

DONALD DICK AND FRANCES ANN ROBERTS

Dick was born in Englewood, Kansas, June 26, 1919, the youngest of ten children to A.L. and Jennie Mae Roberts. After graduating from high school there, he moved to Ashland, Kansas, where he worked in a grocery store for his brother, C.L. Roberts.

He served three and one half years in World War II as a navigator in the Air Force. After military duty he returned to Ashland where he owned and operated Roberts Fresh Foods.

In 1946, Dick and Frances (Stewart) were married in the First Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Frances was born in Middleton, Tennessee in 1924 to Wilburn Lee and Eula Stewart. After graduating from high school there, she attended Hawkins Medical Technology School in Memphis,



Dick and Frances Roberts, 1984

Tennessee and worked in Memphis until she was married to Dick. To this union two boys were born, John Douglas and Roy Casey.

John Douglas was born in 1949, graduated from Ashland High, attended Ft. Hays State College, served 2 tours in Viet Nam. After returning to Ashland, he married Marvinia Butler and has three children.

Casey was born in 1956, graduated from Ashland High, attended Kansas State College. He is now employed by an oil related company and lives in Dickenson, No. Dakota, with his wife, Patricia, and two boys.

In 1973, Dick and Frances moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Dick is now selling real estate, associated with Wylie Realty, Inc.

Submitted by Dick Roberts

LONNIE ROBERTS FAMILY

Alonzo Louis Roberts came to this area in 1886 from Pike County, Illinois. He soon became a cowboy, riding for the Taintor Ranch, the BarBQ Campbell Ranch and the Claremont Ranch, owned by Colonel Perry, where he married Jennie Mae Hamilton.

Lonnie became interested in merchandising, and he established a general store in Englewood known as Roberts Dry Goods Company. Later he extended his business to a chain of stores in Laverne, Rosston, Gate and Knowles, Oklahoma. He sold these and opened a grocery store in Englewood which he continued to operate until his death in 1955. He was a natural merchant.

His entire adult life was given to serving his community as a merchant, bank director, civic leader and as County Commissioner for many years.

Lonnie and Jennie Mae spent the first forty years of their mar-



Lonnie and Jennie Mae Roberts, early 1950's

ried life raising and educating a family of ten children; all graduated from the Englewood Public Schools except Roy who died at the age of thirteen.

The children were Edith (Hardesty), Louis, Claude L., Vera (Sawyer), Orville, Lu (Jones), Effie (Thorpe), Robert and Dick.

In 1940, Mrs. Roberts opened a notions and sundries store next door to her husband's grocery store and enjoyed a nice business until 1955, when she merged the two stores and continued to operate them until 1959 when she sold out.

She moved to Ashland where she made her home with her daughter, Edith Hardesty, for several years. She later moved to Ft. Dodge Soldiers' Home and lived there until her death, February 15, 1979, at the age of 97. Her descendants prize the hand-made quilts she created for them.

Submitted by Carrie (Powell) Roberts

CHARLES AND ESTHER ROHRER FAMILY

Esther I. (Severe) and Charles J. Rohrer were married August 1, 1924 in Ashland. They were engaged in farming and raising beef cattle in Harper County, Oklahoma. Many winters were spent in a second home in Ashland as they happily reared five children. The two older girls started their primary education in the Ashland schools.

Lila Mae Rohrer, born March 2, 1926, was the "apple" of her Daddy's eye and became his helping hand. She married Elbert D. Walters in 1944 and they were blessed with two bounding (literally) boys, Charles Donnell, 1946, and Richard Eugene, 1949. Rick is married to Cindy (Byers), they have one son, Richard Christian, 1981. Lila Mae and Elbert live in Ft. Worth.



Front: Lila Mae Walters, Esther Rohrer, Charles Rohrer, Charlene Kendrick. Back: C.V. Rohrer and Henrietta Lehman, Christmas, 1981

Rohrer children and grandchildren: Front row: Danny Hogan, Eric Rohrer, Shanon Johnson (great granddaughter), Karrie Kendrick, C.V. Rohrer. Seated: Esther Rohrer, Diane and Sherri Lehman, Rene' and Roma Kendrick, Charles J. Rohrer. Kneeling: Roxanna Rohrer, Jamie Lehman, David Kendrick, Kathleen (Hogan) Johnson, Charlene Kendrick. Top row: Cindy and Christian, Lila Mae and Elbert Walters, Henrietta and Jim Lehman, Bill Kendrick, Vernon Rohrer. Absent: Kim Kendrick, Donnie Walters and Rick Walters, Joe Hogan. Christmas, 1981



Helen Marie Rohrer, died in infancy, 1929.

