaster, California.

Pearlie recently retired after 21 years as secretary to the District Superintendent of Schools. Since retirement, both J.D. and Pearlie have been enjoying many hobbies and interests.

Submitted by Pearlie Mills

CHESTER AND BONITA McGUIRE MISHLER

Chester O. Mishler was born on a farm north of Cherryvale, Kansas on October 9, 1927 to Ola D. and Edith Barker Mishler. He has seven sisters. He attended grade school in rural Cherryvale and graduated from Cherryvale High School. After graduation he farmed and did some hay baling and corn picking for other farmers. In 1952, he began working for Cherry Township Road Department besides farming. He quit farming in 1957 and went into maintenance type of work.

Bonita M. Mishler, the oldest of 9 children, was born on September 24, 1927 to Emmett C. and Marie Barnhart McGuire. She attended rural grade school and graduated from Cherryvale High School. After graduation, she attended summer school at Independence Junior College and taught two terms in rural schools of Montgomery County. She then went to work for Sinclair Refining Co. of Independence and worked there until October, 1949.

On February 4, 1949, Chester and Bonita were married in the First Baptist Church at Cherryvale.

In 1958, they moved to Ashland and Chester began working for Bliss Plumbing. He later worked for AI's Service and on May 15, 1964 went into business for himself.

They are the parents of five children: Thomas David, born March 2, 1950; Kathleen Marie, born March 27, 1951; Mary

Chester Mishler family, 1960



Louise, born July 14, 1952; Kevin Duane, born May 9, 1956; and Edith Denise, born January 2, 1960. They have eleven grandchildren.

Submitted by Bonita Mishler

KEVIN MISHLER FAMILY

Kevin Mishler was born March 9, 1956 at Independence, Kansas. He moved to Ashland with his parents, Chet and Bonita Mishler, in September of 1958. Kevin attended school in Ashland and graduated in May, 1974. He served one year in the United States Navy. Kevin is employed at Mishler's Service Center. He works with his father in the family business. He enjoys playing horseshoes and fishing.

Rebecca Camp was born March 2, 1959 at Mooreland, Oklahoma to Orvin and Leona Camp. She lived in Buffalo and attended all 12 years of school in the Buffalo school system, graduating in May, 1977. Rebecca's hobbies are sewing and candle-wicking. She is employed by Clark County as the Deputy County Clerk.



The Mishler family in 1981: Kevin, Becky and Estelle

She met Kevin during his senior year and corresponded with him while he was in the Navy. They were married February 27, 1976 in the Nazarene Church at Buffalo.

Kevin and Rebecca moved to Ashland after they married. In August of 1978 they purchased the Wilbur Harmon home on Cedar Street.

Their only child, Estelle Renae Mishler, was born October 9, 1976 in Mooreland, Oklahoma. She was born on her Grandpa Mishler's birthday.

The Mishler family enjoys camping and fishing during their vacations.

Submitted by Rebecca Mishler

ROBERT N. MOLYNEUX

In the year of 1884, a company of men came from Ohio and other parts of the country, followed the Supply Trail from Dodge City to Ashland. Among them was Robert Nelson Molyneux from Ohio. He proved several claims in Clark County. In 1886, he went to Missouri and met his childhood sweetheart, Emma Santee, who with her father and three brothers were coming west from Ohio. They opened a general store in Ashland one door north of where the Citizens Bank is now, selling dry goods as well as products to eat. People from northern Oklahoma often stayed overnight, so Mr. Molyneux would keep the store open all



Emma and Nelt Molyneux,
wedding picture

night. The store was a place the men would gather and talk. They kept their teams of horses in the barn which was located on lots where the old locker plant was.

Once a lady came into the store to buy a dress, and found a small hole in it, so she left. During the noon hour Mr. Molyneux had his wife, Emma, mend it. Later the lady came back and bought the same dress thinking it was one she had overlooked. She gave Mr. Molyneux an extra dollar and left.



Wes Santee and R.N. Molyneux,
1938

Later on they sold the store and moved to his ranch five miles southwest of Ashland.

Mr. Molyneux was kind and helped people in trouble, such as giving the creditors back their money when the Wallingford elevator was near broke. He was President of the Citizens State Bank until his death in 1942. Mr. Molyneux owned several tracts of land in Clark County, bought the first caterpillar tractor in the area and started farming by pulling several plows or drills at one time. The Molyneuxs had one child that died as an infant.

Submitted by Wes Santee

DALE E. MOODY FAMILY

The Moodys arrived in Ashland, June, 1977. Dale was employed as high school principal until July, 1983, when he became superintendent of schools.

Dale Edward Moody was born October 25, 1940. Raised in Mooreland, Oklahoma by his parents Herbert and Viola Moody, he has one sister. He graduated from high school in 1958 and obtained a degree in science in 1962 from Alva. While there he met and married Judith Sue Fehrer, May 28, 1961.

Judy, only child of Jake and Rena Fehrer, was born January 19, 1941. She attended Fargo, Oklahoma school for ten years, but graduated from Woodward in 1959. She attended one year of college and then raised her family.

They moved to Dale's first teaching position in Lenora, Kansas, 1962, where he taught science. During three years there, Dale attended Colorado State earning a Masters in psychology and guidance. In 1965, they moved to Satanta and he taught biology and was counselor. Many duties became administrative which led to his receiving an administration certificate at Fort Hays. Dale was employed as high school principal from 1967-1977.

The Moody's children are Chad and Todd. Both graduated from Ashland High School. Chad was born September 14, 1962 and attended college two years. He is presently employed at



Judy, Todd, Chad and
Dale Moody in 1984

Supreme Feeders.

Todd, born July 10, 1964, is attending Kansas State, majoring in electrical engineering and playing football on the side.

The family has always enjoyed camping, traveling, fishing and all sports. They are members of the United Methodist Church and Dale is a Kiwanian. Judy has been employed at the Stein Dental Office since October, 1977.

Submitted by Judith Moody

ALBERT MOORE FAMILY

Albert Dell Moore was born May 28, 1925 in Ashland, the oldest of three children of Frosty and Mae Moore. He attended first grade in a country school south of Sitka after which the family moved to Ashland where he attended Ashland Grade and High School. During his senior year he was drafted into the U.S. Navy where he served 2½ years during World War II. Upon discharge he returned to Ashland High School and graduated with the class of 1947. He attended one year of business college in Wichita. During the fall of 1950, he once again was called into the U.S. Navy to serve in the Korean Conflict. After receiving his discharge in January, 1952, he returned to Ashland and went to work for the Clark County Highway Department.



Maurine, Dedra, Robert, Albert

Maurine Stuck, daughter of Wilbur and Vedra Zane Stuck, was born August 30, 1931 in Ashland. She grew up on a farm southwest of Ashland, attending Ashland Grade School and graduating from Ashland High School with the class of 1949. Maurine enrolled in St. Catherines School of Nursing at Garden City and became a registered nurse in 1953. She has been employed at the Ashland District Hospital since 1956.

Albert and Maurine were married September 5, 1953 in Ashland. The family is active in the community and attend First Christian Church.



Heather Marie Tedder

Daughter Dedra Jean was born November 2, 1955. She attended school in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 1973. Dedra attended one year at Friends University in Wichita and graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing, became a registered nurse in 1976.

Dedra Jean and Robert Lynn Tedder were married October 16, 1982 at the first Christian Church in Ashland. A daughter, Heather Marie, blessed their home on August 24, 1983. They now reside in Wichita where Dedra is employed at St. Francis Regional Medical Center and Lynn is in school for computer programming.

Submitted by Maurine Moore

FRANCIS JOHN AND LOUISE MORELAND MOORE

Francis John Moore, son of Elizabeth and William T. Moore, was born in Lexington, Clark County, Kansas. Louise Moreland, daughter of Eula and Lynnwood Moreland, was born in Wharton, Texas.

After Francis graduated from Kansas State University, he was working for the United States Department of Agriculture in northwest Kansas when he was called into military service in the summer of 1941. He was sent to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. From there he was transferred to Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. He served as Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force as Commandant of Combat Crews during World War II.



Francis and Louise Moore

After being released from active duty in 1946, he served for twenty years in the Air Force Reserves, retiring in August, 1974.

Francis Moore and Louise Moreland of Houston, Texas, were married October 31, 1942, at the Midland Air Base, Midland, Texas. In December, 1945, they moved to their ranch in Lexington community, Clark County, Kansas. They have two sons: William Thomas Moore II, who married Gwen Lundin of Manhattan, and John Philip Moore, who married Lisa Smith of Wichita, Kansas. William and Gwen have a son, Thomas, two and a half years old. John and Lisa have a daughter, Elizabeth, seven years old, and a son, Philip, four years old.

After Francis passed away in November, 1979, Louise moved to Ashland, where she resides at the present time.

Submitted by Louise Moore

FLEM MOORE

Flem Moore was born near Caldwell, Kansas in 1908, the youngest of Jacob and Helen Moore's ten children.

In 1913, the family went to Canada, homesteaded, built a log home and barn and cleared some of the land with an ox team, Jo and Red. I remember very well riding in a wagon behind the team.

We moved back near Caldwell in 1914 because war had broken out. In 1916, we moved to Clark County in a covered wagon with two mules, two cows, about twelve hens and a white bull dog. The trip took about seven days. We rented a farm from George Harry about 2½ miles west of FairView School where I went to school. We rented a larger farm from Frank York 11 miles west of Ashland and farmed it for the next 23 years.

In 1930, I met a girl I thought was quite cute, Madeline Humphrey from Protection. She became my wife in November of 1930.



Madeline and Flem Moore

The depression hit with a terrible drought. My dad had bought a half section of land and still owed \$1,700 on it. We always had plenty to eat; meat, eggs, milk, butter and sandhill plum butter and jelly. But taxes and interest on the land took some doing! In 1942, a good wheat crop paid off the loan on the land after 13 years.

In 1946, a bundle of joy came to our house, Rita Charlotte. She attended Ashland school until 1959 when my wife and I decided to work among the Navajo Indians in New Mexico. In 1972, because of ill health, we retired to Ashland. Madeline passed away in the late summer of 1983.

While in New Mexico, Rita met Mike Freelove and they were married in 1967 at Dodge City. Our two grandchildren, Maylene and Gregg, attend school here. Rita is secretary at the grade school. Mike is District Magistrate Judge.

You can see I have lived on a homestead, in a log home, ridden behind an ox team, traveled in a covered wagon and watched man walk on the moon - quite a change in a lifetime.

Submitted by Flem Moore

JAMES LEE MOORE FAMILY

James Lee Moore and Zola Gifford were married and settled on the farm west of Ashland in 1920. There were 10 children: Earl, Vernon, Ethel Jean, Eleanor, Marjorie, Richard, Chellus, Muriel, Burton, and Aimee. They all graduated from Ashland High School. Zola Moore passed away in January, 1948. Lee Moore married Marie Hoffman in 1957 and lived on the farm. They are now residing in Ashland. He enjoyed living on the farm and always looked forward to the family getting together for birthdays and holidays. He has 36 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Earl and Dorothy now reside near Huntland, Tennessee. He has his own shop and contracts for building parts for missiles. Vernon and Berniece lived at Marana, Arizona. Vernon has been a painting contractor. Berniece passed away in 1982.

Richard and Juanita live at Moore, Oklahoma. He is a supervisor for a welding shop. Chellus and Janet lived at Arcadia, California. He enjoyed racing his boats, some he had built. Chellus passed away in 1981.

Burton and Donna live at Belle Plaine, Kansas. Burton is farming the home place and working at Boeing.

Lee Moore family group at Ashland in 1977. Back row: Roger Ralls, Don Moore, Jeanette Moore, Sonja Allen, Melody Baugher, Martha Baugher, Barbara Allen, Cindy and Judy Ralls, Sondra Dennis, Duwayne Baugher, David Dennis.

Third row: Laird Campbell, Richard Moore, Bob and Debbie Hawkins, Chellus, Earl, Buster, Jim and Muriel Allen Vernon, Ed Baugher, Burton Moore.

Seated: Marilyn, Juanita, Eleanor, Janet, Dorothy, Ethel Jean, Dad, Marie, Berniece, Marjorie, Donna, Aimee Carol.

Front: Kathleen Baugher, Janet Moore, Tommy, Renee, Shiela and Shelly, Jeff Allen, Preston and Brett Moore, Russell Moore, Angie Moore.



Ethel Jean and Len Dennis, Eleanor and Phil Ralls, Marjorie and Edward Baugher, Muriel and Jim Kilpatrick, and Aimee Moore all are living in Wichita, Kansas. Ethel Jean has been a school teacher for 20 years. Eleanor has worked at the Court House in Wichita for 11 years. Marjorie has worked for a real estate company for 12 years. Aimee is working at Boeing in Wichita, Kansas.

Submitted by Eleanor Ralls

WALLACE AND HELEN OLIVERSON MOORE

Wallace, June 4, 1913, and Helen Oliverson, April 18, 1918, attended schools in Ashland. Wallace "Red" Moore was the third son of E. Frank Moore of southern state line area who was a farmer and cattle rancher.

Helen Oliverson was the daughter of Frank and Mayme Oliverson and attended all twelve years of school in Ashland.

Wallace and Helen were married August 6, 1936 in Protection and lived and worked in Ashland and Clark County until 1946 when they moved to Hayden, Colorado. Wallace was a wheat farmer, later serving fourteen years as town councilman and mayor of Hayden. The Moores then spent eighteen years as proprietors of a bowling establishment in Craig, Colorado, this being their home and business at the time Wallace passed away in 1978.

The Moore's two sons, Jack and Francis, were born at Ashland Hospital in 1941 and 1946. Jack is shop foreman for Empire Energy Coal Company and Francis is a maintenance foreman for Colorado Department of Highways.

Helen retired from the bowling business and is very active in senior citizen's programs. She is a member of American Association of Retired persons, Extension Council, president of Council on Aging for 17,000 retired people in four counties, and has been a member of the retirement board for Maffat County for eight years.

Helen has seven grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Submitted by Helen Oliverson Moore

WILLIAM THOMAS AND ELIZABETH ABIGAIL (DAILY) MOORE

A blacksmith was an important person in the lives of pioneer families. They were needed to repair buggies, wagons and machinery. Billy Moore, a talented blacksmith, met this need for many years for the Lexington community.

William Thomas Moore, son of John Kerr and Molly G. (Dunham) Moore, was born July 8, 1882 at Cheney, Kansas. He was reared in a Christian atmosphere. His father gave up his practice in the profession of law because it conflicted with his Christian beliefs. Billy, as he was known to his friends, moved as a youth to Comanche County where he met Elizabeth (Lizzie) Daily. Billy became a part owner in a blacksmith shop in Protection.

Elizabeth Abigail Daily, daughter of Daniel W. and Cintha Elmina (Bunch) Daily, was born April 21, 1883 at Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. She arrived in Clark County on October 23, 1886 with her mother, sister and two brothers. Her father had moved to Clark County earlier to prepare a home for his family. Lizzie, as she was known, was educated and grew to womanhood in the Lexington community. She taught school one year before her marriage.

William T. and Elizabeth were married February 1, 1909 in Wichita, Kansas. They lived for a year in Protection where Billy was engaged as a blacksmith. They then moved to the Lexington community where they engaged in farming and ranching. Billy

continued with his blacksmith work from his shop on the farm because of the demand and need of his neighbors.

Billy and Lizzie were both hard workers. They always raised a huge truck garden. If they had a surplus of vegetables, they sold what they didn't share with their neighbors and friends.

Billy and Lizzie had three children: Elmina Ruth, born January 13, 1911, was killed accidentally as a small child by a corn sled which fell on her. Francis John, born August 5, 1914, and Dale Lewis, born December 28, 1918.

Francis attended the Lexington school, the Ashland High School and graduated from Kansas State University. He served as an officer in World War II. It was while he was in service that he met and married Louise Moreland from Houston, Texas. They had two children, William T. Moore II and John P. Moore.

Dale attended the Lexington school, Ashland High School and graduated from Kansas State University. During World War II, Dale served with the infantry. After the war, Dale went to work for the United States Department of Agriculture as an accountant. He enjoyed his work because it involved traveling all over the United States. Upon his retirement, he returned to Ashland where he lived until his death, July 26, 1975.

Billie and Lizzie as well as their children were active in the Methodist Church, their community and in political affairs. Billy served on the Lexington School Board, the Protection Cop board for nineteen years and as a County Commissioner.

Billie and Lizzie saw life on the prairie through the difficult years and through the prosperous years and left several hundred acres of land to their children. The difficult years were made easier with Billy's talent as a blacksmith and by their thrift and ingenuity.

Billy and Lizzie moved to Ashland when Francis returned home from service in 1947. Their son, Francis, and Louise, his wife, moved to the family farm near Bluff Creek. Billie commuted to the farm each day, because he loved farm life. Billy died December 19, 1961 in his home in Ashland. Lizzie continued to live in their Ashland home until she passed away on December 4, 1974. Clark County benefited from the talents and lives of these two people, who contributed much to the development of this community.

Submitted by Vera Francis Reynolds

HENRY AND MARY BELLE (METCALF) MORRISON

Henry and Mary Belle Morrison arrived in Kansas in January of 1884, from Terre Haute, Indiana. Their 10-week trip in a covered wagon with four children, a tiny baby, a faithful dog, and a cow was very difficult. They pre-empted land in the Lexington community, and lived in their wagon until a dug out could be made and a water well dug. The hardships suffered by them were almost unbearable, with Indian scares, prairie fires, drought, trouble with the cattlemen who resented the settlers because of the

H.R. Morrison family - retired to Ashland new home in 1916.



free grazing range; but they stuck it out. Nine children were born to this union: Ida, who died at age 7 in Indiana; Effie Morrison (Dorsey); Benjamin, Pearl E., Rosetta, Emma, Mabel died in infancy, Gertrude Jennie Morrison (Hughs); and Alice, all deceased.

Henry Morrison was a good fiddler and often walked to Ashland over Mt. Jesus, to play for a dance; walked back home, happy with the \$5.00 pay he had made because it would feed his family for a week or so. The community enjoyed getting together and made their entertainment with literaries, box and pie socials, song fests and dances. The strong determination and the love of the land brought these pioneers through many adversities and they prospered from their land. In 1916, the Morrisons retired to a lovely new home in Ashland. This house still stands on So. Main in Ashland and is presently owned by Faye Wesner.

Mr. Morrison died July 28, 1925 and Mrs. Morrison died July 17, 1934.

Submitted by Leona Simmons

RON MORRISON FAMILY

The Ron Morrison family has resided in Ashland since mid-1971 when Ron and Lois purchased the *Clark County Clipper*. In 1973, they purchased the *Minneola Record* and continue to publish both newspapers.

Ron is a native of Missouri, where he graduated from high school and received a B.J. degree from the University of Missouri in 1957. During his journalistic career before coming to Ashland, he worked for several newspapers in Missouri and Colorado, co-published the *Albany (MO.) Ledger* for 10 years, and edited the *Kansas Farmer-Stockman* magazine for several years.

Lois, born in Statesville, N.C., grew up and attended school in Sumter, S.C. She and Ron met when he was serving in the Air Force and was stationed at an air base near Sumter. They were married at Sumter in December, 1955. Lois is an active member of the *Clipper* staff, serving as proofreader and bookkeeper.



The Morrison daughters:
Rhonda, Tina and Marta

The Morrisons have three daughters:

Rhonda, born in 1957 in Colorado and now residing in St. Louis, Mo., where she is attending Webster University. Rhonda is a 1976 graduate of AHS.

Tina, born in Missouri in 1959, is now Mrs. Tom Overby and lives in Rochester, N.Y. A 1977 AHS graduate, Tina attended Hutchinson Community College where she received an associate degree in medical records.

Marta, their youngest daughter, was born in Wichita in 1971, a few months before the Morrisons moved to Ashland. She is a seventh grader in the Ashland schools.

The Morrisons also have one granddaughter, Andrea Dawn, born February 1, 1984, to the Tom Overbys at Rochester, N.Y.

Submitted by Ron Morrison

KARL MOSSHART

Karl Fred Mosshart, son of Samuel and Harriet King Mosshart,

was born August 15, 1913 at the farm home, near Hopeton, Oklahoma in Woods County. The youngest of seven children, he attended grade school at Liberty, District 35 and high school at the high school of the Northwest State Teachers' College at Alva, Oklahoma, except for a year at Wewoka, Oklahoma. After his father's death, Karl and his mother farmed the home place until her death in 1939.

Karl and Florence Ruth Whittington were married August 27, 1939 at the home of the bride's parents. Ruth, the daughter of H. Edward and Mabel McDonald Whittington, was born July 30, 1909 in Clark County, Kansas. She attended grade school at Sunnyside, District 79 and high school in Protection, Kansas, graduating in 1927. She taught 12 terms and at the same time earned her B.S. Degree from Northwestern State Teachers' College at Alva where she met Karl.



Karl and Ruth, Charles, Sam and Joyce

They farmed near Hopeton until 1944, when they bought a farm in the Pleasant Valley Community, in Harper County, Oklahoma. In 1949 they bought a farm three miles north of Ashland. Karl died of a heart attack February 28, 1962.

Karl and Ruth had three children: Sam, born January 14, 1945, operates the Coldwater Livestock Sales Company and farms, while living in Ashland; Charles, born March 22, 1947, does commercial trucking and farms the home place; Joyce, born March 21, 1950, is now Mrs. Jerry Bay and lives in Minco, Oklahoma.

While the children were growing up, the family was active in school affairs and in 4-H and all attended the Methodist Church. Ruth is still active in the church, extension work and at the Senior Citizen Center.

Submitted by Ruth Mosshart

SAM AND JUDITH MOSSHART

Sam and I were married July 5, 1973. For the first few years of our marriage, Sam bought and sold livestock, while I worked in several hospital laboratories in the area. Sam has owned and operated the Coldwater Livestock Commission Company since 1979. I have worked at the Minneola Hospital since 1981.

Jennifer, Linda, Duane, Karl and Sam, 1976



Sam's parents are Karl and Ruth (Whittington) Mosshart. He was born in Ashland January 14, 1945 and attended the Ashland schools. He married Connie Morris of Englewood in 1965. They operated the Ashland Locker Plant for three years. They have one son, Karl Gene, born July 21, 1966 in Ashland.

I was born December 10, 1945. My parents are Duane and Linda (Sanders) Harden. After graduating from AHS, I went to Kansas State University, where I received a B.S. in medical technology. I took my resident internship at Stormont-Vail in Topeka, and worked there from 1968 until 1972, when I went to work at Hays Pathology in Hays, Kansas. I was married to David Prather of Scott City from 1965 to 1971. We have one daughter, Jennifer. She was born August 4, 1966 in Manhattan.

Our family's interests are diverse. Sam is on the Clark County Fair Board and enjoys horse and cattle shows, cutting horse contests and rodeos. Jennifer and I enjoy music and art. I play piano regularly at the First Church of God and we sing in the Community Choir. We also take art lessons together and attend several concerts every year. Karl played football in high school and competes in team roping and bull riding at rodeos. He is also an amateur auctioneer. Our youngest child, Duane, born October 4, 1974, is in Cub Scouting and his interests are the usual ones of a nine-year-old-boy, everything but girls and baths.

Submitted by Judy Mosshart

NOLAN MULCH

Opal Haydock, daughter of Levitt Alfred and Estella Haydock, married Nolan Mulch, son of Art and Cora Mulch, on December 26, 1950 in Clayton, New Mexico. Nolan had worked for Wallingford Elevator since he was seventeen, taking time off to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. They lived in Sitka, Kansas, until his death on December 6, 1962.

Nolan and Opal had two sons that attended Ashland schools. Art, who graduated in 1970, now lives in Huntington Beach, California; Frank, graduated in 1972 and now lives in Englewood, Kansas. He has one son, Jeffrey Nolan. Opal's daughter, Glenda Sue McMillan, graduated in 1962 and is married to Alan McMillan. They have two daughters, Leslie and Lori, and live in St. John, Kansas.

Opal moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado in July of 1976 and works for Memorial Hospital.

Submitted by Glenda Sue McMillan

ALVIN AND ORELLA (KLINGER) MULL

Alvin Mull, third son of Henry and Adaline (Dierling) Mull, was born March 23, 1878, in Schuyler County, Missouri. He died August 21, 1951 in Ashland.

Alvin's brothers were John, William and Frank. He had two half brothers and six half sisters. In order of birth: Fred, Sophonia (Mrs. Howard Beydler), George, Pearl (Mrs. James Riley), Ruby (Mrs. H.A. Kersey), Opal (Mrs. Julian Clawson), Helen (Mrs. Harold Hunt) and Louise (Mrs. Earl McCartney).



Alvin and Orella Mull,
1920's

Orella May, fourth child of David and Catharine Klinger, was born in Lithopolis, Ohio, May 27, 1881 and died June 20, 1960 in Ashland. Her brothers and sisters were: Lillie Blanche (Mrs. Thomas Gardiner), Israel Jenison and John Vernon, all deceased.

Alvin and Ora were married September 1, 1906. They lived a few miles east of Acres, Kansas, and were engaged in farming and raising cattle. They moved to Ashland in 1942. They were active in community affairs and especially in the Methodist Church of which they were members.