Esther Ramona Rohrer, born August 20, 1931 complicated things for Lila Mae by vying for some attention. She was the only blue-eyed blonde. She married Joseph P. Hogan in 1952. They had two children, Kathleen Marie (1955) and Danny Patrick (1958). Ramona died at 36, the victim of leukemia.

Henrietta Rohrer, born May 20, 1933, kept things happening. She was a healthy brown-eyed, brown-haired child. She married her childhood sweetheart, James Luther Lehman. To this union were born three lovely daughters: Linda Diane, Jamie Denise and Sherryl Esther Lehman. They have lived in Texas since their marriage, presently in Denton.

Charlene Rohrer, born September 9, 1934, added happiness and warmth to the already happy family. She married William D. Kendrick and they have been blessed with five healthy children: Kimberlyn Rae, Susan Rene', Roma Lynn, William David 2nd and Karrie Kendrick. They now reside in Pryor, Oklahoma. Rene' married Brad Hambleton in June, 1983.

Charles Vernon Rohrer fulfilled the wishes of Charles and Esther, a male heir, born June 25, 1938. He charmed all with his brown eyes and hair falling in ringlets. After attending a Ranch Training Program at T.C.U., he married Netha (Lillard) in 1964. They have three children, Vernon, Roxanna and Eric, who attend school in Buffalo, Oklahoma.

Submitted by Charlene R. Kendrick

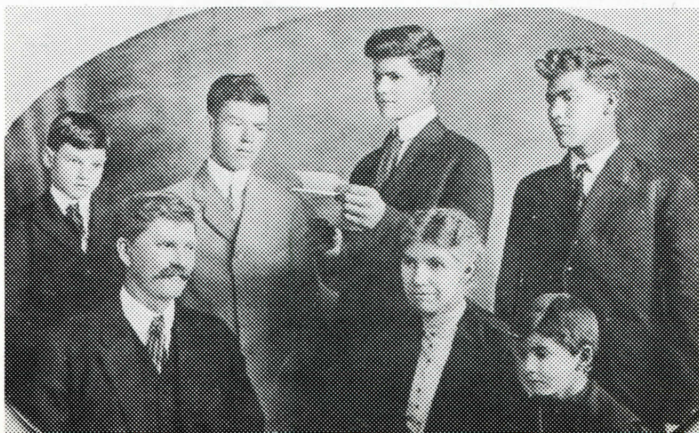
G.W. ROHRER AND FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Rohrer arrived in Oklahoma or "No Man's Land" in 1904 from Lexington, Kentucky. Their children, Fred, Edward, Charles and Robert, were with them. They had a son born later, Rea Doyle.

Mr. Rohrer's parents and other members of his family were here. They had come to stay so they had begun to look for land, found a quarter and bought it. There they built a dugout and soddie. This was their first home in Oklahoma. Later they were able to buy more land as some neighbors left. They farmed the land with horse and very little machinery. They built a new home about a quarter of a mile from the original home site and lived there until Mr. Rohrer retired and they moved to Ashland. There he ran the Standard Gas Station. Mrs. Rohrer (Lilah Belle) wasn't strong and passed away. Mr. Rohrer married Mrs. Alice Hubbard of Selman, Oklahoma. Mr. Rohrer sold his home and they moved to Wichita. Both died while living there.

Fred married Blanch and lived in Winfield. Edward married Jo Rea from Selman and they bought a farm near the home place. Charles bought the original home site and married Esther Severe from Ashland. Bob married Helen O'Brien and lived

Back: Bob, Fred, Charles, Edward. Front: George, Lilah and Rea Doyle



on their farm nearby. Rea Doyle and Bob went to school in Ashland and Doyle graduated from there.

Submitted by Charlene Rohrer Kendrick

JIM ROLLINS FAMILY

James Monroe Rollins was born in Grandfield, Oklahoma December 12, 1941. He came to Kansas in 1958. He came to Protection on harvest and went to work for Howard Eubank.

Cheryl Ann Dowling was born October 22, 1946 at Healdon, Oklahoma. She moved to Protection with her parents, Frank and Alma Dowling, in 1958.

They met while Cheryl was working at the Home Cafe and were married September 2, 1961.

Jim later went to work for Willis Harden, then he worked for Lane Myers at Protection making concertina wire. In 1967 he became self employed stacking hay. In 1970 he started the terracing business and has remained with this profession since.



Back: Tracy. Front: Jim and Cheryl, Aaron and Karen Rollins

In 1971, they adopted Tracy Lee Rollins, who was born January 20. They then moved to Ashland in 1976, rented a house from Mrs. Neil George on 4th Street and in the spring of 1977 they purchased the house they now live in on 12th Street.

That same spring they adopted a set of twins, a boy, Aaron Holt, and a girl, Karen Marie, born March 12, 1977. This was when all their fun really began.

Jim came from a family of eleven children, two of the oldest boys were twins who died at birth, four sisters and two brothers live in Burkburnett, Texas. One brother lives in Woodward, Oklahoma and a sister, Faye Teeter, at Protection, Kansas.

Cheryl came from a family of five children, three brothers, Artie, Ray and Lee Dowling, all of Protection and a sister in Paris, Texas.

Submitted by Cheryl Rollins

MARY WALLINGFORD ROOT

Mary was born in Wichita, Kansas, on May 14, 1917, to Charles A. and Ruth Keller Wallingford. She graduated from Ashland High School in the Class of 1935. She attended the College of Emporia, Wichita University and graduated in 1939 from what was then Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia.

After working in Wichita for five years for the Sam P. Wallingford Grain Corporation, she joined the American Red Cross in 1944 and was assigned to the 219th General Hospital at Schofield



Mary Wallingford Root in 1982

Barracks in Hawaii. It was during this time that she met her future husband, Lynott Bloodgood Root, a native New Yorker. They were married in 1946. Lynott was an engineer and his job in Hawaii for twenty years was with Meadow Gold Dairies as manager of transportation and maintenance. Their daughter, Lynett, was born in 1947.

Mary became a secretary at Mid-Pacific Institute, a private boarding high school in 1951. She is now Administrative Assistant to the Headmaster. She has been the Executive Secretary of the Rotary Club of Waikiki for twenty-one years.

Lynett graduated from Mid-Pacific and Washington State at Pullman. She received her Master's Degree in Communications from Boston University. She taught school in San Diego for three years and had a two-year contract as Director of Instructional Development for the Department of Education in American Samoa. It was there that she met her husband, originally from Chicago, who was the administrative assistant to the Governor of American Samoa. She is now Mrs. Thomas D. Cablk. They lived in Chicago for four years and have recently moved to the San Diego area. Her husband is a lecturer on public financing and budgeting. Lynett owns her own company, Communications Dynamics.

Submitted by Mary W. Root

JAMES D. AND ANNE PORTER BERRYMAN ROUSE

Anne Porter Berryman, daughter of George and Anne Berryman, was born on May 13, 1944 at Danville, Kentucky. She attended grade school and two years of high school at Ashland, at which time she entered Gulf Park Junior College in Mississippi. After graduation, she accompanied her parents on a tour of the Orient.

On June 12, 1965, she was married in Ashland to James D. Rouse of Versailles, Kentucky. He had recently graduated from the University of Virginia Law School. He was soon called into the U.S. Army, after which time they returned to Versailles,



James D. Rouse, Anne Berryman Rouse, Elizabeth and Jonathan Rouse where Jim practiced law and Anne Porter took a course in business school in Lexington. Eventually, they moved to Midway and built a home on a farm "in the race horse country" of the bluegrass region.

They are active members of the Midway Christian Church and serve on many boards and committees throughout the state, as well as take care of their business interests in the west.

They have two children: Elizabeth Ashbrook Rouse, born April 7, 1970, and Jonathan Clay Rouse, born April 14, 1975.