Submitted by Dorothea Klinger Shaw

FRED AND NAOMI MULL

Frederick A. Mull and Naomi Park were married in her parents' home in western Clark County on December 23, 1912. Their parents were Clark County pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mull (Vesta Township) and Mr. and Mrs. U.G. Park (Englewood Township). Mr. Mull was a farmer and they lived on farms a good share of their married lives. Mrs. Mull had been a teacher for six years in rural Clark County before her marriage.

They raised five girls and one son in their home. They are: Frances (deceased) married to Raymond Gibson; Ruby, married to Harold Pike, Ashland and Dodge City; Cecil (deceased), mar-



Naomi and Fred Mull, 1961

ried to Perry Wheeler, Laverne, Oklahoma; Ella May, married to Keith Byerley who is now deceased; Viola, married to Ivan Hulstine, Ashland; Minnie, married to Warren Rorher, Caldwell, Kansas. All the children attended Fairview School and the younger ones also attended the Ashland Public School and all graduated from Ashland High School.

Mr. Mull, after farming and raising cattle for the greater part of his life, retired to their home in Ashland. In retirement, Mr. Mull spent some time removing two or three old store buildings on Ashland Main Street and built a store building for a grocery store.

Mrs. Mull preceded her husband in death in 1963 and Fred Mull passed away in 1969.

Submitted by Viola Hulstine

GEORGE A. MULL

George was born July 26, 1917 west of Ashland. His wife, Eileen F. Barnberg, was born September 3, 1922 west of Hernon, Kansas. They were married in Marysville, California, January 13, 1944. They both attended grades 1-12 in their respective towns. Eileen graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing. George attended an aircraft school in Wichita. Three sons were



George A. Mull

born to this union. Douglas is married. They have one daughter. Gerald is married and has one son. Michael is married and is a college student in Manhattan.

George's trade was machinist tool and die maker and cabinet maker from 1940 to 1970. In that period he served 3½ years in the Army, operated the American Cabinet shop, worked for Beech & Boeing. In 1960, the family moved to Great Bend working at their professions. In 1966 they moved to Salina where they reside at present.

Due to physical reasons, George had to change his profession to advertising. They presently operate a health care and gym equipment firm. George is also the Executive Director of Greater Downtown Salina, Inc. He is active in the Catholic Church. George is past president of the Sunset Kiwanis Club and served 25 years in Boy Scouts. He is in his tenth year as Saline County Hunter Safety Instructor. George's hobby is working with youth through the Kiwanis Club.

Submitted by George A. Mull

GEORGE P. MULL FAMILY

George was born December 19, 1894 in the farm home of his parents, Henry and Jennie (Warner) Mull. The Mull home was located near Antelope Creek in Vesta Township. He was educated in the Fairview Country School and in the Ashland High School. He then attended Salt City Business College in Salina, Kansas.

George married Mary M. Hensley on June 19, 1916 and to this union two sons were born, George A. and Virgil P. George farmed with his father until they moved from the Brown place to the former Kemp Ranch headquarters. In March of 1927 the family moved to Ashland where George managed the Mull Hardware Company for his father, Henry, until May, 1932, at which time they moved back to the farm. They all resided there until the two boys were inducted into the service. George and Mary lived there until death. George died January 27, 1957 and Mary on December 17, 1968.

Submitted by Virgil P. Mull

HENRY MULL III AND ADALINE DEIERLING MULL

Henry Mull III, son of Henry Mull II and Margaret Knittle, was born in Schuyler County, Missouri, March 21, 1849. Adaline Deierling, daughter of Philip Deierling, was also from Schuyler County where they were married. They came to Clark County in 1885, hoping that the dry climate would prove helpful for Adaline's poor health. She did improve slightly but died in July, 1887.

They were accompanied on the trip by their four sons, John, William, Alvin and Frank, and also by Jennie Warner who would later become Henry's second wife.

Henry settled his family in Vesta Township, planted corn, and Four Mull boys. Standing: Frank and Alvin. Seated: John and Will, 1897



had a bumper crop in 1885. Following that, however, crops did poorly, and in 1887 the county was thrown open to pasture. At that time he invested in a large number of cattle from Mexico, paying 18% interest on the money he borrowed to do so. They cost approximately \$8 a head and all calves under nine months were thrown in free. He fenced about half a township and was running about 1500 cattle.

In 1886 Henry helped organize one of the first school districts. A subscription school had to exist for three months before a district could be organized. There were 30 pupils who attended classes in a dugout about two miles from the Mull home at a cost of \$1 each. The first school house, the Lone Cottonwood, was built south of the ranch in 1887, with 52 pupils attending the first session.

John Mull married Dora Heap and had four daughters, Dulcie, Maude, Hazel and Berniece, and one son, John, Jr.

William Henry married Addella Myers. Their children were Henry Austin, Mary Adaline and Lena Addella.

Alvin married Orella Klinger.

Frank married Gertrude Canton. Their family consisted of Iona, Virginia, Frances and Frank, Jr.

Submitted by Shalah Mull Welty

HENRY MULL FAMILY

In 1844, the parents of Henry Mull emigrated from Herringhausen in Hesse near Darmstadt, Germany. They traveled by sailship up the Mississippi and settled in Schuyler County in northern Missouri, where Henry was born in 1849.

In 1884, Henry and his wife Adaline Deierling Mull, with their four sons, John, William, Alvin and Frank, left Schuyler County by covered wagon to make a new home on a claim 13 miles southwest of Ashland. Frederick Werner, whose parents had emigrated with the Mull family, and his children, whose mother had died, traveled with the Mull family. It was arranged that his daughter, 14-year-old Cynthia Jane (Jennie), would join the Mull family and make her home with them.

In April, 1885, after spending a winter in Harper County, they arrived in Ashland, which at that time consisted of a land office, hotel, store and a few houses. Henry had made a trip to Clark County early in 1884, made arrangements for a claim, and bought the old jail at Cash City, a small town located in western Clark County.

The Mulls lived in a dug-out for several months while Henry and his sons plowed, planted, made garden, and built a foundation for the jail building which became the nucleus for their farmhouse. After a lot of hard work and the gradual addition of

Henry Mull family - 1916. Top: Pearl, Sophronia, Ruby. Bottom: Frederick, Opal, Jennie, Louise, Henry, Helen and George



rooms, it became a spacious, comfortable home for the Mulls through many years. As the four sons reached adulthood, they established their own farms or ranches nearby.

Adaline Mull died in 1887, and Jennie Werner took over the household duties. In 1889, she and Henry were married. They raised two sons and six daughters: Frederick, Sophronia, George, Pearl, Ruby, Opal, Helen and Louise, all of whom attended grade school near the farm and most of whom attended Ashland High School.

Henry spearheaded the organization of a school district and served on the school board for many years. Jennie was a typical pioneer mother involved in raising her family and in community affairs including spelling bees, box suppers and prayer meetings, all of which were held at the school house.

Henry and his sons made many cattle-buying trips to Texas, ran the cattle on rangeland, then shipped them from Minneola to the Kansas City market. The Mulls owned one of the first wheat combines and one of the first automobiles in Clark County (1916).

As the six older children married, they established homes in Clark County where their families were raised. In 1925, the Mulls moved to Ashland where Helen and Louise finished school.

Henry died in 1930 and Jennie in 1961. Both, along with several of their children, are buried in the Ashland Cemetery.

Submitted by Ruby Mull Kersey and
Louise Mull McCartney

JAMES MULL FAMILY

Jim was born December 6, 1951. He is the third child of Virgil and Cecilia Mull. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Ashland High School, graduating in 1970. Jim loved farm life but decided against it as a career. He attended Dodge City Community College for two years, after which he moved to Wichita.

Teresa "DeAnn" is the daughter of Sylvester Breit and Marjorie Brewer Breit of Wichita and is the granddaughter of August and Catherine Breit of Ashland and Herman and Maxine Brewer, formerly of Protection, Kansas. Jim and DeAnn met in Ashland in 1970 and were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Colwich, Kansas in 1974. DeAnn graduated from Wichita North High School in 1971 and attended Wichita State University and Wichita Practical Nursing School. She was employed as a nurse from 1973 to 1977.



Mull family in 1983.
Jim, DeAnn, Brian
and Brandon

From 1974 to 1979, Jim worked for Kewanee Oil Company which was later merged with Gulf Oil Company. During that time, he worked as a roustabout, pumper, drilling supervisor, and production supervisor. They lived in Lamesa, Texas for two years where Jim learned more about drilling. In 1980, Jim formed his own business, Mull Roustabout Service.

Jim and DeAnn have two children. Their twin sons, Brandon and Brian, were born October 1, 1978. The family currently re-

sides in Wichita. Jim and DeAnn's hobbies are woodworking and making various crafts, which is now a part-time business for DeAnn. The family enjoys doing many things together including swimming, biking, and playing the piano. The boys' favorite activities are helping their Dad and generally being active young boys.

Submitted by Jim and DeAnn Mull

JANET MULL

Janet Mull, youngest of the Virgil Mull family, was born in Ashland, Kansas. She attended Ashland Elementary and Ashland High School. While attending school, she was active in basketball, track, drama and various organizations.

After graduation, she attended Dodge City Community College for two years, where she received her Licensed Practical



Janet Mull, 1983

Nurse Diploma and an Associate Degree in Science. She also participated in drama and intramural sports.

She then spent two years at St. Mary of the Plains College, East Campus, in Wichita, Kansas. In May of 1983, she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. Currently, Janet works as a registered nurse, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas, in the Coronary Intensive Care Unit.

Submitted by Janet Mull

RUTH AND HENRY MULL

Henry Austin Mull and Ruth Uarda Clark were married June 14, 1928, in the tower room of the Clark "castle" east of Ashland. Henry, the son of William Henry and Addella Myers Mull, was born February 4, 1900, near Ashland. Ruth was born September 7, 1900, in Greenwood, Nebraska, the daughter of Paul Emerson and Zoe Lillian Loofe Clark.

Both Ruth and Henry attended Ashland schools. Henry attended Southwestern College and Colorado College. Ruth graduated from Washburn University and did graduate work in English at Columbia. She taught in Medicine Lodge, Minneola and Ashland before their marriage.

Henry was a successful rancher, associated in business with his father. He took special pride in his horses and was a charter member of the Colorado Ranger Horse Association through his interest in Appaloosas.

The family moved to Ashland in 1936 so that their daughter, Shalah, born July 12, 1930, could attend Ashland schools. Ruth



Henry Austin and Ruth Clark
Mull, June 14, 1928

served as deputy County Superintendent of Schools from 1937-1938 when she ran for the office unsuccessfully. She resumed teaching English at Ashland High School during World War II. Always interested in young people she spent a great deal of time coaching plays and helping provide social activities for them. She continued teaching until her death on October 10, 1948.

Both Ruth and Henry were active in social and civic affairs. At the time of his death, which occurred on January 7, 1942, Henry was a director of the Production Credit Association. Ruth served on the state board of YWCA as well as being an active member of many local organizations.

Submitted by Shalah Mull Welty

VIRGIL P. MULL FAMILY

Virgil P. Mull was born May 18, 1921 in the farm home of his parents, George and Mary Mull. The home is located in Vesta Township, Clark County, Kansas. He is a grandson of pioneer families Henry Mull and Joseph Hensley. Virgil was baptized in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church which his grandfather Joseph Hensley helped to organize and build in 1884.

Virgil was educated the first five years in the Ashland Grade School, and the last three years of grade school in the Fairview Country School. He graduated from the Ashland High School in 1939 and continued to farm with his father until he was inducted into the U.S. Army in July, 1942. He served in eight camps while in the states and his assignment to combat was the European Theatre of operations with the 30th Infantry Division, 114th Field Artillery Battalion. He was honorably discharged December 7, 1945. Virgil still owns and operates the farm where he was born.

He married Cecilia Winter of Sharon, Kansas on January 22, 1946. To this union five children were born: Virginia, William, James, Mary Ann, and Janet. They have four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Cecilia is the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Winter of Sharon, Kansas. All of her elementary and secondary education was in Sharon. She graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing in May, 1943 and worked 2½ years there as pediatric nurse supervisor. Since coming to Ashland, she worked as special care nurse and started full time at the Ashland Hospital in 1962 and is still on staff there.

Submitted by Virgil Mull

WILLIAM HENRY AND ADDELLA MULL

William Henry Mull was born February 7, 1876, in Schuyler County, Missouri, the son of Henry and Adaline Deierling Mull. He was married on June 14, 1898, to Addella E. Myers, born October 20, 1898, to Austin Griffin and Mary Jane Askin Myers, near Stuttgart, Arkansas. Both arrived in Clark County with their families during the spring of 1885 and settled west of Ashland.



William Henry and
Addella Myers Mull
Wedding picture,
June 14, 1898

After their marriage, Will and Della lived for a brief period with her parents while he rebuilt a house on the 160 acres he had purchased for \$800. He ranched there until 1907 when they moved to Ashland so that Henry Austin, born February 4, 1900, and Lena Addella, born December 17, 1901, could attend school in Ashland. A third child, Mary Adaline, was born in 1908.

Will joined his brother, Alvin, in business in 1907. They sold food, clothing and general merchandise, but the venture was not a financial success, so they sold the store in 1911. He continued ranching the rest of his life, working in partnership with his son until Henry's death in 1942.

William was a man who valued education highly, although he had little formal schooling himself. He once said, "I ain't never again going to have any pleasure as big as seeing my kids go through college."

Henry married Ruth Clark and had one daughter, Shalah. Mary married Merton Moorman. Their sons are Duane Henry and Keith Eugene. Lena never married. She taught school for many years.

Addella Mull died July 27, 1943 and William on March 3, 1948.

Submitted by Shalah Mull Welty

WILLIAM MULL FAMILY

Both William and Deloris Mull are employed in business professions at Wichita, Kansas. William is a manger at Sears Roebuck & Co. and Deloris is an office manager at Quik Print.

Deloris Ann Weber was born November 1, 1951, in Kinsley, Kansas. She attended grades 1-12 at Kinsley Schools, graduating in 1969, whereupon she moved to Wichita, Kansas to pursue a career in the field of business.

William Michael Mull, son of Virgil and Cecilia Mull, was born September 9, 1948, at Dodge City, Kansas. He was raised on his parents' farm west of Ashland, attending grades 1-12 at Ashland Schools. Upon graduation in 1966, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, to attend Wichita State University. In 1968, he went to work for Sears Roebuck and Co. and attended the university at night.



William and Deloris Mull, 1980

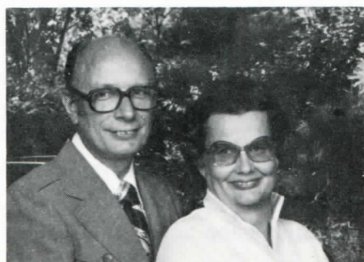
In October, 1969, he joined the 89th Army Training Division, United States Army Reserves, at Wichita, Kansas. His active duty was spent at Fort Polk, LA, for basic training and Fort Jackson, SC, for advanced training. Upon release from active duty in March, 1970, he went to work full time with Sears Roebuck and Co. and continued to attend Wichita State University at night. William and Deloris met in 1974 and after a brief engagement, were married on September 7, 1974 in Wichita, Kansas. In 1975, William received his bachelors degree in business administration from Wichita State University and during that same year became the Manager of the Wichita Retail Distribution Center at Sears in Wichita.

They both enjoy jogging and exercise classes. Their hobbies include woodworking and wheat weaving and other crafts.

Submitted by William Mull

CLARENCE C. MULLENDORE FAMILY

Clarence was born January 24, 1925 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to parents Rev. and Mrs. C.A. Mullendore. The family moved to Ashland in 1941 after 11 years in Seldon, Bird City, Atwood and Oakley, where most of his school years were spent. "Clancy" at the age of 18 was drafted, before graduating, into the U.S. Army. He returned home in April, 1946, after being stationed in England and Germany. Clancy began working at the Citizens State Bank in June of that year and is still employed there as Vice President and Cashier.



Clarence and Marjorie
Mullendore, 1978

On June 1, 1951, Clarence married Marjorie M. Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Murphy. Margie was born November 19, 1931 on a farm west of Ashland. Margie attended Ashland schools and graduated with the class of 1949.

Linda was born on April 18, 1952; Janis, October 12, 1954 and Doris, November 19, 1957.

Linda with her four children, Kama, 11, Amy, 10, Mandy, 7 and Chad, 5, lives in Dodge City. Janis Long and her husband Dennis also live in Dodge City and Doris and her husband Bob and their two girls, Darcie, 3, and Nicki, 18 months, live on a farm west of Lenora, Kansas.

Submitted by Marjorie Mullendore

THOMAS PHILLIP MURPHY

Thomas Phillip Murphy was born October 13, 1867 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He married Allie Josephine (Richards) March 26, 1890. To this union eight children were born: six born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Spring of 1900 they moved to Rice County, Kansas (Sterling) and two children were born in Rice County.

In 1907 the family moved in a covered wagon from Rice County, Kansas to Englewood, Clark County, Kansas. The mother of the children died July 14, 1908 and is buried in Englewood Cemetery.



Thomas Phillip Murphy and
Nina May (Williams) Murphy,
early 1940's.

Thomas married Nina May Williams December 20, 1911 and the family moved to their farm home in the northwest corner of Ashland. In the early 1930's, they moved to the northwest corner of Kansas, Weskan, Kansas - Colorado eastern border and farmed 228 acres on the Colorado border.

Thomas Phillip Murphy died at his home near Weskan, Kansas April 29, 1942. Buried in the Weskan Cemetery. Nina May Murphy died October 28, 1942 at the home near Weskan, Kansas. Buried in the Weskan Cemetery.

Submitted by Josephine Clark (granddaughter)

AUSTIN AND MARY JANE MYERS

Austin Griffin Myers was born April 8, 1847, near Paris, Illinois. Mary Jane Askin was born November 13, 1853 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Austin's father married Mary Jane's mother after both were widowed and merged their two families, making a total of 13.

Austin and Mary Jane were married April 8, 1875, near Paris, Illinois, and moved to Arkansas, near Stuttgart, where Austin worked as a logger and farmer. Mary Jane raised geese as well as tending the house and children. Three daughters were born: Ida Bell, born October 20, 1876, died March 19, 1898; Addella, born October 20, 1878, married William Henry Mull; and Maggie May, born November 30, 1880, married William Russell Nune-macher.



Mary Jane Myers
(with mumps)



Austin Griffin Myers

As did many others, they had heard that western Kansas offered a dry climate, healthier to those like Austin, susceptible to consumption, so in 1884 they travelled to Kansas in the company of Austin's brother Cyrus and his family. They arrived in Clark County in April, 1885, having spent the winter in Anthony where both men worked as carpenters. They lived in a dugout on the south side of Sand Creek about seven miles west of Ashland before building a sod, then a frame house. Austin farmed until they moved to Ashland in 1901. He died June 12 of that year.

Mary Jane and Maggie built a house at Fourth and Main where they kept boarders. Maggie taught for a number of years and served as County Superintendent of Schools. The Myers women all were fine seamstresses and made many quilts as well as "fancy-work."

Mary Jane Myers died January 14, 1919.

Submitted by Shalah Mull Welty

WALLACE H. NEIHART FAMILY

Wallace Harold Neihart, son of John F. and Maggie Brown Neihart, was born in Oklahoma Territory on December 28, 1906. He lived with his parents on a farm in Baca County, Colorado before moving to Ashland in 1928. He worked with his father until his marriage to Euna Baker on August 22, 1933. He was employed by Charlie Hill's Phillips 66 service station until 1942 when he moved his family to California, where he worked in the shipyards until 1946. The family returned to Ashland after the war, where Wallace worked as a carpenter. They returned to In-Neihart family in 1983. Tom R., Jean Beydler, Euna Neihart, Dorothy Peno and John C.



glewood, California in 1954, where they lived until moving to Puyallup, Washington in 1974. Wallace died on July 2, 1975.

Euna Naomi, daughter of Clayton and Minnie Knox Baker, was born on March 1, 1914. She attended the Methodist Church and the Ashland schools. She worked in the Ashland Post Office for two years before the move to Inglewood, California, where she continued her work with the Postal Service until her retirement in June of 1974.

Four children were born to Wallace and Euna.

Jean, born July 22, 1934, has a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, is married to Bruce Beydler and lives in Placerville, California.

John, born August 14, 1937, is married to Randi Sullivan and they have two daughters and live in Fife, Washington.

Dorothy, born November 4, 1939, married Robert Peno, has a son and a daughter and lives in Rush City, Minnesota.

Tom, born July 6, 1947, is married to Natasha Lavine and they are living in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Submitted by Euna Baker Neihart

CHARLES LAWRENCE AND KAY A. (MURDOCK) NELSON

Charles Lawrence Nelson, son of Robert Lewis and Ethel Mae (Scott) Nelson, was born July 18, 1912 in Watkins, Oklahoma of the Oklahoma Indian Territory. He moved to Liberal, Kansas in May, 1933 where he was employed at the Chevrolet Garage.

Kay A. Murdock, daughter of James Henry and Mary Cristine Murdock, was born on July 12, 1915 at Dalhart, Texas. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Liberal, Kansas where she was raised.

Lawrence and Kay were married on February 6, 1935 in Plains, Kansas. In September, 1935, they moved from Liberal to



Lawrence and Kay, 1966

Ashland and lived in several apartments before moving to their present home at 1221 Cleveland. Lawrence was employed by the Chevrolet Garage from 1935-65.

On August 4, 1937, a daughter, Patricia Kay, was born to Kay and Lawrence. Pat married Gene Sanders in 1956.

In 1965, Lawrence and Kay opened their own business called Nelson Automotive. Gene worked with Lawrence in the business. Kay helped by doing the book work for the business. Lawrence retired in 1974.

Kay started working for Gene in 1974 as alterationist and clerk in his new business, Gene's Clothing, at 717 Main.

Submitted by Myrna Sanders

MARION NELSON FAMILY

Marion and Bernice Nelson have been seen on Ashland Main a lot of years. Marion Chester Nelson, born in 1909, Stafford, Kansas, youngest of five children, moved to Ashland in 1928 and purchased the Nu-Way Cleaners.

Bernice Elmira Leslie was born February, 1907, in Kinsley, Kansas, daughter of Ulysses and Brettie Leslie, the youngest of

six. Bernice graduated from Ashland High School in 1928 and worked in the Farm Bureau Office for a period of time. She and Marion were married in 1930.

They owned and operated a cleaning shop in Laverne, Oklahoma and then in Ashland until 1945. After selling the shop, Bernice has worked in several business places in Ashland for 22 years.



Marion and Bernice, Lawrence and Melba, 1946

Marion worked at the *Clipper* office and Men's Clothing Store until his health failed. He died of cancer in November, 1973. Bernice presently lives in Dodge City and works part time at the Village Square Liquor Store.

Their two children are: Lawrence, born April 18, 1932, lives in Monrovia, California and has worked for Honeywell, Inc. for 23 years. Melba was born February 13, 1935, married Jack Pankowski and lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have three daughters, Christi, Monica, and Jackie.

Submitted by Bernice Nelson

MELTON AND SUZANN NELSON

Suzann Swayze Nelson was born March 20, 1943 to Jack and Bonnie Ford Swayze. She attended all 12 grades in Ashland, graduating in the Class of 1961. After graduation, she moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, attended finishing school and later went to work for Shell Oil Company. She transferred with Shell Oil to Denver in 1967. She moved to Billings, Montana in 1976 and went to work for Milestone Petroleum Inc. (formerly the Oil and Gas Division of Burlington Northern Railroad Co.) where she met and married Melton Ray Nelson.

Melton (Mel) was born February 8, 1943 and raised on a ranch south of Moore, Montana. He attended all 12 grades there and graduated in the Class of 1961. He enlisted in the Marines and was stationed on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Upon his discharge, he returned to Montana and ranched several years, then moved to Billings where he now is a long haul truck driver for Associated Food Stores.

Both Suzann and Mel are active members of the 125th Ord Bn of the U.S. Army Reserves. They have two children, Tina, age 14, and Tim, age 12.



Suzann and Mel Nelson

Submitted by
Suzann Nelson

BILL AND CONNIE NEWPORT

Connie Lee Wibright Newport is the second of three daughters of Eddie and Donna Marie Largent Wibright. She was born at Ashland, Kansas on November 30, 1947, and attended Ashland schools. She was employed throughout high school by Pete and Georgia Palmer, former owners of the local Gambles store, and was the last of many Ashland high school girls to hold the position of "the Gambles' girl," a long-time tradition of the Palmers.

Connie graduated from Ashland High School in 1965, attended Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, where she earned a Bachelor of Science of Education degree in 1969. She taught kindergarten and worked with day care and pre-school programs for several years.

Connie and William Howard (Bill) Newport were married December 27, 1969, at Ashland.



Bill and Connie Newport, 1980

Bill was born January 7, 1942, at Lexington, Mo. He attended Lexington schools and graduated from Lexington High School. He is also a graduate of Moler Barber College, Kansas City, Mo. Bill is a member of the Ashland Boy Scout Troop, where he serves as assistant scoutmaster and has accompanied the local troop on several extensive trips.

Connie and Bill reside at Shawnee, Kansas. Connie is employed as Director of the Head Start program for Wyandotte County, Kansas, and Bill is employed at International Paper Company.

Although Bill and Connie have lived in the Kansas City area since their marriage, they both consider Ashland as their home and plan to return to Ashland when they retire.

Submitted by Connie Wibright Newport

JOHN STEPHEN AND MARIANNE GOINGS NICHOLS

John Stephen Nichols was born February 14, 1958 in Nevada, Missouri to John and Katherine Nichols. John was the youngest of 3 children. John attended grade school and high school in Nevada. Upon graduation, he attended Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield for two years. He completed his degree in electrical engineering at the University of Missouri at Rolla, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He participated in football in junior high, high school and two years for Southwest Missouri State, earning all-state honors his senior year of high school. After graduation, he accepted a position as an engineer with Motorola, Inc. in Phoenix, Arizona. He is now working on his masters degree in business administration at Arizona State University. His hobbies include: woodworking, tennis, golf and weight lifting.



Marianne and John Nichols

Marianne Goings Nichols was born January 29, 1959 in Topeka, Kansas to John Wesley and Rosemary Broadie Goings. At the age of 5, she moved with her parents to Ashland, Kansas. She attended grade school and high school in Ashland. During her school years, she was active in music, 4-H, Girl Scouts, basketball and track. She attended Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri for two years, graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree. While attending college she met John Stephen Nichols and they were married in Ashland on December 29, 1979. Following the wedding they made their home in Rolla, Missouri while John finished his senior year. Following his graduation they moved to Tempe, Arizona and now reside in Chandler, Arizona.

She is employed by the Bank of the West as a loan processor and is a senior at Arizona State University, majoring in finance. Marianne is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Her hobbies include music, tennis, knitting, sewing, bridge and aerobics. She and John belong to the Southern Baptist Church.

Submitted by Rosemary Goings

JOHN W. AND NANCY ZENOR NICKUM FAMILY

John William Nickum, Jr., born June 14, 1861 in Hagerstown, Indiana, and Nancy Lenora Zenor, born July 21, 1863, in Corydon, Indiana, were married July 28, 1887 in Winfield, Kansas. They lived in and around Rutland, Kansas. In 1902, they started west by covered wagon to homestead at Willard, Oklahoma. Their children making the trip with them were: Ethel, John Amos, William "Buck," Phillip "Hank," Clara, Susie and Mack. After arriving in Willard the following children were born: Elizabeth (who died in infancy), Nannie and Eunice. The mother passed away in 1909. The family grew up in Willard and Ashland. Even though Mr. Nickum still had the farm at Willard, he operated a hotel and cafe in Ashland. The boys worked on the farm and around Ashland, the girls helped with the cafe and hotel. In 1916, Hank married Goldie Idelpha Bloyd, at Ashland. In 1917, Amos and Buck enlisted in World War I and returned to Ashland in 1919. Ethel operated the Telephone Exchange at Willard, and married Harve Howland. Buck married Nellie Hayes at Buffalo, Oklahoma, Clara married Issac Spears at Willard and Susie married Jesse LaMunyon at Buffalo, Oklahoma.

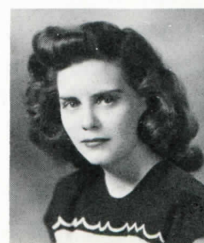
In 1918, Mr. Nickum sold his farm and moved to Wichita, Kansas, taking the rest of his family. In 1920, he became a member of the Wichita Police Force, serving 1920 to 1929, and in capacity of Captain in the department approximately one year. He retired due to ill health and passed away in 1932.

Submitted by Josephine Nickum Smee, granddaughter

BILL AND GRACE NORTON

Grace Marguerite Blakeley, the fourth child of Arthur and Leta Marguerite Blakeley, was born July 23, 1929 on the J.P. Campbell ranch ten miles southwest of Ashland. She attended first grade at the nearby Klinger School and subsequent years through high school at Ashland, graduating in 1947.

Grace was married to Billy John Norton, the son of John Ed-



Grace Blakeley Norton, 1957

ward and Rosa Norton of Protection, on May 8, 1955. They made their first home in Greensburg, Kansas, where three sons were born: Brian Kent, October 28, 1957; Kevin Bruce, January 8, 1959; and John Drew, July 30, 1961. They then moved to Beaver County, Oklahoma, where their fourth son, Steven Dale, was born June 13, 1963.

All of the family are members of the First Christian Church in Beaver.

Brian is a graduate of the Midwest Christian College in Oklahoma City and an ordained minister. He and his wife, the former Sherri Johnson, live in Wellston, Oklahoma, where Brian is youth minister and Sherri teaches speech therapy in nearby schools.

Kevin is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force, stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada.

John attends Oklahoma University at Norman, majoring in radio and television journalism.

Steven makes his home in Beaver with his parents.

Bill and Grace built their home in 1965. Bill is agent for Beaver Express and a real estate agent and appraiser. Grace works for the *Herald-Democrat*, a weekly newspaper.

Submitted by Grace Norton

GREG NORTON FAMILY

Karen Marie Hensley is the youngest child of Tom and Claudette Fox Hensley. She was born in Dodge City on August 10, 1962. Karen received her education in the Ashland school system. She was an active member of Pep Club and a cheerleader for three years. She graduated with the class of 1980.

Gregory Alan Norton was born to Donald Eugene and Karen Jo Hopkins Norton on July 23, 1959 at Austin, Texas. Greg's father was in the Air Force and therefore lived in several places - Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas, Mississippi. He received the first two years of his high school education in England and completed his education at Protection, Kansas, graduating with the class of 1977. After graduation, he attended Pratt Community Junior College.

Karen and Greg were married on August 16, 1980 and now make their home in Ashland. Greg is employed as a driller for Aldebaran Drilling Company and Karen is employed at Plantland Floral and Gift as a floral designer. Greg is an avid sports enthusiast. Karen and Greg enjoy time spent with family and friends.

Submitted by Karen Norton

NUNEMACHER FAMILY

The Nunemacher family first came to the Ashland area in 1884, from New Albany, Indiana. C.B. Nunemacher and his son W.R. (Bill) Nunemacher homesteaded in 1884, living in a dugout

Lillie Skelton Nunemacher and Robert N. Nunemacher, Sr. with their children (from left) Frances Nunemacher Van Blaricum, Robert N. Nunemacher, Jr., and Eula May Nunemacher - 1942



three miles east of Ashland. After some preparation they sent for the rest of the family. Mrs. C.B. (Arietta) Nunemacher and the other five children, Etta, Robert N., Charles, Dan and Vivian, along with Arietta's parents, Russell and Hester Smith, traveled by train to Dodge City, where they were met by C.B. and W.R. They made the trip to Ashland in two days, in a buckboard wagon. They arrived at the claim on December 24, 1884, and they cooked a turkey over an open fire for Christmas dinner, 1884.

W.R. (Bill) Nunemacher and his brother Robert N. Nunemacher went to Oklahoma territory in 1889 for the opening of the Cherokee Strip. W.R. staked a claim but later abandoned it. Robert N. was not old enough to stake a claim. The two brothers were early day cowboys and were active in cattle drives and roundups for a number of years. W.R. (Bill) Nunemacher was a cattleman for many years, and died in 1948. Robert N. Nunemacher owned and operated a men's clothing store in Ashland from 1906 to 1921. He was married in 1906 to Lillie Skelton Nunemacher.

Robert N. and Lillie Nunemacher had three children. Robert N. Nunemacher, Jr. lived in Denver, where he was the treasurer for many years of a large construction company. He died in 1983.

Eula May Nunemacher taught school in Coldwater and later was the librarian at North High School in Wichita, for a number of years. She retired in 1973 and now lives in Wichita.

Frances Nunemacher Van Blaricum is a homemaker now living in Dodge City and her husband, J.W. Van Blaricum, is a dentist who practiced dentistry in Meade, Kansas for more than 35 years. They have four children, Kenneth, an attorney in Pratt, Kansas; Betty Grogan, a dental hygienist in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Galen, a dentist in Pratt, Kansas; and Francia Bird, a medical records specialist living in Russell, Kansas.

Submitted by Kenneth R. Van Blaricum

VERNON AND BERTHA BLAKELEY O'BLENESS

George Vernon O'Bleness, born April 4, 1906, and Bertha Mae Blakeley, born May 20, 1907, were married September 23, 1931.

George was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. O'Bleness and Bertha was the daughter of William H. (Harve) and Eva Blakeley. They have two sons: George Vernon, born October 5, 1933, who married Connie McMinimy and Willis Gene, born April 24, 1944 who married Bonnie Kidd.



Bertha and George O'Bleness
at their wedding in 1931

George was a farmer and later with his wife operated the Sitka Port of Entry. They retired to Carthage, Texas in 1972 and George died there April 4, 1976. Bertha now lives in Ashland. George is buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland.

Submitted by Alice Breit

GEORGE VERNON O'BLENESS, JR. FAMILY

Both Vernon and Connie O'Bleness were born in Ashland and attended school there. Both have relatives in Ashland and Clark

County.

George Vernon was born October 5, 1933, the first son of George and Bertha Blakeley O'Bleness. Vernon graduated from Kansas State University and Colorado State University. He attended graduate school at Cornell University where he began full time employment. In 1961, he made the change to industry joining the Norwich Pharmacal Company, Norwich, N.Y. In 1969, he joined the G.D. Searle Co. in Skokie, Illinois. In 1983, Vernon moved to a small biotechnology company in Stafford, Texas where he currently is vice president of operations.



Patrick, Carol, Mike, Rebecca, Connie, Vernon and Kathleen, 1975

Connie Carol McMinimy, daughter of Vernon and Naomi Pile McMinimy, was born July 18, 1933. She grew up in Sitka and attended school there and in Ashland. On December 27, 1952 she married Vernon and helped him complete his college education.

The O'Bleness children are Carol Ann O'Bleness Nyberg, born February 8, 1956, of Wheaton, Illinois, mother of Andrew and Kirsten. Carol and Larry were married in Ashland, Oregon in 1979. Kathleen Marie O'Bleness Syko, born September 18, 1957 of Denver, Colorado, mother of Jasmine and Joshua. Katy and David were married in 1979. Michael Vernon was born October 11, 1959. He is married to Gretchen Ratzer O'Bleness and they live in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Rebecca Kay O'Bleness was born June 4, 1962 and is a senior at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Patrick Timothy, born July 23, 1963, is a college student in the process of transferring to a Texas University after two and one-half years at Kansas State University.

Connie and Vernon are avid golfers, wilderness backpackers and joggers.

Submitted by George Vernon O'Bleness

KENNETH O'BLENESSE FAMILY

Kenneth L. O'Bleness was born in Barton County, Kansas, the youngest child of W.G. and Nora (Stockwell) O'Bleness. The family moved to the Acres, Kansas area in 1922.

In June, 1942, he married Betty Bowling. She was born in Wichita, Kansas, oldest child of Ben and Iva (Sawyers) Bowling. In August, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines where he served O'Bleness family - 1982. Standing: Larry, Kenneth, Betty Marie. Seated: Betty



for three years in the Aleutian Islands and the South Pacific. He was decorated with the Purple Heart.

Kenneth and Betty have two children. Daughter Betty Marie attended Emporia State Teachers College. She is married to Ron Spitler, an NFL official and they reside in Hutchinson, Kansas. They have one daughter, Rona.

Son Larry served his country in the Vietnam conflict after graduation from Fort Hays State College. He now farms near Scott City, Kansas. His wife, Gloria, is a registered nurse. Their family consists of three daughters, Lori, Lisa and Lizabeth. Larry also received the Purple Heart.

The O'Blessnesses still live on the farm Kenneth grew up on.

Submitted by Betty O'Bleness

WARNER GAINES AND NORA ETHEL O'BLENESSE

Warner Gains and Nora Ethel O'Bleness were farmers in Claf- lin, Kansas. In the spring of 1922, W.G. and Frank Frand Grizell, who owned a farm southeast of Acres, drove to Ashland. Warner O'Bleness bought a half section of land 12 miles west of Ashland from Harvey and Woodring. He later acquired 160 acres of land.

In May of 1922, Warner and Nora, with nine of their eleven children, moved to Ashland. The children were: Flo, George, Helen, Hester, Marion, Margaret, John, Wilbur, Kenneth.



The W.G. O'Bleness family in 1934. Standing: Flo, Marion, George, John, Helen and Hester. Seated: Margaret, W.G., Nora and Kenneth.

They leased and farmed the Grizell farm, living there and farming the land west of Ashland. The children attended the Klinger school, with the exception of Flo and Helen who attended Ashland High School. Their religion was Methodist. They were members of I.O.O.F. and Rebeccas, and Modern Woodman of the World.

Nora passed away December 9, 1942. Warner passed away February 24, 1948. Kenneth and Betty O'Bleness live on and own the farm at the present time.

Submitted by Mable Flo Hensley

SARA SEACAT O'CONNELL

Sara Seocat O'Connell was born July 20, 1957, the second daughter of R.J. and Joan Seocat. Sara lived on her parents' ranch in Lexington community of Clark County until she left for college.

Sara loved living in the country and especially enjoyed such things as feeding (caking) the cattle with her father, harvesting with the neighboring Harden boys, riding cycles across the pastures and cooking for summer helpers with her mother and sisters.

Sara became a member of Lexington 4-H club while in grade school and learned to do many things which are the things she enjoys today; namely, sewing, cooking and baking and hand-

crafts.

During junior and senior high, Sara was active in the Methodist church choir, the school choir and band, tennis and track, National Honor Society and student council.



Sara and Dave O'Connell, 1983

Sara graduated from Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, with a degree in biology, where she met her husband, David O'Connell, of Shawnee Mission, Kansas. They were married June 9, 1979, following Sara's college graduation. Currently Sara and David are completing medical studies. Sara will graduate from Kansas University Medical School in May. David is a family practice resident at Baptist Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Sara has been accepted for a three-year residency in ophthalmology at the University of Texas, San Antonio. Sara and Dave will move to San Antonio after Sara completes a year's internship in Internal Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Submitted by Sara S. O'Connell

FRANK OLIVERSON FAMILY

Frank and Mayme Oliverson, with his two brothers, Ralph and Maurice, came to Ashland, from Eastern Kansas, in mid-summer of 1914, and worked with cattle and horses for the Paul Clark and Daryl Swayze ranch west of Ashland. Frank and Mayme worked together on several ranches and farms west of Ashland, with Mayme doing the cooking, farming or anything else that needed to be done. Their son, Leon, was born April 23, 1917 in west Ashland. In late April, 1918, they adopted Mayme's niece, Helen, when she was ten days old. Leon and Frank live in Tampa, Florida. Frank, who is 93 years old, needs a cane to help him walk, but has an excellent mind.

Frank helped build the "Hodson Hotel" on Main Street, hauling gravel with a team of horses and a wagon. He also helped build most of the streets in Ashland and the highway both east and west of Ashland. He worked at Wallingford's Elevator for years with Mayme managing the cream stations and testing butterfat contents. She also did housework for other people and worked at the Ashland Hospital. Mayme crocheted, embroidered, made quilts and sold her handicrafts to help put Leon and Helen through school. She especially cared for older citizens and loved to cheer the "shut-ins." Her favorite people were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Clark, parents of the late Paul Clark.

Leon and Frank hauled cattle in Clark County and also freight and groceries for Culp's Market, from Wichita to Ashland.

First Ford salesman
Fred Johnson with
Frank Oliverson,
1916 or 1917



Submitted by
Helen Oliverson Moore

ALICE GABBERT O'NEAL

In April, 1885, Samuel P. Gabbert (1844-1906) and his wife, Emma Barth (1856-1914) Gabbert, homesteaded south of Acres in Clark County, with their two children, Henry Barth (1881-1948) and Ada Florence (1884). Cora Irene was born in 1887 in Clark County. They came from Indiana where they had engaged in farming and ranching. Their first home at the ranch was a dugout, with all of the accompanying discomforts.

Emma taught school for a time, both at Acres and Englewood. She had been educated in music in Cincinnati, and was from a wealthy home. Consequently, she insisted on white table cloths on the dining table and demanded proper grammar from her children.

At the time of his death, Sam Gabbert had increased his holdings to 3,000 acres. His son, Barth, attended school at Ottawa Business College, majoring in accounting. While there, he met and married Bertha McCreery (1882-1958) and they came to live on the ranch, later moving to Ashland. Barth increased his holdings to 9,000 acres.



Alice and Laura

Barth and Bertha Gabbert had one child, Alice, born January 17, 1923. She attended Ashland schools, spent three summers at the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan, and went two years to Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Missouri. She married Lawrence Wayne O'Neal in St. Louis on June 3, 1944. They have three daughters: Patricia Lynn O'Neal Davis, born April 29, 1945; Kathleen O'Neal Harper, born May 2, 1946; and Laura Alice, born February 10, 1954.

Alice and Dr. O'Neal were divorced in 1957. Alice lived again in Ashland from 1959 until 1966. During that time, Patricia and Kathleen were married. Alice and Laura moved to Evergreen, Colorado in 1966. Alice returned to Ashland in 1975.

Laura earned a B.S. degree in nursing from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa and lives and works as a trauma nurse in San Francisco, California.

Submitted by Alice Gabbert O'Neal

DAVE AND TEDDI SUE OSBORN

Dave, son of Mrs. Delores Osborn and the late John Osborn, was born February 16, 1951 at Ashland District Hospital. Teddi Sue, daughter of Deloras and Don Baker and the late Fred Nester, Jr., was born August 15, 1952 at Shattuck, Oklahoma. She moved to Ashland at age 3 with her mother and sister Robin after the death of her father. They lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boren. Deloras and Don Baker were married in 1958.



Dave, Jimmy and Jack Osborn

Dave attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and Ashland High School, graduating in 1969. Teddi graduated in 1970. Dave graduated from junior college in Trinidad, Colorado in 1971. Teddi graduated in 1973 from Newman School of Nursing, Emporia.

While in high school, Dave worked for Heath's Grocery. Dave opened the Osborn Gun Shop in 1971 and this has since become a hobby. In 1974, Dave began working for Lowrie Phillips 66. He leased the station in 1979 and in 1981 became the manager of the Ashland Oil Co. He now operates the Osborn Trash Service.

Teddi Sue passed the state board exam and began working at the Minneola District Hospital as a registered nurse. After working at Minneola for several years, she was employed by the Ashland District Hospital in 1978. She has been active since 1974 in teaching prepared childbirth classes.

Teddi Sue and Dave were married in September, 1973 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. They have two children: Jimmy, born September 24, 1976 and Jaclyn, born December 7, 1978. Both are loved and cherished by their parents.

Submitted by Teddi Sue Osborn

FRED OSBORN FAMILY

Fred Osborn and Emma Paul were married at Moweaqua, Illinois February 14, 1885. They had nine children, but only eight grew to adulthood. The first child, Pearl, born in Moweaqua, 1886, moved with her parents to Ashland in 1895. After graduating from high school (at the age of 15), she taught in a country school. She later graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and taught school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 1928, she married Joseph McCutchan. They moved to Santa Monica, California in 1938. Pearl died in 1974.

John and Earle were born in Protection, Kansas, but lived in Ashland. When adults they lived in Arizona. John became a rancher and at his death in 1975 he owned the Horseshoe Ranch and the Williams Ranch. Earle owned stores on Indian reservations and retired to Tucson where he died in 1973. Paul was born in Protection but was killed by a team of horses on a farm in 1917. Francis, Harvey, Ralph and Evelyn were born in Ashland, graduated from Ashland High School. Francis attended Missouri University; Harvey, Ralph and Evelyn attended Kansas University. Harvey practiced law in Wichita, died in 1967. Ralph was in the newspaper business and later owned the Surfrider Inn, Santa Monica, California. He died in 1982. Francis started in advertising work, later owned a store on an Indian reservation in Arizona. After retiring, he lived in Tucson and died February, 1984. Evelyn received her Masters degree from Colorado State University. She taught at the Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma from 1938 to 1968. She is the only one living of the Osborn family.

Submitted by Evelyn Osborn

JESSE WOODROW AND IVA MAY ALDRIDGE OSBORNE

Jesse was born in Sitka Township February 4, 1917. He lived most of his early life in and around Protection, Kansas. Jesse went into the United States Army on June 10, 1941. On August 26, 1946, he married Iva Aldridge and remained in Army, serving in overseas posts. Their one son, John Warren, was born in the 124th Station Hospital in Linz, Austria on February 4, 1948.

Iva was born eight miles north of Sitka on the Aldridge homeplace and lived there until going into nurses' training. She attended school at Sitka and high school in Ashland. She was in

nurses' training at Wesley in Wichita and anesthesia training at University of Pennsylvania Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia.

Jesse left the Army in 1952 and came back to Ashland where he established a TV sales and repair business, finally building and operating Cable TV in Ashland in 1961. This was one of the first cable systems in small towns. In 1970, Jesse built and operated Cable TV in Syracuse, Kansas.

Iva worked as a registered nurse and nurse anesthetist and was active until her retirement.

Jesse sold his Ashland Cable System in 1979. Since then he and Iva have traveled, spending winters in southern Texas and summers either in Ashland or traveling.

Submitted by Iva Osborne

JOHN WARREN OSBORN FAMILY

John Warren Osborn was born near Ashland, Kansas, January 31, 1914, second son of James Albert and Ruth "VanAusdall" Osborn. He attended elementary and high school in Clark County schools, graduating with the class of 1932. John entered the service of his country in April of 1942 and was a member of the famed 7th Division. John was seriously wounded on Leyte. September, 1945, he received his honorable discharge.

Delores Marie Urban was born March 10, 1926 in Loretta, Kansas, fifth child of Jacob A. and Catherine "Urban" Urban, moving to Sitka, Kansas at the age of six weeks. Delores attended elementary and high school in Clark County schools, graduating in 1944.

John and Delores were married August 6, 1946. John owned and operated a liquor store in Ashland until his death October 1, 1966. Delores continued to operate the store until a gas explosion destroyed it February 7, 1976.

The Osborn children are: Ronald John, born June 5, 1947, married Renee Yapple October 30, 1965, children - Kathryn Rebecca, John Warren and Frank Allen. Stephen Jay, born December 10, 1948, married Sharon Wyatt January 9, 1971, children - Milton Ike and Brooke Christine. David Warren, born February 16, 1951, married Teddi Sue Nester, September 15, 1973, children - James Thomas and Jaclyn. Jo Ann, born May 6, 1952, lives in Arvada, Colorado; Thomas James, born October 31, 1955, lives in Cut Bank, Montana; Jacob Allen, born July 31, 1957, married Jane Smith, February 14, 1981, has one child, Benjamin Ivan.

Submitted by Delores Osborn

ROBERT C. AND LOUISE LANDRETH OWEN

Robert Campbell Owen was born February 12, 1881 near Marshfield, Missouri and came to Kansas in 1898. He died May 17, 1957 in Ashland, Kansas. Hannah Louise (Landreth) Owen was born September 20, 1884 in Pleasant Hope, Missouri. She moved to Kansas in 1895 and died April 28, 1966 in Ashland.

Bob and Lou, as they were known by their friends, were married February 2, 1907 in Wichita, Kansas. Eloise Martha (Mrs. James W. Berryman) was their only child. Their entire life was



Robert C. and Lou Owen

spent in southwest Kansas where Bob was employed as a Santa Fe conductor for forty-one years. They first moved to Ashland in 1932 where they lived until 1940. They returned to Ashland in 1949 upon Bob's retirement, where they resided until their deaths.

Bob belonged to the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine. He was an avid gardener. Lou belonged to the Eastern Star and the Ashland Athena Club. Wherever they lived, Lou was active in musical circles and church work. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. They both enjoyed hunting and during the years they lived in Belvidere and Medicine Lodge, they spent many hours hunting and fishing. At that time, Lou was considered the better marksman of the two, especially at "Turkey Shoots."

Submitted by Eloise O. Berryman

PALMER FAMILY

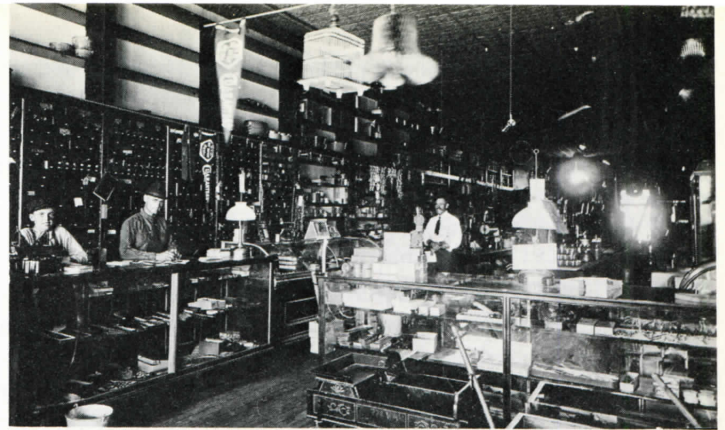
The four Palmer children, Louise, Glen, Earl and Alice, grew up in Ashland and graduated from Ashland schools in the teens and twenties. We left to attend college and pursue our careers: Louise, a Wellesley College Biology professor; Glen, a Methodist minister; Earl, with the Illinois Electric Co., and Alice, a public school teacher.