Submitted by Anne C. Berryman

PAUL ROWTON FAMILY

Paul Rowton was born July 15, 1909 in Gray County, son of

Oscar and Nellie Rowton. He grew up on the family farm, attended school at Ensign, Kansas.

Maurine Rainey was born May 26, 1910 at Sayre, Oklahoma, second daughter of D and Hannah Rainey. She went to Ashland, Kansas with her parents in 1918. She attended Ashland grade and high school.

Maurine went to Dodge City, Kansas in 1926. Paul and Maurine were married July 30, 1932. They left the farm during the depression years and Paul went into industrial construction. Maurine was a certified surgery technician.



Back: Bob and Pat. Third row: Kathy and Karen. Second row: Paul and Maurine. Bottom row: Jeff, Pete, Kim and Pam.

Paul passed away February 4, 1974.

They have two children: Bob Rowton, born September 18, 1933, is a physiologist in market research and lives in Tarrytown, New York. Pat Rowton Woodworth, born August 14, 1936, has a degree in education, taught school for a number of years and is now in business with her husband, Richard.

There are seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Maurine still resides in Dodge City, keeps busy with church work, enjoys a number of hobbies, and also enjoys traveling.

Submitted by Maurine Rowton

GARY RUMSEY FAMILY

Gary Gene Rumsey was born in Stockton, Kansas on May 20, 1948 to Harold and Fern Rumsey. He lived in Wichita, Kansas in his early years, moving to Garden Grove, California with his family in 1956. He graduated from Garden Grove High School in 1966, then attended Orange Coast College. His education was interrupted by joining the Army. He was stationed in Colorado Springs when he met Sandy, who was working there at the time. Upon his discharge, he returned to college, graduating in 1973. After graduation, Gary drove a semi-truck for a building supply company in Anaheim. Gary and Sandy now own Cal-West Rental Center in Temecula, California. They rent everything from a skid loader to items for your special party.

Sandra Lynn Harper, "Sandy," was born in Ashland, Kansas on September 10, 1947 to Mell and Maudeane Harper. She attended school from K-12 in Ashland, graduating in 1965. She



Sandy, Cherada and Gary Rumsey

was a student in the first kindergarten class in Ashland. She attended Wichita State University for two years, then attended Wichita Drafting College, specializing in computer programming. She and Gary were married June 30, 1972 in Fullerton, California.

Cherada Lynn Rumsey was born December 5, 1979 in Orange, California. She now attends pre-school in Temecula.

Another daughter, Michelle Ann, was born November 29, 1982. She died December 22, 1982 from a congenital heart defect. She is buried at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Submitted by Sandy Rumsey

CHARLES PAUL AND ESTELLA MARGUERETTE (BROWN) SALYER

"The marriage of well known and popular young couple of Clark County took place New Year's Day, 1927, when Mr. Charles Paul Salyer and Miss Estella Marguerette Brown were united together at Woodward, Oklahoma." (CCC, January, 1927)

Paul, a native of Lamar, Missouri, was born July 5, 1900, and moved to Clark County, Kansas, with his parents, Alice Morse and Darwin Salyer, natives of Missouri and Illinois, in December of 1915. Paul graduated from Ashland High School in 1920, attended the College of Emporia, and taught school in Clark County for seven years. During high school and college he was known for his athletic endeavor in football and track and remained a sports enthusiast throughout the years.

Estella was born February 8, 1901, in Wichita, Kansas, the daughter of Modesta E. O'Bryan and V.W. Brown, formerly of Breckenridge and Meade County, Kentucky. Mr. Brown located in Wichita, Kansas, in 1879, moved his family to Commanche County in 1902 and then to Harper County, Oklahoma in 1906. Estella was educated at Mount Carmel Academy, Wichita, Kansas, graduating in 1920. She attended Northwestern Teachers College, Alva, Oklahoma, and taught six years of rural school in Harper County, Oklahoma and Clark County, Kansas.



Front row: Paul Salyer, Mary Cecilia and Estella. Back row: Sharon, Tom and Ivan.

Paul and Estella purchased the Armand Baker Farm on State Lake Road north of Ashland which they called "Red Cliff Farms." On this farm and other land purchased in succeeding years, they were known for their fine herd of Registered Hereford Cattle and quality quarter horses.