Our mother, May Wright Palmer, may be remembered as a flag waving, banner carrying, Bible brandishing suffragette of the early 1900's. Her mother, Susan Warren Wright, was a direct descendant of the Warrens of the American Revolution and founders of Harvard Medical School. When Susan was three, her father left home to seek his fortune in the West. The last time anyone heard of him he was in Utah among the Mormons. This news he wrote to a neighbor because Susan's mother could not read. This made a lasting impression on Susan who vowed to see that her own children would receive proper educations. She trained our mother to regard illiteracy as a special enemy of women. Our grandfather, E.B. Wright, had settled his family in a sod house near Ashland in about 1888. Mother taught a one-room school nearby at age 16!

Our father's people were Abolitionists who had moved north to avoid slavery. They crossed from Missouri into "Bleeding Kansas" about the time of the Missouri Compromise. As children we remember the hair-raising stories our grandmother Palmer told about how, at the age of 13, she had escaped "a fate worse than death" when her mother hid her in a trundle bed to protect her from Quantrill's Raiders who regularly terrorized the "Free Staters."

Having started his working career as a section boss of the Santa

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and children, Glen, Earl, Louise and Alice



E.O. Palmer Hardware and Harness, 1922

Fe Railroad, our father, Ed Palmer, resigned that job to go into business with his father-in-law. His store was widely known throughout Clark County as E.O. Palmer's Hardware and Harness.

Our parents are gone now, as are our brothers, Glen and Earl. Louise and Alice live in Massachusetts.

Submitted by Alice P. Whitney

E.O. AND MARY WRIGHT PALMER

I, the eldest Palmer daughter, Louise, left Ashland in 1921, and did not return except for brief visits. One of my fondest memories is of the Decoration Day Celebrations. We always picked roses and lilacs the night before. We made arrangements or wreaths for our family graves. We drove out to the old cemetery where flags flew over the veterans' graves. Then came the parade in which the surviving Civil War veterans marched or rode. There were gun salutes, speeches and prayers. After the program we returned to the Methodist Church for a chicken pie supper. I can still taste the delicious creamy chicken between the flaky top and bottom crusts, the like of which cannot be duplicated by modern chickens or modern cooks!

One of the famous stories told in the Palmer family is of our parent's wedding day. It had been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on a lovely day in May. But the day dawned dark and ominous. My father, Edwin Palmer, looked anxiously skyward as he finished morning chores. By the time he had hitched his snappy new team to the shining new carriage, it was raining hard. He started for Ashland 45 miles away despite the steady downpour. Bear Creek east of town was running up to its banks, but upon wading out, Ed estimated he could make it if he hurried. That decision was wrong! The raging torrent carried off his new wedding suit and presents, carriage and all. Only by cutting the horses loose could he save them and himself. B.T. Broadie had

May Palmer, a life-long Republican, was elected to the office of Clerk of the District Court in Clark County four times. She was finally defeated by a Democrat when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected in 1932. She left office in March, 1933. (That was prior to The Lame Duck Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)



closed for the day, but Edwin persuaded him to open up and sell him a mis-matched ensemble.

The tearful bride refused to be married to a groom in "such a get-up." The wedding took place next day, with new flowers on the alter and the groom in suitable attire.

Submitted by Louise P. Roquemore

FLOYD AND GEORGIA ZERZAN PALMER

Georgia Zerzan Palmer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G.F. Zerzan of Holyrood, Kansas, was married to Floyd E. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Palmer of Hutchinson of August 27, 1925. Four days later they travelled on the "Doodlebug" train to Sitka, Kansas, where Floyd was principal of Sitka Consolidated School for seven years. Three International buses brought children from the countryside to school.

Following that, they came to Ashland where Floyd taught manual arts. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Coldwater where he taught in the Coldwater School two years. Georgia and Floyd returned to Ashland and opened the Gamble Store which they



Georgia and Floyd Palmer
50th anniversary, 1975

ran for thirty years. Due to Floyd's poor health, they sold the store to Cleo Bliss (later it was sold to Al Seidel), but Georgia continued working part-time for ten years. During their time in the store, Floyd also taught manual arts for four years.

Following the sale of the store, Floyd and Merle Pike built the house in which Georgia still lives and enjoys her wonderful friends.

The Palmers were Presbyterians and Georgia belongs to three bridge clubs, the Mum Embroidery Club, is a fifty-year member of Eastern Star, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She has a certificate in business administration from Fort Hays State University. Floyd was a Mason, a member of the Trap Shooters Club and a member of American Legion. He was a graduate of Fort Hays State University.

Submitted by Georgia Palmer

G. NOEL PARK FAMILY

Our family moved to Ashland in November of 1983, after Noel began working as a vice-president of Stockgrowers State Bank in October of the same year. The family now consists of Gilbert Noel Park, Jr. (May 22, 1955), Judith Marie (Krouse) Park (January 23, 1954), Gilbert (Gib) Noel Park, III (May 18, 1981) and Kimberly Renee Park (March 24, 1983). The family is also expecting another child in October of 1984.

Noel was born in Manhattan, Kansas, to Gilbert N. Park and Lois R. (Allen) Park. He graduated from Burlingame High School and Kansas State University. Prior to moving to Ashland, Noel taught vocational agriculture at Westmoreland, Kansas, was a loan analyst at Greensburg PCA in Greensburg, Kansas, and was vice-president at First State Bank of Mullinville, Kansas.

Judy was born in Onaga, Kansas, to Raymond Ernest Krouse and Greta Jean (Casey) Krouse. She graduated from Westmoreland High School, attended Kansas State University and gradu-

ated from Brown-Mackie Business School. After working in California for a few years, she moved back to Westmoreland where Noel was then living. Noel and Judy were married at Westmoreland on September 2, 1978.

Gib and Kim were both born in Greensburg, Kansas.

We are thankful the Lord has brought our family to Ashland. In our short time here, we have enjoyed becoming involved in the United Methodist Church and various community activities. We hope we can call Ashland home for many years to come.

Submitted by Judy and Noel Park

LARRY PARK FAMILY

Larry Leo Park was born July 13, 1946 in Hutchinson, Kansas. He was the first son of Clarence and Barbara Brown Park who lived in Turon, Kansas at the time. He attended grades one through three at Turon. In 1954, he, his little brother, Steve, and parents moved to Hutchinson, Kansas. He graduated from Nickerson High in 1964. In 1967, he completed the Ranch Training Course at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Candra (Candy) Dean Ernst was born July 10, 1946, in Stafford, Kansas. She was the first daughter of Howard J. and Janet Ernst of Macksville, Kansas. She lived most of her life in Kansas with her parents and three little brothers. She attended junior high at South Hutchinson, then went to Nickerson High until her senior year. She graduated from Wellington High in 1965 and attended Salt City Business School in Hutchinson. She and Larry were married on April 9, 1966.

In 1968, they moved to Ashland. On September 16, 1969, their first son, Barry Lee, was born. Barry loves sports and is active in 4-H.

In 1971, they moved to Turon, Kansas, where their second son, Monti Alan, was born on June 20, 1971. Monti is also a sports lover and is active in 4-H.

In 1972, they returned to Ashland where Larry is now a partner in the G & P Cattle Co. He is a Team Roper and enjoys working with horses and cattle. Candy is a partner in the S & P Interiors, and loves papering and painting other peoples' homes and businesses.

Submitted by Candy Park

REV. MAJOR WILLIAM AND MARGARET GILES PARKER

This is the story of our parents, Major William Parker, born November 7, 1888, son of Charles and Naomi Parker, and Margaret Giles, born October 3, 1889, daughter of Caleb and Mary Ann Giles, in Snodland, Kent County, England.

50th Anniversary, 1962. Back row: Carol Butcher, Peggy Chatelain, Bob Chatelain, Bea Chatelain, Robert Chatelain, Jo Fox, Francis Fox, Bill Fox, Addie Ganson, Norman Butcher. Second row: George Gattas, Phyllis Gattas, Gerry Gattas, Margaret Parker, Rev. Major Parker, Marilyn Gattas, Jean Ganson, Art Ganson, Fran Butcher. First row: James Chatelain, Marcia Gattas, Joe Gattas, Tom Gattas, Millard Fox, Janet Ganson, Bob Butcher, Duane Butcher.



They both attended schools in England. Major did his apprenticeship in the general contracting and building business. He began preaching in the Primitive Methodist Church as an Exhorter, on the Maidstone Circuit.

Two weeks after the Titanic sank in April, 1912, Dad sailed for America. Mother came to America, alone, by boat, in November, 1912. They both stayed with friends in Newton.

They were married in Newton, December 22, 1912. Dad did carpenter work, worked on the railroads and was a minister.

Their first church was in the Evangelical Conference at Pleasant Valley (north of Bucklin). The congregation at Newton presented them with a buckskin pony and buggy and they set out for a new adventure in western Kansas. Dad said, "The trip was made in easy stages, Hutchinson, Sylvia, Turon, Pratt, Mullinville, where Mother was afraid to go to sleep because a real western party was being held in the hotel where they stayed."

He transferred to the Methodist Church Conference in March, 1925. They retired in 1957 and moved to Ashland. After retirement, Major served many churches in the area.

During World War I, Dad joined the Canadian Army. Mother and Beatrice lived in Hamilton, Canada during this time. Mother became advisor, counselor and friend to the many wives and children left behind.

They have five daughters: Beatrice Chatelain, Findlay, Ohio; Frances Butcher, Coldwater; Adaline Ganson and Josephine Fox, Ashland; and Phyllis Gattas, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Mother and Dad were faithful companions in the churches they served, making many friends in the communities. They regarded these friendships with high respect.

Dad died October 11, 1969 and Mother died March 29, 1977. Both were ready to leave this earth and to meet the God they had served for so many years. They left a great heritage to their family, one of which we can be proud. Stories they told and songs they sang to us when we were growing up will be cherished memories and will live forever in our hearts.

Submitted by Addie Ganson

DORIS HOWELL PATTERSON

Doris Jean Howell was born September 26, 1924, and after having attended Ashland and Sitka schools, graduated from Texas State College for Women in 1946 with a degree in interior design. She married Wilbur Patterson, son of Presbyterian missionaries, and they moved to Illinois where he attended graduate school and she worked for Science Research in Chicago.

After Wilbur worked for Commerce Clearing House and the Lawrence (KS) *Daily-Journal-World*, they returned to Chicago with one and 2/3rds children so he could attend McCormick Theological Seminary. They served three Presbyterian pastorates in Kansas during the 1950's. In 1960, with four children, they moved to Philadelphia where Wilbur served nine years with the Board of Christian Education. Their fifth child was born during this period.

In 1970, Wilbur transferred to the Board of National Missions in New York City. He is now Director of Volunteers in Mission for the Presbyterian USA denomination. The family resides in suburban Westfield, New Jersey, where David is a high school senior.

The four grown children have been educated in different colleges; all now live in California. Jim, his wife, Toki, Julia and Erica live in Novato; Kathy and Laura are in San Francisco; and Mary Beth lives in Monterey with her husband, Drew Davis.

Doris has kept active professionally and voluntarily in art and charitable organizations. Currently, she is on the 1984-1987 National Executive Committee of United Presbyterian Women.

Submitted by Doris Howell Patterson

RUTH (HARDEN) AND HARRY GLEN PATTERSON

Ruth Elaine Harden was born March 30, 1951 to Willis and Velmaree Harden. She spent her growing up years in the Lexington community where her father, grandfather, and great-grandfather had lived before her.

Ruth graduated from the Ashland public schools in 1969, and from Bethany Nazarene College at Bethany, Oklahoma in 1972.



Harry and Ruth (Harden) Patterson

She became a certified medical technologist in 1974 and since April, 1974, has worked at Southwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Ruth and Harry Glen Patterson were married May 29, 1972 at Ashland, Kansas. Harry's parents are Ruby and Harry Lowell Patterson of Wellington, Texas. Harry was born at Wellington and graduated from the Wellington public schools. In 1972, he graduated from Bethany Nazarene College, and since 1974 has been employed as a machinist at Amarillo Gear.

Ruth and Harry reside at 7621 Farrell Road, Amarillo, Texas.

Submitted by Velmaree R. Harden

TOM AND SUSAN SHREWDER PAYNE

Susan Shrewder Payne was born in Ashland, Kansas on December 6, 1935, daughter of Roy Valentine and Dorothy Berryman Shrewder. She attended Ashland Public Schools, Brownell Hall (Omaha, Nebraska) and Brownmoor School For Girls (Phoenix, Arizona), and is a graduate of the University of Arizona. She married Thomas Payne, formerly of Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1977.



Tom and Susie Payne, "Steve" Stevenson in background

Tom attended Fort Smith schools, graduated from the University of Arkansas and Wayne State University in Detroit and served in the United States Marine Corps in World War II. He was a member of the Ford Motor Company Racing Team from 1963-1966, racing Cobras at LeMans, France; Daytona and Sebring, Florida; Watkins Glen, New York and Mosport and St. Jovite, Canada. He is now in the commercial real estate business in Arizona.

Tom and Susie live in Paradise Valley, Arizona, and Ventura, California. Susie's daughter, Laura, attends Ventura College where she is studying to be a travel agent. Susie and Tom return

to the family home in Ashland several times each year.

Submitted by Susan Shrewder Payne

LEO PENDERGAST

Leo Pendergast was born May 27, 1912 in Blaine, Kansas. He attended grade and high school in Blaine, graduating in 1930. He was then employed by John Deere Plow Co. in Kansas City and worked for the company in Kansas and Oklahoma for more than 16 years.

Adelaide Schawe was born March 8, 1912 in Spearville, Kansas. She attended grade and high school there, graduating with the Class of 1930 and graduated from St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing in Dodge City, Kansas in 1933 as a registered nurse.

Leo and Adelaide were married January 6, 1936 in Dodge City, Kansas.

Their children are Ken, Joleen and Don. Ken was born November 29, 1936 in Dodge City. He and his wife, the former Maxine Fox, live in Dodge City where Ken is Operations Manager



Adelaide and Leo Pendergast,
1982

for Chaffin Inc. They are the parents of six children, Mike, Keith, Steve, Jim, Donna and Debbie. Joleen was born May 14, 1938. She and her husband Al Graber are co-owners of Woodmark Inc. in Winchester, Virginia. Their children are Jan, Jim, Kathy and Joe. Don was born December 17, 1941 and is Executive Director of Arrowhead West, Dodge City. He has a daughter, Lisa.

Leo and Adelaide came to Ashland from Dodge City in 1946 and have lived there since. At that time Leo was associated with Burns Implement as manager. In 1955, he joined the Citizens State Bank and was Senior Vice President at the time of his retirement in December, 1981. Previously he had served on the City Council and on the Ashland Hospital Board when the present nursing home was being constructed. He is a charter member of the Dodge City Council of the Knights of Columbus, formed in 1931. After the children were grown, Adelaide did private duty nursing at the Ashland Hospital for about twelve years. As of now they are enjoying their retirement. The Pendergasts are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Submitted by Adelaide Pendergast

GEORGE PERRY FAMILY

George Perry, born in Brownsville, Nebraska, April 1, 1889, moved to Ashland in 1907 to start farming with his father, Cornelius Perry.

Helen Henderson, born in Springfield, Mo., November 25, 1891, moved to Ashland with her mother, Sophia Henderson Currier, about 1909.

Helen and George were married in Ashland December 29, 1912, and made their home in Ashland where they had two daughters, Fontella, born August 8, 1914, and Maudeane, born December 13, 1919. George was engaged in farming and ranching until his death July 26, 1982.



Four generations on each side. Grandmothers: Redfield, Perry, Currier, Allen. George and Helen Perry with Fontella, 1914.

Helen is living at Fountain View Villa.

Submitted by Maudeane Harper

CHARLES PETTIGREW FAMILY

In 1903, Charles and Anna Pettigrew and four children, Pearl, Fern, Roland and Glenn, traveled via covered wagon, to Indian Territory, Oklahoma, now the Willard community south of Ashland, to homestead a farm. Later four more children were born, Lila and twin brother, who died at birth, Eva and Curtis.

While the family still lived on the farm, Pearl married Charles Cress; Fern married Bertie Dobbs; Glenn married Lena Holler and established their respective homes. Roland died at age 21 with flu and pneumonia.

After enduring many hardships as a pioneer family in Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew and the three younger children, Lila, Eva and Curtis, moved to Ashland in 1923 to further the children's education, and all graduated from Ashland High School.



Curtis Pettigrew, Eva Pettigrew Nichols, Mrs. Anna Pettigrew, Lila Pettigrew Myers, Glenn Pettigrew, Mr. Charles Pettigrew, Fern Pettigrew Dobbs, Pearl Pettigrew Cress - 1933.

The family were members of Ashland Christian Church. Mr. Pettigrew died in 1934 and Mrs. Pettigrew died in 1940. Curtis was killed in an automobile accident at age 21, in 1936.

At this writing in 1984, Pearl Cress, a widow, who has celebrated her 90th birthday, resides in Long Beach, California, near her daughter, Violet Small. Fern Dobbs, a widow, lives in Canada; Glenn and Lena Pettigrew, who have celebrated their 60th anniversary, live in Denver, Colorado. Lila and Lane Myers, married 57 years, retired from their wire manufacturing business, and reside in Protection, Kansas. Eva and Robert Nichols, retired, make their home in LaMirada, California.

As we reminisce and recall the years we lived in the Ashland community, we have both happy and sad memories.

Submitted by Lila Pettigrew Myers

REX AND LORNA L. McCARTY PETTIJOHN

Lorna Lucile McCarty, daughter of Harriett Bock McCarty and George McCarty, was born April 3, 1917 at Bloom, Kansas. Lorna attended Bloom Grade School her first four years when the family moved to Clark County, finishing grade school at Fairview School. She attended Dodge City High School for two years, graduating from Ashland High School in 1935.

Lorna attended Bethany College in Lindsborg for two years and she then began teaching elementary school in Englewood the fall of 1937. Lorna taught elementary grades in Meade, Minneola, Bucklin and Hutchinson. In 1953, she attended Emporia Teacher's College and received her BS in Education the spring of 1954, returning to Hutchinson to the teaching profession. Lorna was married to Nicholas Deickmann in September, 1955 and in January, 1956, they moved to Miami, Florida, where Lorna again



Lorna and Rex Pettijohn

taught elementary classes until 1971, when she received a leave of absence for a year to attend the University of Miami, receiving her Master of Science Degree in Education. The next ten years Lorna was elementary librarian at Citrus Grove Elementary School in Miami. Lorna's husband passed away in 1980 and she retired from teaching in 1981. Lorna decided to spend her retirement years near her family in Kansas moving to Ashland where she now resides.

In 1983, Lorna was married to Rex A. Pettijohn of Liberal, Kansas. Rex is retired from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. after being in the Communications Department for 45 years.

Lorna is a member and active in the Ashland Methodist Church, a member of the Bear Creek Extension Unit and the Homemakers Art Club. Lorna and Rex enjoy traveling and find themselves on the road quite often visiting relatives and new scenery.

Submitted by Lorna Pettijohn

CECIL D. AND MARY K. MARSHALL PIKE

Cecil D. Pike and Mary K. Marshall were married in the Minneola Methodist Church, April 18, 1946. Cecil was born in the Lexington Community and lived all of his life in Clark County. Mary was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and lived in that area until coming to Kansas in 1945. Cecil and Mary have two boys, Rick and Rob. The family lived on a ranch south of Minneola until moving to Ashland in 1966. Cecil was engaged in the cattle business all of his life. Rick and Rob both graduated from Ashland High School and attended college. Both boys are engaged in farming and ranching privately and also operate with their mother since the death of their father in 1981. Rick and Terry live north of Ashland with their two sons, Scott and Todd. Rob resides in Ashland with his mother.

Submitted by Mary Pike

GEORGE M. PIKE FAMILY

George Maben Pike, born December 24, 1889, in Marion, Marion County, Kansas, came to Clark County at the age of three

to live with his Uncle Losson. Dulcie May Fox, born May 20, 1891, in Chelsea, Butler County, Kansas, came to Clark County when she was about seven. George, excited about "that new girl in school (Coyote School)", told his Aunt Matt (Martha) that he was going to marry her, which he did August 27, 1909. The Pikes observed their 68th wedding anniversary a month before George died September 28, 1977.

The early years of their marriage were spent on a farm in the Bluff Creek area. Two children were born there: Virginia May, June 17, 1910; and William Francis, December 9, 1911. George and Dulcie moved to Ashland in the spring of 1913, living on what is now South Highland. Four more babies arrived: Vivian Tencia, September 1, 1913; Mildred Josephine, September 21, 1915; Losson George, December 4, 1917; Rose Helen, June 29, 1921. The Pikes joined the Methodist Church in 1916 after a Rayburn Revival. In 1922, they purchased the house at 434 West Eighth. Here Anna Jean was born May 2, 1924. Juanita Pearl, their last child and only one to be born in a hospital, arrived March 26, 1930.



George M. and
Dulcie M. Pike
wedding photo
August 27, 1909,



As a 50th anniversary present, August 27, 1959, all the children of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pike were together for the first time. Taken at the farm home of Gladys and George Pike (now occupied by Kirby and Sherry Pike) are William (Bill), Helen, Vivian, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Pike, Virginia, Nita, Anna Jean and George ("Little George").

George became interested in photography while attending Kansas State University, Manhattan; his classes were in Anderson Hall. So he forsook farm life and established Pike's Studio in Ashland in 1913. Early in 1914 he spent six weeks in McMinnville, Tennessee, taking a professional course. Much of Clark County history is recorded in his pictures hanging in the Pioneer Museum. He sold his picture business in 1946 to Maynard Brown. Photography was not his only business venture. In 1917 he bought the Playmore Theatre. Pictures were shown outside in the summer and inside in the winter. Later, he remodeled the building where the present theatre is located, called it The Photoplay, opening on Armistice Day, November 11, 1919.

George was elected County Clerk in 1924 and served ten years. He was County Treasurer for 4 years and Probate Judge for

13 years. He played several instruments in the early City Band and was City Clerk 25 years.

Five children survive, 18 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pike, befitting ladies of her day, cared for the family lovingly, overseeing their daily needs. She resides in Fountain View Villa at this writing.

Submitted by Anna Jean (Pike) Wilson

KIRBY AND SHERRY PIKE FAMILY

Kirby and Sherry Pike farm and ranch 10 miles southeast of Ashland and live in the house Kirb's Grandfather Kirby built.

Kirby Dean Pike was born September 8, 1948 in Ashland, Kansas and attended grades K-12 there, graduating in 1966. Kirb then enrolled at KSU and graduated college in 1970, whereupon he was drafted into the army and served a short time, receiving an early discharge due to his father's illness.

Sharon Kay Kenton, daughter of Ray and Vera Kenton of Dodge City, Kansas, was born June 20, 1949 in Dodge City. She spent her early years in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, where she attended grades 1-6. In 1960, her family moved to Dodge City and



Clockwise from top: Sherry, Josie,
Jenny and Kirby Pike, 1982

she finished grades 7-12 and two years at DCCJC. Sherry also attended KSU for 2 years and then worked as a flight attendant for TWA several months. Kirby and Sherry were married April 1, 1972.

The Pike's children are Jenny and Josie. Jenny was born January 23, 1974 and is a fourth grader. Josie was born May 16, 1976 and is a second grader. Both girls are involved in Girl Scouts and enjoy piano lessons and swimming.

Kirby enjoys fishing, golf and racquetball. Sherry works part-time in the Clark County Clerk's office and likes gardening and sewing. The entire family enjoys snow skiing and ice skating.

Submitted by Sherry Pike

LOSSON G. AND LEANNE PIKE

Losson Gene Pike, born April 2, 1946, in Ashland, to Losson George and Gladys Kirby Pike, attended Ashland schools and graduated in 1964. He received a degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University in 1968.



David, Leanne, Wesley,
Drew, Abby and Losson
Pike

Leanne Marie Benda, born November 23, 1948, in Oberlin, Kansas, to Wesley and Eulaine Erikson Benda, attended rural school in Rawlins County and graduated from high school at Oberlin in 1966. She majored in elementary education at KSU and transferred to the University of Kansas after she and Losson were married, August 25, 1968. Leanne graduated in January, 1970. Losson attended law school and graduated in 1971, when he was also admitted to the Kansas Bar. He then entered the Army. A son, David Losson, was born May 16, 1973, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

They returned to Ashland where Losson opened Losson Pike Law Office in September, 1973. He became County Attorney in 1974 and continues in that office until present. He served on the Hospital Board, is a member of Kiwanis, and is currently serving as Cub Master of Pack 83.

Leanne has been a substitute teacher and helped start Rainbow Connection Preschool in 1980. She is a member of 20th Century Club and P.E.O.