As active members of their church, St. Joseph's, and community, Paul assisted in the establishment of Farm Bureau and served on the board for many years. He was active in the organi-

zation of the Ashland Cooperative and served on that board, and was involved in the consolidation of the rural school districts of Clark County. He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution and Living Descendants of Royal Blood. Estella was the director of St. Joseph's Choir for forty years and a member and officer of Altar Society and Daughter's of Isabella. She was a member of the Clark County and Kansas Geneological Society, a charter member of the Ladies Contract Bridge Club and a charter member and secretary-treasurer of the Clark County Quarter Horse Association.

Together, Paul and Estella were professionally involved in numerous livestock and quarter horse associations, the Clark County Historical Society and played bridge with several couples' groups from which lasting friendships were formed.

Paul's children and grandchildren have been the inheritors of fascinating stories of growing up in Missouri and his young manhood in Clark County. He was also a frequent visitor and story teller on Ashland Main Street and in the local coffee-bars when retirement allowed him to make twice-a-day trips to town.

Estella, small but energetic, could ride a horse, cook a meal, teach a class, or plant a field--all in one day if necessary. Always a lover of the outdoors and animals, she pursued her days in this manner. At night, however, she would pursue her genealogical studies delving into the history of the Salyer and Brown families to relate to the children and grandchildren. As avid readers, both Paul and Estella spent many hours in "continuing education" particularly in the subject of history.

Born to Paul and Estella were five children, the eldest, Charles Paul, Jr., dying in infancy. Through the trying years of the depression, they operated Red Cliff Dairy, to subsidize the family farm, and through the '40s and '50s they raised and educated their four children. Tom, currently the owner and operator of Red Cliff Farms, Inc., graduated from Kansas State University. Sharon, also a graduate of Kansas State, teaches primary education in Boulder, Colorado. Ivan, a graduate of New Mexico State College, Las Cruces, is the president of First Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of 1st National Bank, Wichita, Kansas. Mary Cecilia, a graduate of Wichita State University, currently resides in Ashland, where she and her husband operate the G-Mart convenience store.

Paul and Estella left a legacy to their family: continual pursuit of education, cultural arts and athletic endeavors, development of individual talents and leadership, be it in business or in community activities.

Paul died at home on March 27, 1980 at the age of 79. He was followed in death by his wife, Estella, on March 28, 1983, at the age of 82.

Submitted by Mary C. Callison and Tom Salyer

DARWIN SALYER FAMILY

Darwin Salyer (1871-1963) and Alyce Morse Salyer (1874-1950) were lured to Ashland by Darwin's brother Emery on December 11, 1915 by train from Atlanta, Missouri. Darwin often talked of his birthplace, Shelby County, Illinois, and Alyce told many tales of Macon County, Missouri, where she was born and reared. Paul (1900-1980), Ancil (1902-1958), Mary (1904-1937) and Howard (1907, presently residing in Norton, Illinois) attended school in Ashland for the remainder of that year while living with Emery Salyer and later with Andrew Hensley on farms west of Ashland.

In the fall of 1916, Mary and Howard attended Centerville,

or No. 10 Country School, in the vicinity of their home east of Ashland, where they resided on a Will Nunemacher farm. Their close neighbors were Amos Baker, Ike Gibson, Tom McMinimy, H.B. Fry and Chris Stegman. The No. 10 school teachers lived with the Salyers. Paul and Ancil drove a horse and buggy daily to Ashland High School. Grace (1910, and now a retired school teacher in Topeka) started at No. 10 in the fall of 1917.



Darwin, Ancil, Alyce, Paul, Grace and Howard Salyer

The Salyers traded farms with Jess Young who lived on a Will Nunemacher farm two miles north of Ashland, after Paul and Ancil graduated in 1920. Mary and Howard drove a cart into the Ashland School until Mary and Howard graduated. Grace then rode with the Bloxsom family until her Ashland schooling was completed and she left for college. Mary was killed in a train-auto accident in 1937 while returning to her position as principal of a Guymon, Oklahoma school.