Andrew Nathan was born January 15, 1976, in Ashland; Abby Marie was born June 24, 1977 in Minneola; and Wesley George was born July 15, 1981 at Ashland. The entire family is active in the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Leanne Pike

MERLE L. AND RUTH H. PIKE FAMILY

Merle Lee was born June 11, 1923 in Ashland, Kansas. He attended school at Coyote School in the Lexington community and graduated in Ashland in 1941. His parents are Robert and Jennie Whitford.

Ruth Helen Vallentine was born April 18, 1921 in her parent's home in the Lexington community. She has a twin brother, Roy. She attended school in the Lexington schoolhouse and graduated at Ashland in 1939. Her parents were John Cloyd and Daisy Anna Vallentine.

They were married at the Lexington Church of God on November 22, 1942. They farmed in the Lexington area.

They moved to Ashland in 1957 where Merle started working as a carpenter and has built several houses in the community. Ruth has been employed at the Social and Rehabilitation Office since 1964.

The Pike's children are: Cinda Ruth, born October 13, 1947 and died shortly after birth. Gregory Lee was born May 10, 1951 and Kay Ruth was born August 30, 1957.

Greg and wife, Karen (Roberts), and children, Jennifer, Kirsten and Clinton, live at Claremore, Oklahoma. Kay and husband, Aaron Bates, and children, Brett, Brandon and Breanna Kay, live in Ashland.

Ruth's nephew, Max, and niece, Karen Waugh, son and daughter of Charles and LeNora (Vallentine) Waugh, came to live with

Pike family in 1967. Merle, Kay, Ruth and Greg



them in 1957 after the deaths of their parents. Max and wife, Linda (Chambers), and children, Craig and Marsha, live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Karen and husband, David Hoddy, and children, Todd and Amy Dawn, live in Meade, Kansas.

Merle and Ruth are active members of the First Church of God.

Submitted by Ruth Pike

NATHAN AND NANCY JANE PIKE

Nathan E. Pike and Nancy Jane Pike were among the first homesteaders in Clark County.

Nathan came to Kansas from North Carolina in 1881 and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in eastern Kansas. In 1883, he came to western Kansas with a team of horses and a covered wagon, stopped where it is now known as Lexington community. He started the procedure of homesteading 310 acres of land. He was required to have a dugout and live on the land for one year before the Government would issue the papers. There were two Homestead Certificates issued, one signed by President Harrison and one by President McKinley.

In 1884, Nathan returned to what is now Burns, Kansas and there he married Nancy Jane Lamb. She had come from Illinois with her parents when she was three years old.



Nathan and
Nancy Pike

The newlyweds started back west to establish their new home. Besides their team and covered wagon, they were now leading a cow behind the wagon. They soon added to their dugout and built a dugout barn for their animals. They later built a seven-room frame house where they raised their children.

Nathan operated a wagon express from Cash City to Dodge City for a few years and this was a time one stayed off the streets, at night, of wild Dodge City.

Now we would consider the times of that day rough and tough, many settlers returned east but Nathan and Nancy stayed with their home. They were devout Christians, not just by name but by deeds.

They were the parents of nine children, twenty-one grandchildren, forty-two great grandchildren and ninety-one great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Jennie Whitford

PIKE-WILSON FAMILY

William Francis Pike was born December 9, 1911 in Clark County, Kansas, son of George Maben and Dulcie (Fox) Pike. Priscilla Louise Wilson was born in Clark County, Kansas, January 1, 1914, daughter of George T. and Ethel (Gardiner) Wilson. Both Bill and Priscilla attended school in Ashland.

Married January 1, 1937, they moved to California. They operated their own aircraft business at Los Angeles Municipal Airport until December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. Moved business to Boulder City, Nevada to finish pilot training program for University of Southern California, then sold business in 1943. Bill joined the U.S. Air Force in 1943 and was sent overseas

April, 1944, served in China-Burma-India Theatre flying Hump until end of World War II. After heartbreaking trial of trying to set up business again in California, Bill went to Alaska doing "bush flying" until 1950 when he began flying with Alaska Airlines.



This reunion was held the summer of 1955 in Wilsall, Montana at the home of Henry and Dorothy Wilson. Front row: Donna Wynn Wilson, Prudy Lou Pike, Walter Allen Pike and Wm. R. Wilson. Second row: Geo. T. Wilson and Ethel M. Wilson, Donna Wilson, Priscilla Pike and Henry F. Wilson. Third row: Jerome W. Wilson, Wm. G. Pike, Dorothy Wilson, Peggy Wilson and Wm. F. Pike.

Family moved to Seattle, Washington in January, 1952. Seattle seems home to three children although all were born in California.

William G., born January 1, 1940, lives with wife Heidi, son Erik, and daughter Melina in Essengen, Germany; Prudy Lou, born December 24, 1941, lives in Clayton, California with husband John Boles Drew (Lt. Col. Retired) and daughters Pamela and Laura, sons John and Daniel are not now at the family home; Walter Allen, born October 15, 1948, lives with wife Leslee in Wenatchee, Washington.

Bill and Priscilla have been in the real estate business in the Des Moines, Washington area since 1954.

Submitted by Priscilla W. Pike

R.T. AND HELEN PITTMAN

R.T. Pittman was born to Oscar and Lottie Pittman August 14, 1916 at Gould, Oklahoma. He and his family moved to a farm at Prichett, Colorado. Both his parents died within two days, during the 1918 flu epidemic. His grandmother, Laurie Jewell, took R.T. to raise. He was two years old and the youngest child. His other brothers and sisters were placed in homes of family members. R.T. met Helen Louise Herndon, who was born to Frank and Eula Herndon at Willow Springs, Mo. on March 30, 1921.



R.T. and Helen Pittman
October 12, 1978

R.T. and Helen were married in 1939 at Perryton, Texas. The next year they welcomed a little girl, her name was Bernita Irene Pittman (LeClear). The Pittmans have two grandsons, Alan Ray LeClear, who works for Northern Natural Gas Company, and Darren Layne LeClear, a seventh grader at Ashland.

The Pittmans were transferred to Meade, Kansas with Northern Natural Gas Company and lived there for almost twelve years,

then were transferred to Ashland in 1963 where they have lived since.

R.T. retired from Northern Natural Gas Company, February, 1982 after thirty-one years with the company. R.T. enjoys gardening and doing odd jobs. Helen is an avid golfer. They have enjoyed Ashland and the friendly people here.

Submitted by Helen Pittman

KAY RANDALL PLAYTER

Kay Randall Playter, born March 7, 1935, only daughter of Lowell and Madge Randall, attended schools in Sitka and Ashland, then advanced to Kansas State University, where her brother, Phip, attended college. One Thanksgiving, Phip took a good friend of his, Bob Playter, home for turkey and introduced him to the family. Bob was born in Perth, Western Australia, on October 2, 1934. He and Kay were married on November 10, 1955.

While Bob finished his veterinary training at Kansas State, Kay was busy with their first daughter, Lynn, and their second daughter, Jodi. Robert followed soon after as Bob was starting a successful private practice in Hays, Kansas. After deciding that private practice was no way to spend time with his family, Bob accepted a position at Texas A&M University and moved the family to Bryan, Texas in 1970.



Bob, Lynn, Robert, Jodi. In front - Kay

The children grew up, Kay got bored and decided to sell real estate. Lynn graduated from Texas Women's University and is currently in Dallas working for Baylor University Medical Center as a Medical Records Administrator. Jodi is working for Texas A&M as a secretary and attending classes there. She is engaged to be married to C.W. Mitchell. Robert is a junior at Ohio State University, studying for a degree in aerospace engineering. He is also a gymnastics star.

After a very successful career, Kay decided that selling real estate was no way to spend time with your family, so she went to work (regular hours at last) for Texas A&M University as an administrative coordinator in their Development Foundation.

Submitted by Kay Randall Playter

JOHN PLOGER FAMILY

Both John and Susan are currently agents of insurance and real estate in Kinsley, Kansas.

John was born May 6, 1944 in Wichita, Kansas, but grew up in Kinsley with his twin, Jim, and parents, Alvin and Agnes Ploger. He attended Dodge City Junior College, was chosen for a 1965 Washington, D.C. Semester, graduated in 1966 from Southwestern College and received a Masters from St. Paul School of Theology in 1969. An enthusiasm for working with people has involved him as Youth Minister, Director--New Mexico Lung Association and current vocations.

Susan, daughter of Raymond and Leta Broadie, was born May 11, 1944 in Ashland and grew up there. After graduation, she attended Southwestern College and graduated with honors as a teacher. While there she attended a United Nations semester at Drew University. In Ashland on August 19, 1967, Susan and John were married. In 1969 she earned a KU Masters degree in history; she taught junior and senior high students for several years.



John, Susan, Heather and Kara, 1976

John and Susan lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1969 until 1976 and both their daughters were born there: Kara on September 2, 1972 and Heather on July 24, 1975. As a result of experiences there, the whole family loves the Southwest and its culture, art, ruins and landscape; all collect items reminiscent of that area.

The Plogers moved to Kinsley in 1976 and weathered the challenge of building their home with their own hands. They thoroughly enjoy being back in the atmosphere of a small community.

Submitted by Susan Ploger

ED AND CRESSIE POWERS FAMILY

James Edward Powers, son of Francis A. and Mary (Buckles) Powers, was born in Sumner County, Kansas in June, 1879, the youngest of seven children. His parents lived in Udall. He married Cressie Elizabeth Davidson, daughter of Christian Davidson and Catherine (Paul) Davidson. Cressie was born April 26, 1886 in Clark County.

Children born to this union were Geneva Loretta (Powers) Bono, June 10, 1905; Albert Eugene Powers, April 16, 1909; and Ruby Lucile (Powers) Lake, January 14, 1911.

Ed and Cressie were divorced in the 1930's and he went to California after living in Colorado for a time. Cressie worked in homes, took in laundry, assisted as a mid-wife (always with a doctor present) and assisted M.G. Stevenson in the mortuary. All of the children worked out in their teen-age years.

Geneva and Albert graduated from Ashland High School. Geneva married Jack Bono and lived her adult life in Springfield, Illinois, where she worked as a waitress. She died in 1974. Albert never married, ran the projector at the theater, and loved classical music, his record collection being his pride. Albert died in 1972. Lucile married Charles Lake and has made her home in

Albert Powers, Cressie Powers, Geneva Bono, Lucille Lake



Ashland. Lucile died in April, 1984.

Cressie died in June, 1966, and is buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Lucile Powers Lake

ALOIS PREISNER FAMILY

Alois Preisner was born June 12, 1880 in Marish Tribau in the state of Mohran, Austria, to Peregrin Preisner and Anna Mary Beck Preisner. He was the third born of fourteen children. Because of economic conditions at home, he knew that he would have to make a life for himself. At the urging of his uncle, who was already in Ameria, he decided to make the change. In 1905, he came by boat to New York and by train to Ellinwood, Kansas where he was met by his uncle. Alois had learned to make and repair shoes in Austria and this helped him to make a start. In 1921, he became a citizen of the United States.



Alois and Anna Preisner
Golden Wedding Anniversary, October 16, 1956

On October 16, 1906, he married Anna Huslig at Odin, Kansas. Anna was born February 23, 1907, in Marish Tribau in the state of Mohran, Austria, to Joseph Huslig and Theresa Weigel. She also came to America at an early age. Neither Anna nor Alois could read, write or speak the English language when they arrived in the States. They taught themselves how to do each of these.

They lived for some time in Odin and Claflin, Kansas and in 1925 they moved to Clark County, buying their farm 3½ miles west of Ashland. They retired in 1941 and moved into Ashland. They were active members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Their children are: Francis John (Frank), Joseph Stephen, Aloysius Frederick (Msgr. A.F.), Anna Marie (Mrs. Paul L. Strothman) and Mary Magdaline (Mrs. Victor B. Urban).

Alois died on November 6, 1962 and Anna died November 23, 1972. They are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Submitted by Mary P. Urban

FRANK PREISNER FAMILY

The Frank Preisner family history began on November 28, 1933, when Frank married Leona Fitzgerald at Spearville, Kansas. Frank was born March 28, 1907 at Odin, oldest child of Alois Priesner and Anna Huslig, and moved to Ashland in 1925 with his family. Leona was born September 23, 1912, one of six girls of Edward Fitzgerald and Margaret O'Halloran. After Frank and Leona were married, they lived on the old Woolridge farm, west of Ashland where Frank farmed and helped his father. They moved to the Berryman rental home east of the Co-op in July, 1944. Retiring from farming in 1977, they moved to town until November, 1982 when they moved to Halstead where they now reside, enjoying retirement and their children.

Frank served on the Co-op Board of Directors for several years, on the ASCS Committee for 16 years, was a member of the St. Joseph's Church Committee several times and was a Grand

Knight and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Leona was Librarian of the Ashland City Library for 16½ years, was President of the Altar Society of the church and was a charter member of the Daughters of Isabella.



Frank and Leona and family in 1952. Standing: Jim, Frank, Jr., Robert, Virginia. Seated: Jeanne, Frank, Leona and Joanne

They attended St. Joseph's Church and all of their children graduated from the parochial school and Ashland High School.

Frank, Jr., born 1934, married Darlene Dome in 1959, lives in Denver where he teaches for the Denver school system and Darlene is a journalist bookkeeper at the Marriot Hotel. They have 8 children.



Seated: Leona and Frank Preisner. Left to right: Frank, Jr., Darlene, Jim, Jan, Robert, Virginia, Ron, Jeanne, Dennis and Joann.

James, born 1936, married Jan Kidwell in 1979, lives in Topeka where he is Vice-President of Theis Transportation, Inc. He has 3 sons and 2 stepchildren.

Robert, born 1937, married Shirley Gifford in 1969, lives in Lawrence where he is maintenance foreman for the Kansas State Turnpike. He has 3 stepchildren and 1 step-granddaughter.

Virginia, born 1940, married Robert Inman in 1962, lives in Wichita Falls working as a surgical nurse at Electra Hospital. They have one daughter.

Jeanne, born 1945, married Ronald Sturgeon in 1967, lives in Hutchinson where they are owners of Sturgeon Plumbing Co. They have 4 children.

Joanne, born 1950, married Dennis Herman in 1969, lives in Halstead where both are employed by Halstead Hospital, Joanne in medical records and Dennis operates the energy center. They have 2 children.

Submitted by Leona Preisner

JOE PREISNER FAMILY

Joseph Stephen Preisner was born September 2, 1911 at Claflin, Kansas, one of family of Aloyious and Anna Preisner. He went to school at Ashland. He has farmed all of his life.

Marjorie Louise Pitman was born April 9, 1913 at Minneola,

Kansas, one of the family of Jim and Mary Pitman. She attended school at Minneola, Kansas. She went to Southwestern College 1932-34. She moved to Ashland in 1934, did social work until 1937 when she went to cosmetology school in Wichita, Kansas.

They were married December 27, 1938. In 1943, they moved to the Preisner farm west of town and lived there until September, 1957 when the family moved to town.



Joe and Marjorie Preisner

The Preisners have four children. Kay, born March 16, 1941, attended Salt City Business College in 1959 and started work at Stockgrowers State Bank, January, 1961. She worked there until January, 1965, married Jerry Young, November 26, 1964. They own Young Construction Inc. now. Stephen Joseph, born July 23, 1943, attended Pittsburg State College 1961, then worked for the City of Ashland, for Fairmont Milk Co. for ten years and now has Preisner Bros. 66 Station. Stephen married Sydne Dorsey of Ashland, June 27, 1964. Sydne works at the Citizens Bank. Ivan Eugene, born January 23, 1947 went to the Navy in 1966. He married Donna Haen, May 24, 1973. Ivan farms and has the Preisner Bros. 66 Station. Janet Faye, born November 23, 1953, went to computer school in Denver, Colorado in 1971. She worked in Hutchinson and Heston, Kansas after computer school. She married Gary Sippel March 8, 1973. They live in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Submitted by Joe and Marge Preisner

FRANCIS C. PRICE FAMILY

Francis Clark Price was born near Cleveland, Ohio, August 31, 1859. At the age of six, his family moved to Jasper County, Indiana, where he grew to manhood, taught school and read law in a law office in Lafayette, completing his legal education at Cornell University. In 1884, he opened his first practice at Anthony, Kansas, formed the acquaintance of H. Lewelyn Jones, a young lawyer from England, who moved to Meade. He, too, took the train westward to Dodge City and walked, following the old government trail between Dodge and Ft. Supply, to file on a quarter section of land. He arrived with something like a dollar and quoting from an old clipping, "The hotel was short on bedding so he used sheets of the *Ashland Clipper* to keep warm. *The Clipper* was a warm sheet in those days. There being little law business at that time, he interested himself in digging wells and such other light work as afforded him necessary funds. The well at the livery barn east of Main Street is a monument to his ability as a well digger."

In 1886, Clark County sent him to the Legislature and to the Senate in 1888. In 1889, the 31st Judicial District, comprising Clark, Commanche and Meade, was created and he was appointed judge, serving three terms. He returned to the Senate in 1908, was President Pro Tem in 1919, 1921 and 1923. It was said of his public life that honesty and integrity were a golden rule with him and no temptation could cause him to deviate.

Once during the late days of the Capper administration, he fought a welfare bill before a packed lobby which jeered and hissed him. Many of the colleagues deserted him to vote for it

saying 'the people wanted it.' The senator calmly stated, "I don't know whether my people want this or not. What's more, I don't care. I didn't come here to humor and coddle my people. I came here to pass good laws to live under." Judge Price returned to private practice in Ashland, forming a law partnership with his son-in-law, F.N. Cossman, in 1923, which he headed until his death December 18, 1942.



Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Price

Mary M. Curtis was born March 10, 1861 at Perry, Ohio, but lived in Sandusky most of her life where her family founded the American Crayon Company. On November 12, 1890, at the home of her parents, she and Francis C. Price were united in marriage. It was said, "Mrs. Price, an avid reader of Mark Twain, had read 'Roughin It' and came here on her wedding trip fully prepared for any contingency that might befall in the wild and woolly West."

Mary Price was highly regarded as a woman of outstanding intelligence and thoughtfulness, and during the many years spent in Topeka for the legislature sessions, she was well liked and widely known as one of the most gracious hostesses. At one time she proposed a tree memorial favoring the planting of trees along Kansas highways in honor of our soldiers. Being admirers of trees, she and Sen. Price had gathered some acorns at the cemetery of Mark Twain and brought them back to Kansas and planted, declaring they would make a beautiful oak avenue for future generations to enjoy.

The first daughter was born on January 9, 1893 in Wichita, Carrie May (Mrs. Frank L. Carson) and on January 4, 1899, also in Wichita, their second child, Frances Eleanor (Mrs. F.N. Cossman) was born.

Submitted by M. Eleanor Cossman Haydock

JERRY W. PRICE FAMILY

Jerry W. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Price, was born at Hollis, Oklahoma, December 6, 1942. At the age of two weeks, the family moved to Stratford, Texas. Their next move was to Mulvane, Kansas, where he grew up, attended and graduated from the Mulvane school system in 1960. He attended Wichita University for a time while working in construction, retail sales and aircraft plants. In 1963, he enlisted in the Navy and served in California, New Jersey, Texas and aboard ship home ported in Virginia. After his release from active duty in 1967, he moved to Minden, Nevada, where he took commercial flight training and earned his flight instructor certificate while working in several different phases of aviation. Moved to Ashland in September, 1969 and was employed by Vic Carter as a flight and ground instructor and charter pilot at Harold Krier Field.

Diana Hoffman Price, daughter of Wilbur and Geraldine Brown Hoffman, was born May 17, 1950 at Ashland. She attended Ashland grade and high school, graduating with the class of 1968 and took six weeks training in IBM computers in Kansas City, Mo., summer of 1968. Later she graduated from Dodge City School of Cosmetology and was employed at Helen's Beauty Bar.

Jerry and Diana were married July 18, 1970 in Ashland, moving to Goodland, Kansas, January, 1971, where Jerry was employed by Edwards Aviation.

Jerry, Diana and Brenda Price,
Easter, 1982



The Prices have one daughter, Brenda Sue, born at Goodland, August 23, 1971. The family moved to Mulvane, November, 1972. Jerry was employed by Gates Learjet Corp., Wichita. Brenda attended kindergarten through fourth grade.

They moved to Ashland in 1981 where they now reside. Brenda is a seventh grader, Jerry is employed with the State Department of Transportation, Diana is employed with Milligan Pharmacy and is a member of Town and Country Extension Unit.

The Prices are active in the community and attend St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Submitted by Diana Hoffman Price

CLARICE ABELL PRIVETT

Clarice Abell Privett, daughter of Myrtle Moore Abell and Ed Abell, was born October 27, 1905 and died December 13, 1924. She married Sibley Privett, who was born December 16, 1902. One daughter, Patricia M. Privett, was born January 23, 1924, and died at birth.

Clarice was survived by her parents, Myrtle and Ed Abell, her sister Edna and her brother Frank, as well as her husband.

Submitted by Juanita Pyle

KEVAN EARL PROCTOR

Kevan Earl Proctor, son of Marilyn Proctor Coxwell and only grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boren, was born June 26, 1958, Omaha, Nebraska.

Kevan moved to Ashland in August, 1959 where he attended Ashland schools. He played football, played trumpet with the high school band and the Sound Stage Band and traveled Europe with the stage band.



Kevan and Belinda Proctor, 1982

In 1975, Kevan moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he graduated from high school and People's Bible College, and later attended N.S.U. at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Kevan moved to Liberal, Kansas, working with Emergency Medical team where he met Belinda Woods. They were married January, 1982.

Belinda and Kevan now live in Wamego, Kansas, where he is owner of Proctor Roofing Co. and Belinda is employed by the Wamego Hospital.

Submitted by Kevan Proctor

LYNDA LEE PROCTOR

Lynda Lee Proctor, daughter of Mrs. Marilyn Proctor Coxwell and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boren, was born in Ashland, February 19, 1960.

Lynda attended Ashland schools until August, 1975, when she and her mother moved to Beaver, Oklahoma. Lynda attended Beaver High School, played saxophone with the band, sang with the Masters Musicians Group, before graduating in 1979. She at-



Lynda Proctor

tended Frank Phillips Jr. College, Borger, Texas, graduating in 1980. Lynda then attended West Texas State at Canyon for three years, majoring in music.

Lynda has spent a great deal of her time working with her church and the handicapped in Amarillo, Texas. She is presently employed by the Meade, Kansas school as assistant audio visual aide.

Submitted by Lynda Proctor

JUANITA ALICE ABELL PYLE

Juanita Alice Abell, daughter of Flora and George C. Abell, was born February 28, 1923 at Kansas City, Mo. She married Clarence Glenn Dennis, Jr., son of Carrie Cave Dennis and C.G. Dennis of Sublette, Haskell County, Kansas on July 21, 1946 at Ashland Presbyterian Church

Glenn was born May 9, 1920 at Garden City, Kansas. He was proud of having served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot during World War II for five years. He served in the China-Burma-India theatre and attained the rank of Lt. Colonel. Glenn's former Army friends were always welcome in his home, as long as he lived. Nita and Glenn lived in Sublette for five years, moving to what was known as "the west Abell ranch," December, 1951, 16 miles west of Ashland. They tried to make an attractive ranch home from the original old Barbecue Campbell (BQ) ranch headquarters until Glenn lost his life in a car accident near Plains, Kansas, July, 1966, at the age of 46 years. He was survived by his parents, his wife and one sister, as well as a niece and nephew.



Nita and Glenn, c. 1950

Nita graduated from high school in Kansas City, Mo. and junior college in Massachusetts and has been engaged in ranching for most of her adult life. After Glenn's death, she continued operating the ranch and living in her ranch home west of Ashland.

She was married to E.M. ("Sonny") Pyle III of Kingsdown and Dodge City, Kansas, August 21, 1971 at Dodge City. Nita and "Sonny" lived at Nita's ranch home and spent time in Dodge City also. "Sonny" was born at Haviland, Kansas, July 6, 1913, the son of Etna Maurice, Jr. and Zara Woodward Pyle. He was a graduate of Kansas University where he was a member of Delta

Chi. He married Louise Einsel November 30, 1939. She preceded him in death in 1970. "Sonny" passed away November 21, 1983 in Dodge City. He was a life-long rancher in Kiowa and Clark Counties. He was survived by his wife, Nita, three daughters (Joan Munger of Lenexa, Kansas; Jane Pyle and Vicki Baum of Houston, Texas; and one son, E.M. "Butch" Pyle IV of



"Sonny" and Nita, 1971

Dodge City), five grandchildren and one sister, Lorraine Kuhn of Lawrence, Kansas. "Sonny" was a friend of all and known as a very kind person to all he had dealings with. He had a deep and abiding interest in early history of western Kansas cattle country.

Nita has served as representative in Ashland for the Dodge City Community Concert Association since 1948-49 and enjoys art work as a hobby when time permits.

Submitted by Juanita Pyle

ARTHUR AND MARGARETTE RADTKE FAMILY

Arthur Radtke was born in Newton, Kansas, September 2, 1884, where he grew to young manhood. He was in the grain threshing business. He moved to the country southwest of Englewood where he homesteaded just across the state line in Oklahoma.

He and Margarette Lemmons were married December 21, 1920 and moved into Kansas two miles from the homestead. Two children, Richard and Pauline, were born.