Darwin and Alyce lived on the farm until about 1948. They knew many of the younger generation since the Salyer swimming hole was very popular during the summer months. They purchased the Jim Riley home in west Ashland where they spent their remaining years. Darwin enjoyed all people, but particularly children. As years passed, he took great delight in giving them a silver dollar with his "mark" on it as a keepsake.

Submitted by Tom Salyer, oldest grandchild

KENNETH AND RUTH SALYER

Ruth, eldest daughter of Mabel and Perry Waugh, was born September 28, 1911, in Harper County, Oklahoma, near Willard. The family moved to Ashland in 1926 where she attended high school, graduating with the class of 1930.

Kenneth, a son of Margaret and Emory Salyer, was born in Adair County, Missouri, November 29, 1907. When a child, he moved to Ashland with his family, attending grade school, then later moving to Garden City where he graduated from high school in 1927. He returned to Ashland and on March 16, 1930, he married Ruth. Two children were born, Theron Charles, February 1, 1940, and Janice Louise, April 12, 1943.



Kenneth and Ruth Salyer, 1958

Ruth was employed as a telephone operator, clerk at Braden's Variety, then as bookkeeper for the Ashland Cooperative Exchange.

Kenneth was employed by the Ashland Oil Co., then owned and operated service stations, independently and in partnership.

In 1947, they moved to a 240-acre farm west of Ashland.

In 1949, Kenneth began employment for the United States Department of Agriculture, later becoming office manager of the ASCS.

Ruth passed away July 2, 1961, after a six-month illness. The family were members of the Methodist Church.

Kenneth then married Fern Waugh of Ashland, October 20, 1962. Kenneth was County Executive Director of ASCS Office and was a few months short of retirement when he suffered a fatal heart attack on July 8, 1971.

His widow, Fern, remained on the farm until November, 1979.

Theron married Karen Bean of Coldwater and they with two children reside in Hutchinson.

Janice married Gene Becker of Ashland. Gene passed away September 11, 1983. Janice and their daughter reside in Eugene, Oregon.

Submitted by Fern Cox

RON SALYER FAMILY

Ron and Kim Brown Salyer met in Ashland in September, 1978 and were married in September, 1980.

Ronald Thomas Salyer was born November 16, 1951 in Manhattan, Kansas, oldest son of Thomas and Betty Angelle Salyer. Ron is the grandson of Charles Paul and Estella Brown Salyer and great-grandson of Darwin and Alyce Morse Salyer who emigrated to Ashland in the early 1900's.

Ron attended Spearville, Kansas schools graduating in 1969. Following high school, he attended Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. He played on the Fighting Irish football squads his freshman and sophomore years as a walk-on, until a recurring knee injury forced him to give it up. He graduated in May of 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then affiliated with Mutual of New York in Colorado Springs for about five years, selling life and health insurance. He was very active in the Downtown Kiwanis Club, Notre Dame Alumni of Colorado Springs and Youth American League Football coaching. In September of 1978, he moved to his parent's home in Ashland and helped put in the wheat crop for that year.

Kimberly Kay Brown, daughter of Alfred and Coleen Smith Brown, was born June 20, 1958 in Meade, Kansas. Kim is the granddaughter of W.W. and Katie Breit Brown, who have lived in Clark County since the early 1900's.

After her graduation from Meade High School in 1976, she moved to Ashland with her parents. She attended cosmetology school in Dodge City and Salt City Business College in Hutchinson, Kansas, graduating with a degree in Fashion Merchandising.

Ron and Kim presently have two children, Zachary Brown, born April 3, 1981 and Zebulon Brown, born December 7, 1983.

Submitted by Kim Salyer

Ron, Kim, Zachary and Zebulon Salyer, December, 1983



Theron Salyer Family

Theron Charles Salyer was born to Kenneth and Ruth Salyer on February 1, 1940 in Ashland. I attended grade and high school in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 1958. I graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1963. During my college days, I met and married Karen Bean of Coldwater, Kansas on May 1, 1960. Karen graduated from Fort Hays in 1962 and taught school in Russell, Kansas during my senior year in college. We have two children, Connie Ruth, who was born in 1964, and Rodney Theron, born in 1966.