They moved to Englewood in 1927 and bought the home in what is known as Old Town. Margarette still lives in the same house and enjoys working in her yard and beautiful flowers.



Arthur and Margarette Radtke,
1944

Art did carpenter work in and around Englewood for many years. He passed away in 1952. Margarette was the local paper-hanger, going near and far, and achieved the title of the best paper-hanger around.

Richard graduated from Englewood High School and moved to Omaha, Nebraska. He joined the army and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. He gave his life for his country on January 7, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

Pauline graduated from Englewood High School and married Norman Erikson and they had two daughters, Darlene and JoAnn. Norman worked for Gano Grain Co. and Pauline ran the local telephone exchange. They were transferred to western Kansas, later moving to Valley Center.

Margarette enjoys entertaining her family, especially her five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Submitted by Pauline Erikson

CALVIN C. 'LEE' RAINEY FAMILY

Calvin C. Rainey was born February 10, 1925 at Ashland, Kansas. He was the ninth child of a total of fourteen children born to Dillard "D" and Hanna Marie Rainey (nee Williams).

The family moved to Dodge City in 1926, and returned to Ashland in 1935. Calvin attended Ashland Elementary and High School through the sophomore year, when he left to join the Navy during World War II. After discharge from the Navy in 1945, he made his home in Hutchinson, Kansas. He attended business college for two years studying accounting and business management.

In 1949, Calvin joined the firm of Hutchinson Supply Co., a ready-mix concrete and building supply company. He bought the business in 1955 and changed the name to Concrete Enterprises,



Virginia, granddaughter Kami and C.C. "Lee" Rainey

Inc. In 1980, he expanded the concrete operations to Rogers and Fayetteville, Arkansas and later to Ashland and Stafford, Kansas.

On January 2, 1948, Calvin married Virginia Lee Reese. Virginia was born in Macksville, Kansas, December 15, 1927. She attended Macksville Elementary School and later graduated from Hutchinson High School. She then attended Marymount College in Salina, Kansas. Virginia is a partner in Concrete Enterprises, Inc.

Two children were born to this family. A son, Terry L. Rainey, was born August 25, 1949 and is a partner in the family business. A daughter, Deborah D. Rainey, was born July 12, 1951. There is one granddaughter, Kami Lou Ann Rainey, born January 2, 1977.

Both Calvin and I are avid golfers.

Submitted by Virginia L. Rainey

DILLARD AND HANNAH MARIE RAINEY

Dillard Rainey was born April 10, 1872 in Danville, Kentucky, son of Matthew and Hannah Rainey. In 1904, he moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where he married Hanna Marie Williams on July 3, 1907. She was the daughter of Melvin and Elnora Williams and was born on April 14, 1891 in Guthrie.

They lived in Sweetwater until 1914, when they moved north to Buffalo, Oklahoma with their family of four children. In 1918, they moved to Ashland. "D", as he was known, enjoyed the friendship of many people in and around Ashland, as did Hannah. Ashland was home, where they had a sense of belonging. Dillard was responsible for planting the trees along the road to the cemetery, one of the lasting marks he left in Ashland. They lived on the Potter Ranch, and briefly in Dodge City, before moving to Ashland in 1935, making it their permanent home.



Hannah and D. Rainey

"D" and Hannah's family grew to seven boys and seven girls. They were devoted parents, whose aim in life was to provide for their family and educate them to the best of their ability. It meant a lot of hard work and they were to know success. Dillard passed away April 2, 1950, following an automobile accident, and Hannah died April 12, 1962. Two sons preceded them in death: Henry, 1921-1923, and Willard, 1923-1936, and Del (1983). Their surviving children are: Ruth Booth, Ashland; Maurine Rowton, Dodge City; Grant, Ventura, California; Ann Smith, Irving Texas; Sylvester, Rancho Verde, California; Viola Legg, Renton, Washington; Corky Cravers, LaMarque, Texas; Calvin (Lee) Hutchinson; Donald, LeMarque, Texas; Phyllis Buchman, Kansas City, Missouri; and Millie Steele, Ashland. There are thirty three grandchildren.

Submitted by Maurine Rowton, Phyllis Buchman and Millie Steele

SYLVESTER C. RAINEY

Sylvester C. Rainey was born July 25, 1915 to Hannah and Dillard Rainey. He attended grade school in Ashland and at the age of 12 the family moved to Dodge City where he finished school. He left home at the age of 17 years to make his way in life. After numerous odd jobs, he got a job with Stearns-Rogers Mfg. Company, where he helped build a gas plant in South Sioux City, Nebraska, where he met and married La Von Sund. They had three children, Judy, David and Susan.



LaVon and Sylvester Rainey

He was employed by St. Louis Lightning Protection Company before he was drafted into the United States Army Air Force. After returning from the service, he was employed by the C.B. & Q. Railroad, now the Burlington Northern, as a conductor for 25 years. He suffered a stroke in September of 1968 and was unable to return to work. Upon the doctor's advice, the family moved to Rancho Cordova, California, in June of 1971.

Submitted by S.C. Rainey

JEAN GANSON RAMSAY

Jean Ganson Ramsay is the daughter of Art and Addie Ganson. She and her twin sister, Jan Shaw, were born in Ashland on February 18, 1952. Jean attended both grade school and high school in Ashland.

After high school, Jean attended and graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield. While attending Southwestern, she met Hal Bryan Ramsay. They were married May 25, 1974.



Amber and Bryan Ramsay

Their oldest child is Amber Charisse Ramsay. She was born on July 19, 1976 and is now a second grader at Johnson Grade School. Amber stays busy with Brownies, piano lessons, friends and roller skating.

On June 24, 1979, Bryan Deshane Ramsay was born. He is now four and attends Noah's Ark Preschool in Johnson. He will begin kindergarten in the fall, but for now he keeps busy keeping up with Amber.

Hal and Jean live and farm east of Johnson, Kansas, where they irrigate corn, wheat, milo and soybeans. Hal is Farm Bureau President and enjoys playing the guitar and keyboards and working on his computer in his spare time.

Jean keeps busy at home. She is a member of the Library Board in Johnson and coordinator of the Children's Division of the United Methodist Sunday School. She still enjoys playing softball in the summer, along with some tennis.

Submitted by Jean Ganson Ramsay

HARRY AND ANNA RANABARGAR

Harry L. Ranabargar, his wife, Anna, their daughters, Helen and Reta, moved to Ashland from Herrington, Kansas in 1940. The Ranabargars and Anna's sister, Cleo Stranghoner, owned and operated the Midway Cafe across the street south of the Ritz Theater for several years. Harry drove a cattle truck for Paul Harden a number of years. He did custom farming until his heart attack and death on August 13, 1967. He was born near Boone-



Harry Ranabargar

ville, Mo., February 19, 1904, the first of William and Donna (Amos) Ranabargar's thirteen children. Anna was born on April 19, 1902, the second of eleven children of William and Matilda (Schultz) Stranghoner.

Harry and Anna were married at Iola, Kansas, on October 17, 1922. Anna worked for Madge and Ed Callison at the Hiway Cafe as pastry, salad and chef's helper for several years. In failing health, she entered Fountain View Villa in May of 1980 and at the present time is a resident there.

Submitted by Helen Weikal

BENTLEY RANDALL FAMILY

Most of my family was raised on the Bentley Randall Ranch off U.S. Highway 183 south of the Cimarron River and north of the Oklahoma State line. My Grandfather Bentley Randall and Grandmother Grace Ellen Wright Randall were brought to Ashland by their parents and raised their family there.

Clark County was always Randall country to me. At the Randall family reunions it seemed the whole county would turn out. Also, Memorial Day has always brought family from everywhere. This has always been a special day to our family and it's significant that Grandmother died on Memorial Day, 1983. She would have been 97 January 28, 1984.

Christmas is very important to our family and my fondest memories are of the large family gatherings at my grandparent's home on Christmas Eve. Lots of gifts, everyone took part in some way to entertain the others and an uncle would play Santa

Claus. We also had a big gathering on the Fourth of July. I used to think everyone was just celebrating my birthday.

Of all the special times, I remember the cattle round-ups as most enjoyable of all. Again, the whole family seemed to be there with the men (and some of the girls) working cattle and calves and the women preparing the food. We may not have talked much, but just working together was very fulfilling.

Although the family is scattered and many gone, Ashland is still home to us and will always be a warm spot in our hearts.

Submitted by Stanley Randall, son of E.A. (Del) Randall
and Opal Wallingford Randall Kinsey

BEULAH RANDALL

I was born in Protection, Kansas to Philip and Sybil Randall, now deceased. My father had a farm in Clark County and there were four children in our family: Helen Randall Dakin of Houston, Texas and Lowell P. Randall (deceased), of Ashland; myself, and J. Kenneth Randall of Wichita, Kansas.

I graduated from Ashland High in 1931 after attending both grade and high school there. We lived in town in the winter and spent our summers in the country.



Beulah Randall, 1984

After graduating in 1931, I worked for awhile for Dr. Ivan R. Burket at his medical building, attended Coffeyville Jr. College, taught school in the country and at Protection Grade School. During the war years, I worked at Beech Aircraft, then again taught school at Protection.

In 1946 I decided to complete my degree and attended Kansas State College graduating in 1947. I taught at Atwood, Kansas awhile, before returning home to care for my father. Since that time I have worked for a number of places in Wichita, the last ten years for mostly the same families. I am practically retired, but still single. Lowell's wife, Madge Rowland Randall, lives on the Randall ranch with her son, John Paul Randall.

Submitted by Beulah Randall

CHARLES AND FRANCES RANDALL

Both Charles and I were life-long residents of the Sitka-Ashland community. Charles Edward was born May 20, 1906 to Howard and Annie Fox Randall. He attended a little one-room school No. 62, known as the Brown School. After the two-room building was built in Sitka, he attended there. Maggie Myers was his first teacher. Charles had an older sister, Lucy, and two brothers, Paul and Robert.

I, Frances Melvina, was the oldest child of Frank Hamilton and Cora Edith Johnson York, born March 13, 1908. I attended Pleasant Valley Grade School, located three-fourths mile from our home. When that school was consolidated with the Sitka district, I went there for my eighth grade. Alpha Belt was my first grade teacher.

Charles and I attended Ashland High School. He graduated in 1924 and I in 1926. Charles attended Southwestern College at Winfield for one year, then decided he should help his father on the farm. He continued to farm and ranch on this farm until his retirement.

I received a teacher's certificate from Southwestern College and taught three years in a rural school, Riverside School No. 9, for the salary of \$95.00 per month.

Charles and I were married in the home of my parents, February 12, 1933. On March 6, 1935, the president closed all of the banks. Our first home was a little four-room house near the Sitka depot. It was a home without telephone, running water, or electricity. In the spring of 1938, we bought the Mary Stewart home in Sitka for \$1,000---that was our home for thirty-eight years. I kept teachers who taught at Sitka until the school consolidated with Ashland in 1949.



Frances and Charles Randall

We had two children: a daughter, Doris Charlene, born April 13, 1936, and a son, Warren York, born September 14, 1941.

Charles served on the Sitka School Board, was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Wichita Consistory, and a farmer-stockman all his life. Cattle working time was an important time, when neighbors gathered to help. It was a fun time, too.

Charles died June 5, 1975, at the Ashland District Hospital and was buried in Highland Cemetery.

We were always interested in the community affairs and were members and attended the United Methodist Church.

I sold the home at Sitka April, 1977 and purchased a house in Ashland. Here I live alone. As I look back over the years Charles and I spent together, there were many blessed and precious memories.

Submitted by Frances Randall

EDWARD VERNON AND SARAH RANDALL

Edward Vernon (born 1831 and died 1907) and Sarah (Scales) Randall (born 1832 and died 1919) were born in Maine. Before their marriage, Sarah worked in the textile mills. One of her letters tells of the deplorable working conditions that existed. Vernon engaged in fishing trips for a number of years. After their marriage he engaged in farming.

In 1867 they moved to Garrison, Iowa by way of Indiana, where they spent a short time. In Iowa he became a successful and wealthy farmer, owning hundreds of acres of good land.



Sarah and Edward
Vernon Randall

In 1888 he came to Clark County on a real estate dealer's promotion and bought several thousand acres of land in Cimarron Township. He came to Dodge City and then to Ashland by stage coach.

In 1889 they loaded their livestock, farm machinery, and household goods on the train and moved to Clark County. It was the first year the railroad was completed.

Why they decided to give up a successful operation has never been decided, only family gossip. One such story was that Sarah

did not approve of the neighbor's daughters and did not want any of her sons to marry any of them. The neighbors were newly arrived immigrants from Europe and could speak little English.

Vernon disliked trees because of the brush that had to be contended with in Maine. When he saw the open plains of western Kansas, he fell in love with them and was ready to move.

Children: Annie, Edward, Mary, Caleb, Howard, Bentley and Philip.

Submitted by Paul Randall

GENE AND SHIRLEY RANDALL FAMILY

Shirley and Gene were born in Ashland, but met in college. Shirley Anne Davis, only child of Ollie Stone and Charles B. Davis, graduated from Ashland High School in 1952. She received a degree in dietetics and institutional management from Kansas State University and interned at Kansas City Medical Center. Shirley is a consulting dietitian and teaches classes at Ventura College.

Gene Randall, oldest child of E.A. (Dell) Randall and Opal Wallingford Randall, was in Oklahoma Panhandle College when he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was stationed in Korea. He received a degree in business and agriculture at KSU in 1957. He and Shirley were married that summer.



Shirley, Diane, Mark and Gene Randall

They live in Camarillo, California. Gene helped organize the Camarillo Community Bank (1979) and is presently Chairman of the Board. Gene and Shirley are ordained Elder and Deaconess in Trinity Presbyterian Church and are active in youth and community affairs. They started the American Youth Soccer Organizations in Camarillo in 1974 and were honored with the title, "Mr. and Mrs. Soccer of Camarillo." Shirley is on the Board for "The Children's Place," a preschool at her church. Gene was honored as the "Man of the Year" in Camarillo in 1976.

Diane Randall was born October 31, 1962. While in high school, she did over 500 hours of voluntary work with handicapped children at the State Hospital. She expects to receive a Liberal Arts degree in 1985 from Fresno State University.

Mark Randall was born May 29, 1964. He enjoys sports and was chosen to go with the Ventura County Soccer Team to Scotland and to the Netherlands. Mark enjoyed a surfing trip to Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal and Morocco in 1983. He worked for the Ski Lift this past winter. College is his plan for September.

Submitted by Ollie Folkes

JOHN PAUL RANDALL

The last child of Lowell and Madge Randall, John Paul, was born January 21, 1959, on a cold January day. He attended 12 years of school in the Ashland schools.

While John was in the second grade, Gary Lowry formed a group of boys called Kids, Inc. to play football. From this early start, John went on to play on the Class 1A Football State Cham-

pion team in 1977. He also played in the Kansas Shrine Bowl in 1977. He still holds the long jump record in the Ashland High School, and was on the record holding 800 yd. relay and the 1600 m relay teams. He attended the State Track meet all four years of high school.



John Paul and Madge

After high school, he attended Garden City Junior College for two years, Fort Hays State University the last two years, playing four years of college football. He graduated with a BS in Agri-Business. In the fall of 1983, John was assistant backfield coach on the FHSU football team, helping them to their best win record in 30 years.

Submitted by Glenda (Mrs. Rich) Randall and Madge Randall

HOWARD AND ANNIE RANDALL

Howard, son of Vernon and Sarah Randall, was born near Garrison, Iowa, August 27, 1871. He died October 6, 1953 in Ashland, Kansas. He came to Clark County with his parents in 1889. He married Annie Fox, born March 17, 1876, Monrovia, Indiana, who died June 9, 1952 in Ashland. She was the daughter of Henry Fields and Lydia Fox. They were married December 2, 1894.

They became acquainted while she was working for the Sam Broadie family, who were neighbors of the Randalls. They lived on the Randall ranch for a year and then moved to the land Howard bought north of Sitka. They lived there the rest of their lives.



Howard and Annie Randall

Howard was on the school board for 28 years. He was also township treasurer for a number of years. Sitka did not have a church and most of the people did not think it would be possible to raise enough money to build one. The Randalls thought otherwise, so Howard bought some lots, lumber, hired two carpenters and started building. Other donations then came in and the church was paid for. In later years, the Randalls deeded the property to the Methodist Church.

One of Howard's tales of the early days was of watching two wolves kill a big steer one moonlit night. His job had been to herd the sheep they had brought from Iowa and he camped out in a covered wagon. When asked why he did not shoot at the wolves, he said the cowboys from that ranch always scattered the sheep when they got a chance, so he did not care about their cattle.

Children: Lucy Ann, Esther May, Charlie Edward, Paul Fields and Robert William.

Submitted by Paul Randall

KENNETH AND BERYL ELY RANDALL

John Kenneth Randall, born November 2, 1918, in Protection, the youngest of four children of Philip and Sybil Randall. He attended school at Ashland except for the eighth grade at Sitka, lettering in football, basketball, and track in 1934 - 1936, graduating in 1936.

In 1939, Kenneth married Ethel Brite of Protection, making their home at the Randall ranch for about a year. They then moved to Wichita, Kenneth later being employed by Beech Aircraft.

The Randall's children were Michael, Betty Anne, and, twenty years later, Todd, who is currently attending college at Manhattan. Mike and family reside in Winnetka, Illinois, and Betty-Anne (Dicken) and family live near Elmira, N.Y. There are five grandchildren.

Todd, Beryl and
Kenneth Randall



Kenneth is a former Marine, Fourth Division, wounded on Iwo Jima, and later a fleet marine on the carrier Wasp. He is an Albert Pike Mason, a member of the Consistory and of the East Heights United Methodist Church.

Ethel died in 1971, and in 1981 Kenneth married Beryl Kersten of Wichita, formerly Beryl Ely, an old friend and schoolmate of Ashland High. Beryl ran the newspaper at Belle Plaine for a number of years, has been very active in the Eastern Star, P.E.O., Wichita Guidance Center and her church. She has two sons, Tony and Bruce Martin and six grandchildren.

Kenneth retired from Beech in 1981, after 40 years, and Beryl retired from her work as a legal secretary in 1982.

Submitted by Kenneth Randall

LOWELL AND MADGE RANDALL

Lowell, second child of Philip V. and Sybil Randall, was born July 5, 1911, on the ranch where Madge Randall still lives. Lowell went to school in Sitka and Ashland. According to J.E. Humphreys, Lowell was one of the best athletes graduating from AHS, excelling in track, football and basketball.

Lowell and Madge Rowland were married in 1932. Four children were born to them: Philip (Phip), Kay, Richard and John Paul. Madge was raised in Protection where she and Lowell met one day when Lowell skipped school and went there with a group of boys.

Madge and Lowell Randall



When Lowell's father retired in 1941, he gave Lowell and Madge the opportunity to operate the ranch. During the dirty thirties Lowell had worked at several jobs, but they could not "move home" quickly enough! In the middle '40's, Lowell decided to try the new conservation practices by putting several hundred acres of poor farm land back to grass, terracing to save top soil, building ponds and planting a shelter belt north of their home. Lowell loved golf, and spent much time on the course.

Madge cooked for many cowboys and hired help, helped the children in all their activities and sang in Protection and Ashland church choirs and with the CowBelle Trio for seven years, singing in four states.

In 1977, Phip died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Lowell never fully recovered from the untimely death of his first son.

Lowell became ill in the summer of 1982 and passed away September 30, 1982. He left a much improved ranch, good fences, grateful neighbors and many happy memories for all.

Submitted by Madge Randall and Kay Palyter

PAUL RANDALL

Paul, son of Howard and Annie Randall, was born September 11, 1908 near Sitka, Kansas. He attended school at Sitka, starting in 1914 the first year that school was held in the new two-room school house. The old school was a half mile east of Sitka. He attended the Ashland High School where he started at the age of 12. In school he was noted for his running ability.

On September 17, 1931, he married Mildred Faye Ingram, born August 20, 1909, Hutchinson, Kansas, died March 26, 1962, Ashland, daughter of Asa and Loma Ingram. Mildred was well

Paul Randall



known for her art work, her singing with the Cowbelle Trio and at the time of her death, she was vice chairman of the State Republican Party. They had two children, Don Howard and Paul Keith.

Paul engages in ranching and lives on part of the original Randall ranch, established by his grandfather. Paul enjoyed sports and at the age of 51 took up the game of golf. He became one of the area's top golfers at the age of 74, won the Ashland Open Golf Tournament with a score of 74.

On October 14, 1963, he married Ruby Smith Fry. They live on the ranch where Paul still engages in ranching.

Submitted by Dr. Don H. Randall

PHILIP AND GLORIA RANDALL

Philip R. Randall (Phip) was Lowell and Madge Randall's oldest son. He was born and attended school in Sitka and Ashland. Phip attended his first year of college at College of Emporia and I went to Washburn University. We were married in August, 1954 and lived in Manhattan the next four years where Phip attended and graduated from K.S.U. in Veterinary Medicine. We had two sons born there, David and Jeff.

We lived in Scott City for the next 23 years where Phip and Dr. Spencer were in partnership. They built a beautiful veterinary clinic known as "Spencer-Randall Clinic." One of our

funniest experiences during our years there was when I went with Phip to pull a calf and he lost his wedding ring in the cow! A year later the owner butchered the cow and found the ring! We put it back on him and he wore it the rest of his life.

We had two daughters born in Scott City, Wendy and Kristi. With four children we have lots of good memories of camping, traveling, boating, skiing, etc.

We lost Phip suddenly in February, 1977. It left a hole in our lives that can't be filled, but we feel so lucky to have had so many wonderful memories.



Philip R. Randall family. Top row: David, Gloria and Wendy. Bottom row: Phip, Kristi Kay and Jeff

Our oldest son, David, is married to Mitzi and they have three children, Matthew, Amber and Stephanie. David is a Methodist minister and lives in Coats, Kansas.

Jeff married Shelle and they are now in North Carolina where he is stationed as an officer in the Marines. He graduated from K-State in Agronomy.

Wendy is a graduate of K-State and an insurance agent. She lives with me hoping to save enough money to get into "horses."

Kristi graduates from Garden City High School in 1984 and plans to go to K-State. With her father, two brothers and sister all graduating from there, she can't break the chain!

I'm living in Garden City and selling real estate. My plans for the coming year include going to travel agency school and spending time seeing my family.

Submitted by Gloria Randall

PHILIP VERNON AND SYBIL INGRAM RANDALL

Philip Vernon Randall, born 1878 in Benton County, Iowa, son of the Edward V. Randalls. They had moved from Maine to Iowa in 1867. They were prominent farmers, raising wheat, corn and cattle. After twenty years in Iowa, they moved to Clark County, Kansas to the location where Mrs. Wendell McMinimy now lives. In 1905, Philip purchased the ranch where the late Lowell P. and Madge Randall have lived for a number of years. Madge still makes her home there.

Sybil Ingram was teaching school about that time in the Bare School, located southeast of the ranch. Sybil soon met the jovial, witty, handsome Philip, and they were married in 1908.

Philip Randall, 1900



Sybil Randall



Sybil was the daughter of the Hosea Ingrams (born 1887-died 1932) who came to Clark County from Illinois. Sybil would move to town in the winter to keep the children in school. They owned homes in both Protection and Ashland. Born to this union were four children: Helen Marie Dakin, born August 13, 1909; Lowell Philip, born July 5, 1911, died August 30, 1982; Beulah, born July 23, 1913; and John Kenneth, born November 2, 1918.

I wish I had taped the interesting and "wild" stories Dad Randall had told to me about Bentley and Howard, his brothers, the neighbors Matt and Stacy Wilson, Brad Grimes, a Mr. Campbell, Charley Harden and Charley Wilson and the get-togethers on Bluff Creek. They are so vague to me now, and I'm sure I've left out many neighbor's names that were wonderful neighbors at that time.

Submitted by Madge Randall

RICHARD AND GLENDA RUDOLPH RANDALL

Richard, Glenda and family reside in Scott County, Kansas. Richard Lynn Randall was born December 3, 1944, at Ashland, Kansas. He is the third child of Lowell and Madge Randall. He attended school in Ashland and was active in sports and music. His track team won in state competition in 1961. He attended Fort Hays State University. In the Army, Richard was stationed in Viet Nam. Later, he attended college and worked in Woodston, Kansas. In 1969, they moved to Scott City where he has a farrow-to-finish hog operation, farming interests and custom haying service.

Glenda LaVon Rudolph was born in 1945 at Garden City, Kansas. She grew up in Scott County. She met Richard at FHSU



Glenda, Shelley, Richard and Tyson Randall

where she received a BS in Education. She taught in the Woodston Elementary School and has taught since moving to Scott City. Glenda shares the workload with Richard in the hog and haying enterprises.

The Randalls' children are Tyson, born June 5, 1972, and Shelley, born August 9, 1974. Both are active in school and enjoy music and sports. They are involved in the 4-H program. Tyson was County Junior Photography Champion in 1982-83. He showed the pony they raised to Champion. Shelley has had sketching shown in the Western Kansas Art Show. She showed the Champion market hog in 1983.

The family is active in state and community affairs. Richard was chosen Kansas Pork All-American, 1981; Glenda "Kansas Bell Ringer," 1979. They are members of the United Methodist Church. The family enjoys horses, swimming and racquetball.

Submitted by Glenda Randall

WARREN RANDALL FAMILY

Warren and Sharon Randall reside in Irving, Texas. They have

three children: John Wood, tenth grade at Mac Arthur High School; Andrew Warren, eighth grade at Travis Junior High School, and Wendy Lynn, fourth grade at Farine Elementary.

Warren York Randall, son of Charles and Frances York Randall, was born September 14, 1941 in Ashland. Warren attended grades 1 and 2 in Sitka and the remaining 3-12 in Ashland. He obtained a B.A. degree from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. His D.D.S. was obtained from Baylor University of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas. Warren has a private practice in suburban Lewisville, Texas.



The Randall family in July, 1983. Drew, Warren, Wendy, Sharon and John

Sharon Hawke, daughter of George and Mildred Wood Hawke, was born August 13, 1945 in Dalhart, Texas. Sharon attended grades 1-5 in Altadena, California. The remaining grades were spent in Tucson, Arizona. Her collegiate years, (1) University of Arizona, (2) Chapman College of the Seven Seas, (3) Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, Baylor University, B.S. degree.

The Randalls are members of Irving Bible Church and Las Colinas Country Club. Their interests are centered around church, school and club activities. Vacation time is spent traveling and skiing.

"I am fortunate to have been raised and educated in the Ashland community."

Submitted by Warren Randall

DARRELL RANKIN FAMILY

Darrell is an estimator for Martin K. Eby Construction Co.; his wife, Pam, is a homemaker.

Darrell was born in Ashland on October 26, 1943. Upon graduating from Ashland High School, Darrell attended Ft. Hays State University for one and a half years. He then moved to Manhattan, Kansas State, in order to obtain a degree in construction science.

One year later Darrell began serving his country in the Army Security Agency. After basic training, he was stationed at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, then spent one year overseas in Turkey. He returned to the states to finish his obligation in the Army at Vint Hills Farms in Warrenton, Virginia.



Darrell Rankin family

In Virginia, he met and married Pamela J. Kennedy. Upon

Darrell's release from the Army in August, 1970, they moved to Ashland for five months. In January, 1971, they moved to Manhattan to enable Darrell to finish his degree in construction. After graduating from Kansas State in 1972, Darrell went to work for Martin K. Eby Const. Co.

Darrell worked as an engineer on the Bankhead Lock and Dam project in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for two years. While in Alabama, a son, Jeffery Dean, was born on May 5, 1974.

Eby then moved the family to Nebraska City, Nebraska for eight months. They made another move to the home office in Wichita when Darrell was promoted to estimator. A daughter, Lisa Michelle, was born on November 16, 1976.

Darrell and family now live in Valley Center, ten miles from Wichita. The family attends and is active in the Valley Center schools and enjoy summer activities in the community.

Submitted by Darrell Rankin

DEIDRA SUE RANKIN FAMILY

Deidra Sue Rankin Bryant was born at Ashland June 16, 1951. She attended Ashland schools until graduation in 1969. In 1969, she competed in the Southcentral Kansas Beauty pageant. She placed first and this qualified her to go to the Miss Kansas Pageant in Pratt, Kansas. She attended one year of college at Newman School of Nursing and College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas, and one year at Garden City Community College.

She married Don Griffin, Garden City, in 1971. He was a pipeline welder, so they traveled from Houston, Texas to the



Carmel, Christian, Deidra holding Cody, Clayton

Canadian border. They had three children: Christian, 12; Carmel, 11; Clayton, 6. She and Ben Bryant were married in 1981 and have a son, Cody, 2.

Deidra went back to college in the fall of 1982 at Northwestern State College, Alva, Oklahoma and plans to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in May, 1985. She is very busy with her school work and four children, but happy and loves her schooling, both classroom and clinical, and is anxiously awaiting the time she can put all her effort these three years into practice.

Submitted by Betty Rankin

JANA RANKIN FAMILY

Jana Rankin was born in 1954 to Roger and Betty Rankin of Ashland. She was raised on what was once the Hinkle Ranch, from three years of age until after high school graduation. She attended Hutchinson Community College, Wichita State University and became a registered nurse after completing the nursing school at Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Kansas in 1976. She then moved to Hays, Kansas and worked as a surgical nurse at Hadley Regional Medical Center where she met her husband, Bill Rosebaugh.

Bill was a native of Hays and the son of George and Pauline

Rosebaugh. After graduating from Hays High School and being in the Air Force for four years, Bill worked at the Red Coat Restaurant and attended Fort Hays State University. After traveling around for awhile, he came back to Hays and was working in maintenance at Hadley when he and Jana met.



Bill and Jana Rosebaugh, Kelly and Megan

They were married in April, 1979 and moved to Denver, Colorado, where Bill, an Army Reservist, was on active duty attending Biomedical Electronics school at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital. When he graduated, they moved to Wichita, Kansas where Bill returned to being a reservist and went to work at St. Francis Hospital in Biomedical Electronics. Jana went to work in surgery at Wesley Medical Center.

Since they've been in Wichita, they've had two daughters, Kelly, 3 years old, and Megan, 18 months. Between work, the kids and the golf course, Jana and Bill have very full and happy lives.

Submitted by Betty Rankin

JOHN RANKIN FAMILY

John Rankin was born June 13, 1870 in Warren County, Pennsylvania, the son of immigrant parents, Henry and Mary Ann Rankin, who with their four children had come to the United States from Scotland in 1868. The family lived in Mercer County, Pennsylvania until 1876 when they moved to Cold Creek, Indiana, where his father and older brothers worked in the coal mines. At the age of 7, John went to work in the mines, opening and closing the mine door, to help support the family. When he was in his early teens, the family moved to Barber County, Kansas, where they engaged in farming.

When the Cherokee Strip opened up, John and an older brother made the run, taking adjoining claims and proving them. Later when the settlers wanted to build a town site, John sold his quarter to them, and the town of Byron, Oklahoma now sits on that site.

On December 23, 1900, he married Clara Ethel Joy of Bryon,



Children of John Rankin family, 1920.
Back: Marion, Olive, Kenneth.
Front: Francis and Cecil.

Oklahoma. They moved to Barber County, Kansas, where he had purchased a farm. Two sons, Marion and Kenneth, and a daughter, Helen, who died at the age of 4 months, were born there.

In 1908, John purchased a quarter of land southwest of Ashland, and the family moved to Clark County. Two more sons, Francis and Cecil, and a daughter, Olive, were born in the next few years.

John acquired more land, and with his sons, engaged in farming and ranching for many years.

Ethel Rankin died in June, 1937. John lived with his son, Kenneth and family, on the "home place" for several years, but his last few years were spent in the rest home in Ashland. He died January 16, 1963, at the age of 93.

Olive (Mrs. Elton Shurtleff) is the only surviving member of the immediate family. She lives in Riverton, Wyoming.

Submitted by Frances Rankin

JOHN W. (JACK) RANKIN FAMILY

Jack Rankin was born April 15, 1924 in Nashville, Kansas, the oldest of four children of Marion and Helen Grimes Rankin. He attended Riverside Grade School and Ashland High School, graduating in 1942. He served 2 years in the Air Force.

Darlene Leslie, daughter of Guilford and Ollie Watts Leslie, was born May 10, 1926 on the family farm south of Ashland. She attended Riverside Grade School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1944. She and Jack were married July 20, 1945, in Biloxi, Mississippi, while he was in the service.

The Rankins had four sons. Allan was born September 25, 1947 in Ashland; attended schools in Ashland, Bloom and graduated from Minneola High School; served 4 years in the Navy and attended Kansas State University. He married Mary Wiley, had two daughters, and they are presently living in Lyndon, Kansas, manager of the Lyndon Elevator.



Jack, Wayne, Darlene;
Galen, Allan and Bryan

Galen was born August 23, 1949 in Hardtner, Kansas; attended schools at Ashland, Bloom and graduated from Minneola High School; attended Denver IBM school and served 3 years in the Army. He married Gwen Yunker, had two children and lives on their farm seven miles south of Minneola.

Bryan was born January 28, 1953 in Hardtner; attended school at Bloom, graduated from Minneola High School and attended United Electronic Institute, Oklahoma City. He married Jo Ann Rubenich. They have one son and are presently residing in Doonside, Australia. Bryan is an Electronic Technician.

Wayne was born March 26, 1962 in Ashland; attended all grades at Minneola, graduated from Minneola High School, attended Dodge City Area Vo-Tec, married Julia Jones and they have two daughters. They live in Minneola and Wayne is service manager at Toyota in Dodge.

Jack and Darlene farmed and ranched in Clark County until

they moved to Minneola in 1965. The family was active in the community, 4-H and the United Methodist Church. Jack died in a farm accident in 1974 while they still owned and operated The Holiday Motel in Minneola. Darlene still resides in Minneola and is secretary in the high school there.

Submitted by Darlene Rankin

KENNETH RANKIN FAMILY

Kenneth Joy Rankin, son of John and Ethel Rankin, was born May 26, 1906 in Barber County, Kansas. In 1908, the family moved to Clark County to a farm southwest of Ashland.

Kenneth attended Bear Creek country school and graduated from Ashland High School in 1925. He attended Kansas State University only one semester, choosing to go into farming and ranching with his father and brother.

Frances Gertrude Tucker, daughter of Frank and Trannie Tucker, was born March 14, 1915, in Greensburg, Kentucky. The family moved to Minneola in October, 1916. She attended the Minneola schools, graduating in 1933. In January, 1940, she



Kenneth Rankin family in 1967. Darrell, Carolyn, Kenneth and Frances came to Ashland to work in the Courthouse. There she met Kenneth, who was working in the ASC office. They were married May 31, 1942, and made their home with his father on the farm southwest of Ashland.

They have two children: Darrell, born October 26, 1943 and Carolyn, born October 3, 1944. Both children graduated from the Ashland High School and earned degrees in college. Darrell married Pamela Kennedy. They have two children and live near Wichita. Carolyn married Clifford Coulter. They also have two children and live in Arvada, Colorado.

In 1959, Frances went to work for the Matthews Agency, where she worked for 15 years. In May, 1960, Kenneth joined the personnel at the Ashland Post Office as Postal Clerk and worked until September, 1973, when ill health forced him to retire. He died March 29, 1979.

Frances continues to make her home on the family farm.

Submitted by Frances Rankin

MARION AND HELEN RANKIN

Marion and Helen Rankin and their parents, John and Ethel Rankin and William Bradford and Blanche Lackey Grimes, were long-time residents of Ashland. W.B. Grimes and brother Brad Grimes made the long cattle drives from their ranch at Bay Town, Texas to Dodge City and Abilene, Kansas. John Rankin came from Pennsylvania and made the run into the Oklahoma Strip.

Marion and Helen had four children: John William, Marion Clinton, Roger Grimes, and Diana Louise. Roger was in business with Marion until Marion's death in 1969. Clint practiced veterinary medicine in Ashland for 33 years, selling the practice to Roger's son, Milton, in 1983. Jack was killed in a farming accident in 1974 at Minneola. Diana lives on a ranch in Grenville, New Mexico.



Marion and Helen Rankin and family. Jack, Clinton, Roger and Diana Louise - 1940.

Jack was married to Darlene Leslie; Clint married Donna Hutton of Kansas City, and Diana married Don Gilbert of Ashland. All have four children. Roger married Betty Wood of Lubbock, Texas and they have three children.

Submitted by Betty Rankin

M.C. RANKIN FAMILY

Doctor Marion Clinton Rankin and his wife Donna Jeanne moved to Ashland in the spring of 1951, just after Clint received his DVM degree from Kansas State University.

Dr. Rankin was born in Barber County, Kansas, April 18, 1926, to Marion and Helen Rankin who later moved to their home southeast of Ashland. He attended Riverside and Sitka grade schools and was graduated from Ashland High School in 1944. After two years in the Navy as an aviation ordnanceman at the close of World War II, he entered the KSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Rankin was the first graduate veterinarian to bring modern medicine to this area. He established Ranglands Veterinary Clinic, one of the first facilities in western Kansas for treatment of animals in a clinic setting.



M.C. Rankin family in 1972. Front: Donna Jeanne, Nathan, Clint. Back: Erin, Shannon and Sonda

Donna Jeanne was one of four daughters of John and Bernice Hutton. She was graduated from Rosedale High School in Kansas City in 1949 and attended KSU for one year.

Clint and Donna Jeanne reared four children, three sons and a daughter, making their home at 520 West 6th in Ashland. When the children were all in school, Donna Jeanne enrolled at North-



Clint Rankin -
KSU Rodeo Team, 1949

western State University, Alva, Oklahoma, completing a B.A. in English in 1970. After teaching at Fowler one year, she became a teacher in the Ashland High School, remaining on the staff there for twelve years. In 1982, she earned an M.A. in English from Ft. Hays State University.

Shannon, his wife Cathy and their three-year-old daughter Audra presently live in their rural home at Manhattan, Kansas. Both Shannon and Cathy are associated with Burnett Petroleum Company.

Sondra Rankin Lovelace, her husband Roger and one-year-old son Cory live in Topeka. Sondra is an English teacher at Capitol City High School and Roger is a member of the sheriff's office.

Erin and his wife Elaine live in Oklahoma City. Erin is a civil engineer with Tinker Air Force Base. He continues the track career which he followed from high school throughout Garden City Community College and Oklahoma University. He is currently running for Kangaroo Company which manufactures athletic wear.

Nathan moved to Chicago after his graduation from Wichita State University and continues his work in theater.

Clint and Donna Jeanne made a career shift in the last part of 1983 when the veterinary practice was sold. Clint accepted a position as resident veterinarian with the Trinity River Thoroughbred Farm near Denton, Texas, where they will make their home in the future.

Submitted by Clint and Donna Jeanne Rankin

MILTON AND LESLIE RANKIN

Milton Roger Rankin was born September 21, 1956, Ashland, Kansas to Roger and Betty Rankin. He graduated from Ashland High School where he participated in and enjoyed all phases of competition from academics to athletics. He enjoys the great outdoors; camping and fishing. In fact in 2nd grade he and a friend decided, innocently, to go on an expedition to the ranch and left school during recess, causing Mrs. Pauline Baker, his 2nd grade teacher, much distress.

He enrolled at Kansas State University where after two years, he was accepted into the college of veterinary medicine, graduating in 1980.

He moved to Mountain Home, Idaho and spent two years in a large and small animal practice. His daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, was born there. He then moved to Miami, Florida, where he practiced in a small animal emergency clinic for a year.

There he met Leslie Diane Furry. They moved to Ashland in the summer of 1983 and were married September 24 on the Hinkle Ranch where Milton had lived from age 1-18.

Leslie was born in Norwood, Massachusetts, February 26, 1961. She graduated from high school at Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. She enrolled in Biscayne Paramedical Institute, Miami, Florida, where she graduated as Registered Medical Assistant/Veterinary Technician. She ventured from Huntingdon Valley,

Leslie and Milton Rankin



Pennsylvania to Miami, Florida, to Ashland, Kansas, so she as well as Milton have pioneer venturesome blood. She is busy assisting Milton in the large animal practice and is game to try in every capacity.

Submitted by Milton Rankin

ROGER RANKIN FAMILY

Roger and Betty Wood Rankin were married in Ashland in 1950 and moved to the "home place" and his parents, Helen and Marion, moved to town. They lived there 7 years then moved to the former Hinkle Ranch where they lived for 17 years. They moved into town in 1974. Roger was in partnership with his father until Marion's death in 1969. They are members of the United Methodist Church. Roger served two terms as County Commissioner and on various other boards of directors of local organizations. Betty has worked as high school secretary since 1966.



Front row: Roger and Betty Rankin. Back row: Milton, Jana and Deidra

They have three children: Deidra Sue, Jana Lea and Milton Roger. Jana married Bill Rosebaugh, Hays, and has two daughters, Megan and Kelley. Jana is a surgical nurse at Wesley Medical Center and Bill is a biomedical electronic equipment engineer at St. Francis Hospital. Deidra is at Northwestern State University, working toward her B.S. in Nursing. She has four children: Christian, Carmel, Clayton and Cody. Milton married Leslie Furry, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; he has one daughter by his first marriage, Kathleen Elizabeth. Milton graduated from K.S.U. as a doctor of veterinary medicine and operates the Rangeland Veterinary Clinic in Ashland after practicing two years in Mountain Home, Idaho and one year in Miami, Florida. Leslie graduated from Biscayne Paramedical Institute, Miami, Florida, as a certified veterinary technician.

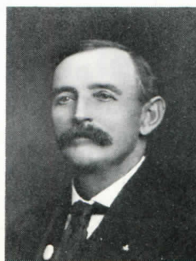
Submitted by Betty Rankin

LOT RAVENSCRAFT FAMILY

This is a sketch of a truly pioneer family of Clark County. Lot Ravenscraft was born in Kygerville, Ohio, January 12, 1855. His family moved to Kentucky and then to Louisburg, Kansas in 1871. Here he met and married Nancy Catherine Simmons.

Nancy, known to her friends as Kate, was born in Howard County, Indiana, May 28, 1867. Soon after, she came with her parents to Louisburg.

Lot and Kate moved to a claim about 11 miles north of Ash-



Lot Ravenscraft

Nancy "Kate"
Ravenscraft

land in 1886. They brought a baby daughter, Mrs. George (Inkie) Taylor, with them and two more daughters were born: Mrs. Vernon (Ruby) Foster, 1886-1971; Mrs. Harold (Mary) Stewart 1891-1941.

Lot was a stone mason by trade and helped in the construction of the old court house. In 1891, he was elected sheriff and the family moved to Ashland. He was determined to stop cattle stealing and by the end of his second term, cattle and other thieves found it unhealthy to operate in Clark County.

In 1896, 1898 and 1908, he was elected as Representative to Topeka from Clark County.

Kate was remembered in her eulogy as a selfless woman with "no false standards in the appraisal of material wealth and social prestige bothered her not a wit." Her life was full of helpful services to others and her home and time were available to the hungry wayfarer and the sick. "Old people had a place in her home and not in some receiving institution."

Lot Ravenscraft died July 10, 1931 and his wife, September 10, 1956.

Submitted by Loraine Taylor

HAROLD AND MARGARET RAY

Harold Ray and Margaret Grimes were married May 28, 1930. They have two daughters, Sally Miller and Marilyn Brown. The Rays have four grandchildren: Michael and Matthew Miller, and Marisa and Jennifer Brown.

They are long-time members of the Baptist Church.

Harold was born in Pawnee City, Nebraska, the son of the late Walter Ray and Carrie Martin.

While still a child, Harold moved with his family to Wilmore, Kansas, where his father was postmaster and editor of the *Wilmore News*. There were three daughters in the family, Grace and Fern (deceased) and Aladine.



Margaret and Harold Ray

Harold moved to Ashland in 1921 and graduated from Ashland High School in 1924. He attended Ottawa University, Pittsburg State, and linotype school in Chicago. He returned to Ashland to work with his father on the *Clark County Clipper*. He served as a city councilman in the 1950's. In 1961, he bought the paper from his father and published it until 1971. He then sold it to Ron Morrison and retired.

Margaret Grimes was born in the Clark County Courthouse during one of her father's five terms as sheriff. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1924, and from Bethany College in Lindsborg in 1928 with a piano degree. She taught music until 1961 when she and her husband bought the *Clark County Clipper*.

Margaret's father was George Grimes, her mother, Effie Cummins. George was an early pioneer, rancher and sheriff. There were four boys in the family, Sidney, Bryan, Lewis and George, Jr., all of whom are deceased.

Submitted by Margaret Ray

WALTER C. RAY FAMILY

Walter Clyde Ray was born May 22, 1879, in Berwick, Illinois,

son of Willis Jackson and Louisa (LaMunon) Ray. The family moved to Iowa, Pawnee, Nebraska and LaCygne, Kansas, where he completed his elementary school and high school. He attended Grand Island College in Nebraska. He was publisher of newspapers at Buchard and Fall City, Nebraska, Amsterdam and Amoret, Missouri, before going to Wilmore, Kansas, where he was editor of *The Wilmore News*, and Postmaster from 1914 to 1921.

In 1921, he came to Ashland to become owner, editor and publisher of the *Clark County Clipper* until he sold it to his son Harold in 1961.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Ray

Mr. Ray served as Mayor from 1947 to 1949; president of Chamber of Commerce; director of the Hospital Association and Fair Association; and member of Ashland School Board. He was a Mason, Past Noble Grand of Odd Fellows Lodge and member of the First Baptist Church, serving as trustee and deacon.

On October 28, 1899, in LaCygne, Kansas, he married Carrie Isabel Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Martin. The children by this marriage were: Grace LaVon (Mrs. John Yeager), Fern Viola (Mrs. T.J. Willard), both deceased; Harold and Aladine (Mrs. Melvin A. Ellsworth).

Carrie Ray died May 18, 1955 in Ashland.

On June 6, 1956, Walter C. Ray married Laura Cameron. They moved from Ashland to Seal Beach, California in 1965. Walter C. Ray died July 29, 1965 in Long Beach, California.

Submitted by Harold Ray

GLENN REDFIELD FAMILY

Glenn and Jessie Redfield became Ashland residents in October, 1945, when they purchased the Culp grocery, which they operated until 1953.

Glenn Eldon, son of Earl N. and Octia Fisher Redfield, was born June 29, 1912 on his parents' farm near Wilmore, Kansas.

Jessie Josephine White was born May 2, 1912 at Wilmore, and is the daughter of John Henry and Zelma H. Baker White.

Glenn served four terms as County Clerk and retired in 1981, after serving as District Magistrate Judge for eight years. Jessie served one term as County Clerk and ten years as deputy clerk, seven years as deputy county treasurer, retiring in 1979. They have been members of the Ashland United Methodist Church since coming to Ashland in 1945.

Their children, Joan, Joyce and Richard, graduated from Ashland High School in 1950, 1951 and 1953.

Joan married Richard Knowles. She has three children. She lives in North Hollywood and teaches in a private school.

Joyce married Ivan Salyer. They have seven children and live in Wichita. She is presently working at St. Joseph's Hospital there.

Richard married Vivian Smee. They have two children. He is a retired Air Force Major. They have a home in Panama City, Florida, where they own and operate a travel agency.

Glenn and Jessie, now retired, are spending the winter months in Arizona.

Submitted by Jessie Redfield

ALBERT AND GRACE REDGER

In 1951, Albert and Grace (Kumberg) Redger moved to the Kumberg farm where they lived until their deaths.

Albert (March 18, 1917 to January 20, 1978) was raised and educated in Gray County near Cimarron, Kansas. He served in World War II as an Army engineer, stationed in the Pacific. He received numerous decorations including 4 Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. Albert was employed as a cook, welder, rancher and farmer and did custom swathing and baling.

Grace (December 10, 1924 to October, 1973) was born at Sitka, Kansas. She attended Sitka Grade School and Ashland High School and college at Greeley, Colorado and Fort Hays. She



Albert and Grace (Kumberg) Redger

obtained a teaching certificate and taught the upper elementary grades at Sitka and 6th grade at Greensburg, Kansas. She was employed as a clerk for the Clark County A.S.C.S. from 1963-1973.

Albert and Grace were married August 4, 1946 at Sitka. They were employed by Gray County Wheat Farmers until returning to Sitka in 1951. They had five children: Robert, Louise, Carol, Diana and David.

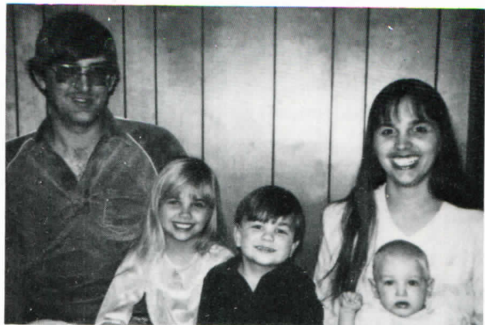
Both Albert and Grace were members of the Methodist Church. Albert served as chief cook for the ground hog supper and both helped found the OUR young adult Sunday School class.

Both were active in 4-H and served a minimum of 25 years as leaders and both were on the Fair Board.

Submitted by Diana Redger

DAVID AND LINDA (McPHAIL) REDGER AND FAMILY

David A. Redger (August 21, 1956 -), son of the late Albert and Grace Redger, was raised in Sitka and educated in the Ashland school system. He graduated with the class of 1974. While attending school and after graduation he was involved in a custom haying operation with his father. He has been employed by Wallingford Elevator, as a pen rider for Master Feeders, and as a truck driver for Carl Leatherwood Trucking.



David and Linda Redger, Trishia, Justin D., and Kayla

David married Linda McPhail (May 29, 1957 -), daughter of Bob and Nadine McPhail, on March 5, 1977. Linda spent her formative years in Texas, later moving to Salina, Kansas in 1974, where she graduated from Salina South in 1975. Linda's family moved to Ashland after her graduation where she was employed by Les' Jack and Jill until her marriage.

David and Linda have three children, Trishia Dawn, Justin David and Kayla Marie. They presently live in Macksville where David is employed as a manager for Bunge Inc.

Submitted by Diana Redger

DIANA REDGER

Diana Redger (January 22, 1955) is the daughter of the late Albert and Grace Redger. She was born in Dodge City, Kansas and grew up on the family farm at Sitka. She was educated in the Ashland School system where she graduated in 1973. She was a member of National Honor Society and was a recipient of the J.E. Humphrey's scholarship.

While in high school she was active in 4-H, serving as president of her club and of 4-H Council. She was awarded the Key Award.



Diana Redger

She attended college at Fort Hays State University, earning her B.A. in history in 1977 and Masters in history in 1983. While at Hays, Kansas, she was active in Phi Alpha Theta (History Club), Spurs and Mortar Board.

Diana is presently engaged in a teaching career. She taught social studies at Syracuse, Kansas for 3 years and at Kinsley, Kansas for 4 years.

She has been active in Beta Sigma Phi and in 1983 was made a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Submitted by Diana Redger

ROBERT AND CAROL JEAN FULLER REDGER

Robert Allen Redger and Carol Jean Fuller were married August 1, 1970, in Hays, Kansas. Robert was born in Dodge City, July 3, 1947, to Grace and Albert Redger. Carol is the daughter of Joe and Beth Fuller of Hays, Kansas and was born October 22, 1949, in Dodge City.

Robert grew up on the family farm at Sitka where he has his home now. After graduating from Ashland High School in 1965, he attended Fort Hays State University before entering the Army in 1966. Robert is a veteran of the Viet Nam war.

Carol is a 1967 graduate of Hays, Kansas High School. She graduated from Atlantic Airline School in Kansas City in 1968, where she later worked for Continental Airlines.

Robert and Carol spent the first years of their married life in the Newton area, moving back to Ashland and the farm in 1977, after the death of Robert's parents, Grace and Albert Redger.

Robert and Carol have two children: Roger, born August 28,



Robert, Carol,
Crystal, Robert

1971, and Crystal, born December 18, 1978.

Sitka House Antiques is owned and operated by Carol and Robert at the edge of their farm on the location of the original Sitka House, built in 1884 as a hotel for travelers and cowboys bringing their cattle to the railroad in Sitka.

Robert is the third generation to farm and ranch the same land at Sitka. He has also been a driller for Eagle Drilling Inc. for the past several years.

Submitted by Carol Redger

DAVID C. RHODES FAMILY

David Clingan Rhodes came to Ashland as a young man to take a position in the Stockgrowers State Bank at the persuasion of a family friend, the late J.W. Berryman.

David was born June 16, 1891 at Elk City, Kansas. Dr. C.Q. Berryman officiated at his birth.

After attending business school in Salina, Kansas, his long association with the bank started in 1909 and lasted for 54 years until his death, October 11, 1963.

Known as "Dusty" to his friends, he was admired by all for his understanding and fairness.

David and Elsie Torrey were married August 30, 1915 in Coldwater, Kansas, where Elsie was born November 11, 1889. Elsie had graduated in 1912 from the College of Emporia and taught Latin and German in the Ashland High School.



Jean Bowser, Deac Rhodes, Beth Rice, 1977

David and Elsie were lifelong members of the First Presbyterian Church. David served as Trustee and Elder for many years. Both were active in church, civic and social organizations of Ashland. Elsie remained active until her death, October 20, 1977.

Their children are: D.C. "Deac" Rhodes, Jean Rhodes Bowser, deceased and Beth Rhodes Rice.

Deac, retired from the First National Bank, Tulsa, Oklahoma, now lives in Manitou Springs, Colorado; his children are David Rhodes, Margot Arnold and John Rhodes, all residing in Tulsa.

Jean's children are: Michael Bowser, Burleson, Texas; Robert Bowser, M.D., Liberty, Mo.; Judy Draper, Joliet, Illinois and Janice Durkee, Kansas City, Kansas.

Beth, Mrs. Frank E. Rice, lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico; her children are Michael, Mary and Barbara Lebeck, all residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and David Lebeck, who lives in Gallup, New Mexico.

Submitted by Deac Rhodes and Beth Rice

JOSHUA REYNOLDS FAMILY

The family of Joshua Reynolds who came to Clark County in 1911, originated in Cork County, Ireland. Grandfather Robert Reynolds was born on the Atlantic Ocean enroute to America and the advantages of the new world.

The family settled in Virginia, later migrating to Kentucky,

where Robert Reynolds was born in 1808. He married Elizabeth Armstrong, after whose death he married Emily Dodd Tribble, born 1825, daughter of Andrew Tribble. To this union several children were born including Joshua, October 20, 1850.

His education was offered by subscription schools where parents subscribed to pay the teacher's salary. Education consisted of the basics, reading, arithmetic and writing, with electives such as the pupils desired. Joshua added history and geography. Their occupation was agriculture with some merchandising.

On January 18, 1883, he married Matilda Wheat Cockrum, born June 28, 1858, daughter of Preston Kendric Cockrum, born December 4, 1815 in Barren County, Kentucky and Eliza Jane Edwards Cockrum, born January 22, 1820.

The Edwards family came to America with the Dutch Patroons, in the 1600's settling in New Amsterdam, which is now New York City.



Back: Reuben, George. Middle: Charley, Rose, Lillie, Tippie. Front: Joshua with Pearl, Ruth, Matilda with John.

Matilda was educated in subscription schools. Among the electives she studied were music and grammar, a fair education for the times.

The large family moved first to Missouri to join relatives. Hearing of prairie opportunities, they moved to Clark County, in 1911, settling on the Potter Ranch in the north part of the county on Bluff Creek.

They purchased land in the neighborhood, continuing the occupation of farming and cattle and lived out their lives serving the community in whatever capacity was necessary.

They attended the Lexington Methodist Church. Joshua Reynolds died in Ashland, Kansas, on November 22, 1928. Matilda died in Ashland, Kansas on December 22, 1952.

Three of their children married into original pioneer families including the Calvin Fox, Nate Pike and John Statton families.

In 1984, three children survive. Ruth Wurth of Indianapolis, Pearl Degnan Arnold of Ashland, and John of McAllen, Texas.

Submitted by Ruth Wurth

RUBY KNORP REYNOLDS

Ruby Bishop Knorp graduated from Kansas State University in 1928 with a degree in nursing and home economics. She did private duty nursing for some time (during which time she helped with some 'kitchen table' surgery), before coming to work at the Ashland Hospital in 1930. Her friend, Bobby Johnston, worked for her while she took time off to marry Hugh Reynolds of Hazelton on December 26, 1930.

She continued working at the hospital until the fall of 1931 when they moved to Sharon, where they lived until 1942. They

moved to Kansas City, where they lived until 1944 when they returned to Ashland. She started working part time at the hospital, soon this became full time, except for a year when she helped in the office of Dr. Jerry McNickle. She went back to the hospital as administrator in 1949. Ruby remained as administrator



Hugh and Ruby Reynolds, son Mick Reynolds, daughter Pat Reynolds Urban and two daughters, Deborah and Leigh Ann Urban, 1957.

until 1972, then worked week-end relief until 1973. During all the time she was a full-time employee, she was on twenty-four hour call for which she received no extra pay. She also worked most weekends and holidays so that the other nurses could have that time with their families. She was an excellent administrator, who is remembered by her patients for her tender-loving care, and by the help for her justice and consideration for their welfare.

Ruby and Hugh have two children: Pat married to Fred Urban, lives in Wichita; Mickey married Sue Kennedy and lives in Meade.

Submitted by Vona C. Little

ALBERT DEAN RIAL FAMILY

Darl Ann Swayze Rial and Albert Dean Rial live in Houston, Texas, where Dean is Vice-President and General Manager of a Tenneco Company, Channel Industries Gas Company. Dean is active in the Army Reserve as a Col. and director, Coscom Exercise group for the 75th Maneuver Area Command. They have two sons and two daughters: Robert Mitchell (1957); Michea Ford (1960), William Darl (1965) and Ann-Elizabeth (1967). Robert Mitchell married Julie Ann Penchoff of Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1980 and presently lives in College Station, Texas, where Bob is a senior Petroleum Engineer student at Texas A. & M. Julie, a psychologist, works at the Christian Family Counseling center "The Answer." They have one son, Austin Robert, born November 15, 1983. After graduation, Bob will be employed by Mobil at Guyman, Oklahoma.

Michea married John Thomas Ford of Beaumont, Texas in

William Darl Rial, Robert Mitchell Rial, Michea Ford Rial, Darl Ann Swayze Rial, Albert Dean Rial, Ann-Elizabeth Rial



1982 and lives in Beaumont, Texas, where John, a diesel mechanic, works in the family business and Michea is physical education teacher and art designer for "Designing Women" shop. William is a Westfield High School senior planning to attend McMurray College in Abilene, Texas, in the fall of 1984. Ann-Elizabeth is a junior at Westfield High school in the Spring School District.

Darl Ann Rial was born December 1, 1936 in Ashland, Kansas, the oldest of Jack and Bonnie Ford Swayze's family. She attended grades 1-7 in the Sitka schools, graduating in 1954 from Ashland schools. She attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas for two years. After marriage to Dean, she worked for newspapers in College Station, Texas; Shreveport, Louisiana; and Lafayette, La. She has been active coordinating the Girl Scouting Program in Denver, Colorado and Houston, Texas for 20 years. The family is active in the Spring Baptist Church.

Submitted by Bonnie Swayze

BILL RICH FAMILY

William Jack Frankie Rich (Billy Jack) was born on September 22, 1939, to James Lloyd Rich and Agidia Julia Wasinger in Ashland, at the home of an aunt. Bill is the second of three boys. His brothers are Myrel James and Danny Charles.

Bill attended school at Protection, graduating in 1957 and then attended KSU on a track and football scholarship. He graduated in 1962 with a BS in agriculture education. His greatest thrill was winning first in the Drake Relays on the shuttle hurdle team and qualifying for the Olympic tryouts in the 120 high hurdles with his best personal time of 13.9.

Bill began teaching in February, 1962 at Inman High School due to the serious illness of the vocational agriculture teacher.



Back: Leslie, Ashley, Michael, Bill. Front: Doug, Peggy, 1982

Peggy Rogers was the home economics teacher at Inman. She is the daughter of Marjorie Burnett and the late Floyd C. Rogers of Augusta, Kansas. She graduated from KSU in 1960 with a BS in home economics. Bill and Peggy were married on August 4, 1962.

Bill farmed with his father and Peggy taught at Protection High School for two years. In 1967, they leased the Degnan Ranch from Henry and Bernard Degnan in the Lexington community, moved in July, 1967 and reside there now.

There have been four children born to this marriage: Ashley, born December 16, 1964; Michael, born September 27, 1966; Douglas, born July 17, 1970 and Leslie, born April 24, 1972. A nephew, Richard (Rick) Rogers, has made his home with the family since 1975 and graduated from Ashland High School.

Bill has been active in Farm Bureau, ASC and is currently on the Bucklin Co-Op Board, Ashland School Board, and Deacon at Protection Baptist Church. The family is active in church work, sports and 4-H.

Submitted by Peggy Rich

DANNY C. RICH FAMILY

Danny Charles Rich was born on February 24, 1943 to James Lloyd Rich and Agidia Julia Wasinger at Ashland District Hospital. His brothers are Myrel James and William Jack Frankie Rich.

Danny attended twelve years of school in Protection, graduating in 1961. After graduation he moved to Kansas City, Kansas and attended U.S. Trade School. In 1962 he enlisted in the United States Army and served for two years at Fort Sheridan, Illinois as a heavy equipment repairman. Danny received an honorable discharge from active duty in 1964. After receiving his discharge, Danny worked for the A.O. Smith Corporation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1966, Danny moved to Augusta, Kansas and was employed at Beechcraft of Wichita. Danny's brother Bill and his wife Peggy introduced him to Peggy's sister Patricia Rogers Martin, who lived in Augusta. Danny and Pat were married October 8, 1966 and moved to Comanche County living on the Hugo Mockry farm west of Protection.

Patricia was born November 4, 1944 in Lowell, Kansas, the daughter of Marjorie Menyon Burnett and the late Floyd Clifford Rogers. At the age of four she moved with her family to Augusta, Kansas. She is the fourth child in a family of six. Pat graduated from Leon High School in 1962 and attended two years of college at Butler County Community Junior College. She was bookkeeper for LaForge Typewriter Company, El Dorado, Kansas at the time they met.

In August of 1971, they moved to Clark County where Danny was employed by Fritz and Marilla Blau of Lexington Community. In March of 1972 Danny and Pat purchased the Dan Daily farm seventeen miles northeast of Ashland. Since then they have acquired additional rented farm ground. They run a cow calf operation and raise wheat, feed and alfalfa. Along with their two children, they live in what was formerly the parsonage of the Lexington Church of God.

Shawn Eric Martin was born August 21, 1965 in El Dorado, Kansas and adopted by Danny after Danny and Pat were married. Shawn is currently attending Pratt Community Junior College on a football scholarship. A freshman, he is majoring in agriculture education. Shannon Dee was born March 16, 1969 in Coldwater, Kansas and is a freshman at Ashland High School.

The family is active in church work, sports and 4-H work. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Protection. Pat enjoys working part time in the treasurer's office in the Clark County Courthouse.

We enjoy each other, being together and participating in school and community events.

Submitted by Patricia Rich

LARRY AND ALICE RICH

Larry Lynn Rich and Alice Ann Eubank were married August 27, 1961 in the Ashland First Church of God. Alice was born July 17, 1942 to Frances and Junior Eubank. Her grandparents are the George Eubanks and Paul and Florence Harden.

Larry was born July 29, 1942 to Lawrence and Geraldine Rich. His grandparents are the Joseph Richs and Lyman Parks families. We both attended school at Protection, graduating with the class of 1960. Larry has a Bachelor's Degree from Fort Hays State University and Master's Degree from Northwestern University in Alva, Oklahoma.

They have three children, Jeffrey Michael, born October 7, 1962; Yvonne Denise, born January 31, 1964, and Angela Lynette, born July 19, 1966.

We lived in Lenora, Kansas for four years where I taught and coached in the junior high school. We moved to Ashland during the summer of 1968 and I took a job with the Ashland school system. After three years with the junior high, I moved to the high school atmosphere. I have been the head football coach for the past eleven years. I also have had the girls' basketball team the last seven years and girls' track for the past fifteen years.



Larry, Yvonne, Alice, Angela and Jeff

Our three children met great success in the academic field as well as in the extra curricular activities offered at Ashland. Next year all three will be attending college.

Alice enjoys being a housewife and her many hobbies include sewing, knitting, ceramics, weaving, etc.

The family is very active in church work with The First Church of God. We also enjoy boating, skiing, fishing and other outdoor activities.

Submitted by Larry L. Rich

JACQUELYN VERDENE HARDEN RICHARDSON

Jacquelyn Verdene Harden Richardson, daughter of Robert Verne and Donna Faye Jacques Harden, was born December 5, 1950 in Montezuma, Kansas. She lived in Ashland, Kansas to six weeks of age when she moved to the Englewood area with her parents. She graduated from Englewood Grade School in 1964 and graduated from Ashland High School in 1968. Jacquelyn received a degree in home economics from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas in 1975 and began working in Wesley Medical Center starting a career in institutional food service. She left Wesley in October, 1976 to obtain a supervisory position at St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas, in the food service department.

Jacquelyn married David Walter Richardson May 22, 1977. A daughter, Donna Margaret Richardson, was born July 25, 1980 in Wichita. David is a self-employed painting contractor in Wichita. Jacque is the Assistant Director of Food Service at St. Francis. Donna is active in the Child Development Center at St. Francis.

Submitted by Jacquelyn Harden Richardson

MORRIS M. RILEY FAMILY

Morris, the son of James and Pearl Riley, was born in Ashland on February 7, 1922. He is the grandson of Charlie and Melissa Riley and John and Jenny Mull. Morris ("Bud") attended school in Ashland, graduating in 1940. He furthered his education in Los Angeles, California attending the Aero Industries Tech Institute. Bud began his career with Boeing in Wichita which was interrupted by his enlistment in the Army Air Corp in October of 1942. Upon his discharge in January of 1946, he moved to Dodge City. Here he changed his career goal and became a carpenter and cabinet maker.

While living in Dodge City, Bud met Elizabeth L. Smith, who

was later to become his wife on April 18, 1948. Elizabeth ("Betty") was born July 19, 1928 in Dodge City. Betty is the daughter of Earle C. and Mussetta F. Smith. She attended school in Dodge City, graduating in 1946.

The Rileys have four children: Peggy D., born August 7, 1949; Kenneth M., born November 12, 1950; Robert M., born January 15, 1955; and Phillip K., born December 11, 1959. Peggy and Kenneth completed high school at Haven, Robert and Phillip at Nickerson. Peggy also graduated from Hutchinson Community College and Wichita University.



Bud and Betty Riley

While living in Dodge City, the Rileys became active members of the First Christian Church. Betty was also active in the Girl Scouts and became a member of the Phi Beta Psi sorority. The Rileys left Dodge in 1963 for a short stay in Boulder, Colorado, then in 1964 moved to South Hutchinson where they now reside. Bud works for Architectural Mill Work as a cabinet maker and Betty for Republic Paperboard Company as a production and invoicing clerk.

Bud and Betty have spent the last six years attending many arts and craft shows and are members of the Mid America Arts and Craft Association. Bud enjoys woodworking projects and clock making while Betty spends her leisure time painting both large oil landscapes and doll house miniatures. The Rileys transferred their church membership to the South Hutchinson Christian Church shortly after moving there.

Submitted by Morris M. Riley

BILL AND FERN RINEHART

Bill and Fern met at Ford, where Fern came as an English teacher after her graduation from Fort Hays State. Bill had studied journalism at Pittsburg State and worked for the Howard newspaper. After a serious illness, he returned to Ford and worked for Patterson Transport and Ford County Highway Department.

They were married June 2, 1940 in Plains and lived in Ford until World War II, when they moved to Wichita. Bill worked at Cessna and Fern worked in the Material Control Office at Beech Aircraft.

Following the war, they moved to Englewood where Bill farmed and Fern taught school before their daughter, Rita, was born. In 1954, they built a new home where they hosted many family dinners and community parties.

When Rita started to school, Fern resumed teaching, first at Minneola, then at Englewood and Ashland. In 1975, she retired after 30 years of teaching because of Bill's health. Bill has been



Fern and Bill Rinehart, 1976

a resident of Fountain View Villa since 1978. Fern moved to Ashland in 1979.

The Rineharts have one grandson, Shawn Rhodes. Their daughter has her masters in special education and is a resource teacher at OK Elementary in Wichita. Her husband, also a Wichita State alumni, is an engineer at Kansas Gas and Electric.

Fern and Bill are members of the Ashland Methodist Church. At Englewood, Bill served as Trustee and Fern was Junior Department Superintendent and Librarian for many years. Bill formerly enjoyed sports, especially hunting, horseshoes and golf.

Submitted by Fern Rinehart

WILLIAM A. RITTER

William Arron (Bill) Ritter, eldest son of Miller P. and Anna Mae Crane Ritter, was born November 13, 1934, in Sitka. He attended schools in Ashland, graduating in 1953. Bill excelled in all high school athletics and in summer baseball under the late Dana Atkins as coach.

Nancy Lea Taylor, born March 2, 1937, in Arlington, Kansas, moved to Ashland in 1953, with her parents, Garry and Velma Taylor. She completed the last two years of high school here, graduating in 1955. Nancy was active in all activities in both grade and high school and was a cheerleader the last six years of school.

Bill and Nancy were married August 21, 1955, in the Methodist Church. Their children are Douglas Allen, born October 28, 1956 and Tamra Lea, born December 26, 1957.



The Ritter family in 1962.
Bill, Nancy, Doug and Tammy

Bill has worked for Northern Natural Gas Company the past 21 years, out of Meade for 3 years, transferring to Shattuck, Oklahoma in 1966, where their children completed their schooling. Nancy is Office Manager for Investors Federal Bank, F.S.B., in Shattuck.

Bill and Nancy have five grandchildren. Craig William, six; Trent Douglas, four, and one-year-old Lindsey Bay, children of Douglas and Colleen Bay Ritter, who live in Shattuck, and Tanner Mark, four, and one-year-old Taylor Lee, sons of Mark and Tammy Upchurch, Burns Flat, Oklahoma. Doug is employed by Ark-la Gas Co. and Mark by Halliburton Service.

Bill and Nancy are active in their town and community and enjoy golf and fishing.

Submitted by Nancy Ritter

W.H. RITTER FAMILY

William Howard Ritter was born July 13, 1908 near Springfield, Missouri. He was the youngest of two sons born to Aaron M. and Emma Perryman Ritter. He attended country grade schools, but graduated from high school in Springfield in 1926. He also took some classes at Missouri State Teacher's College

in Springfield.

Mary Frances Brown was born near Sitka, Kansas, January 15, 1910. She attended grade school in Sitka and high school in Ashland. After graduating in 1929, Mary attended Friends University in Wichita, one school year, 1929 and 1930.

Howard and Mary were married in Los Angeles, California, March 1, 1936. They returned to Clark County in January, 1937, and have lived there since then, on the farm of her parents, Isaac Wesley and Iona Boone Brown. They have one child, a son, Howard Isaac Ritter.

He was born April 27, 1945. He attended both grade school and high school in Ashland and graduated in 1963. He married Lynda Kay Schweitzer of Ashland, June 16, 1973. They have one child, Shana Marie. She was born October 9, 1975. They live in Protection, Kansas.

Submitted by Mary Ritter

JOEL ROBERSON

The Robersons moved to Ashland in 1982 when Sherelyn was employed by the Ashland Cooperative Exchange. Joel is presently employed by the Young Construction Company.

Joel M. Roberson was born on April 14, 1950 at Guymon, Oklahoma to J.D. and Adele Roberson of Texhoma, Oklahoma, where Joel grew to adulthood. He graduated from the Texhoma High School in 1968 and attended college at Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Oklahoma, graduating in 1973 with a degree in physics.



Top: Susie Graves, Joel, Sherelyn,
and Jackie Roberson

On January 3, 1950, Sherelyn was born to Alfred, Jr. and Louise Voss Thomas of Rosston, Oklahoma, at Shattuck, Oklahoma. She moved with her family to Ashland in 1963. After graduating from the Ashland High School in 1968, Sherelyn attended DCCC School of Cosmetology, graduating in 1969. She and James R. Graves were married in July, 1969 and made their home in Englewood, Kansas. In 1978, she went back to school at Panhandle State University, where she met and married Joel on March 9, 1980. Sherelyn graduated in 1982 with a degree in accounting and agri-business.

The Robersons have two daughters, Stephanie Sue Graves, born June 6, 1972 at Minneola, Kansas, and Jacqueline Anne Roberson, born April 14, 1981 at Dalhart, Texas.

Submitted by Sherelyn Thomas-Roberson

CASEY ROBERTS FAMILY

Roy Casey Roberts was born to Dick and Frances Roberts on March 9, 1956 in Ashland, Kansas. Casey graduated from Ashland High School in 1974, then attended Kansas State University for two years.

Casey married Patricia Ellen Coerber Romesburg, December 3, 1977.

Patty was born to Bernard and Lydia Coerber in Lakin, Kansas on July 1, 1952. She graduated from Garden City High School and Dodge City Community College.

The Roberts have two sons, Steven Wayne, born March 11, 1972 in Garden City, Kansas and Kendell Garrett, born February 16, 1980 in Buffalo, Oklahoma.

The Roberts lived in Ashland until March of 1981. During that time Casey and his brother, Doug, opened "Roberts Brothers Welding." Patty worked as licensed practical nurse for the hospital and in the office of Dr. J.R. Lee, M.D.



Steven, Casey, Patty
and Kendell

In March of 1981, Casey sold his portion of the business to his brother and went to work for MUD-CO., INC. as a drilling fluids engineer. This job transferred them to Dodge City, Kansas where they resided until August of 1981. At that time Casey took a job with Newpark Drilling Fluids and his family was transferred to Dickinson, North Dakota where they have resided to present.

Patty is busy as a housewife and mother. Casey is currently senior drilling fluids engineer. They enjoy boating, fishing, camping and bowling.

Submitted by Casey and Patty Roberts

CLAUDE AND CARRIE ROBERTS

Claude (Bud) was born April 5, 1903, son of Jennie Mae and Lonnie Roberts of Englewood, Kansas, where he attended grade and high school.

Bud was in the grocery business in Ashland for twenty years. He did some farming and ranching in Clark County, served on the Ashland City Council and was Mayor for several years. Bud was a member of the First Christian Church, was a Charter member of the Kiwanis Club, was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Wichita Consistory and Shrine.



Carrie and Claude
(Bud) Roberts

December 25, 1934, Claude and Carrie Faye Powell, daughter of Claude and Mary K. Powell of Laverne, Oklahoma, were married. She was teaching home economics in the Meade schools where she had taught for several years.

She owned and managed the Hotel Coffee Shop for several years. Later she taught in the Ashland school and was Superintendent of Public Instruction in Clark County.

Submitted by Carrie Roberts