My first position after college was that of a sales representative for the Office Products Division of IBM. We lived in Hays, Kansas, and Columbia, Missouri, during this time. I then worked for Hallmark Cards and lived in Hastings, Nebraska for two years.



Karen, Connie, Rod and Theron - 1983

After moving to Hutchinson, Kansas, I accepted a position with Xerox Corporation. I am now a marketing executive covering Reno, McPherson and Saline counties. We have lived in Hutchinson since 1972. Karen has been a homemaker and done some substitute teaching and work with homebound students in the Buhler School District during this time.

Connie has attended Hutchinson Community College and is currently working for two oral surgeons in Hutchinson. Rod is a junior at Buhler High School.

Our main interests are our family, home and church activities. We also enjoy traveling and have had the opportunity to travel as a family and on company sponsored trips.

Submitted by Theron Salyer

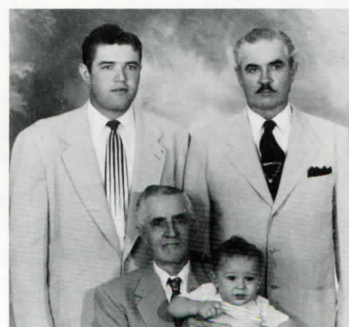
Tom Salyer Family

January, 1950, in Denton, Texas, is when and where it all began for Betty Angelle and Tom Salyer. Tom was on holiday from Kansas State and I was in my last semester at Texas Women's University. My home was Galveston, Texas. I graduated in June and migrated to Kansas in Clark County as Home Economics Agent in August of 1950. Tom returned to Kansas State in September. We married in November and after a brief farming respite, we moved to Manhattan where Tom graduated in June, Tom Salyer family - 1969. Ron Salyer, Betty Salyer with hand on Garth's shoulder, Tom holding Brad, Karen Salyer and Paul.



1952. We returned to our farming in Ashland with a seven-month-old-son, Ron, in tow. Paul joined us in 1953. We continued our farming until 1957. In January, 1956, Tom assumed the Clark County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

We then moved to Dodge City in February, 1957, when Karen was three months, so Tom could manage the Ford County Agency. We experienced city life a few months, then moved to rural Spearville in August, 1957. When Garth was two months (February, 1961), we trekked into Spearville, residing in a rambling three-story Victorian home . . . still referred to affectionately as "Salyer's Castle." The high school . . . across the street . . . called us simply the "Salyer Annex." Ron, in 1969, and Paul, in 1971, graduated from Spearville High School.



Tom, Paul, Darwin and Ron Salyer. Four generations of Salyer males. Darwin is oldest son in his family. Paul is oldest son of Darwin. Tom is oldest son of Paul and Ron is oldest son of Tom.

We returned to Ashland in August, 1973, when Brad was four years old. Karen graduated from Ashland High School in June, 1974 and Garth in 1979. Tom managed Ford-Clark Agencies until January, 1975, when we concentrated on full-scale farming and ranching. Upon our return to Ashland, we purchased the Dick Robert's home. In February, 1981, we purchased the home place of Tom's parents, Paul (deceased March 27, 1980) and Estella (deceased March 28, 1983), a mile north of Ashland on the State Lake Road where we now reside.

Submitted by Betty Angelle Salyer

Sanborn Family

The Sanborn family, Guy F. and Ruth B., moved to Ashland from Wichita in 1924, at that time they had Rodney and Wilma who were born in Wichita. Edna was born in 1925 and Rosco in 1927 in Ashland. They lived on the west side of town.

Guy had a barber shop at the Hodson Hotel until the family moved back to Wichita in 1940.

All the children attended school in Ashland. Wilma graduated from Ashland High School. Wilma married W.D. Phelps of Ashland. They have four children and now live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rodney passed away in 1945 while in the service. Edna married Lesley Lewis, they have four children and now live in Shokopee, Minnesota. Rosco married Iris Thomas, they have three children and live in Wichita.

Guy passed away in 1975 at age of 79. Ruth lives in Wichita. She is now 80 years of age.

Submitted by Rosco F. Sanborn

Gene Raymond and Patricia (Nelson) Sanders

Gene Raymond Sanders, son of Henry William and Josephine Virginia (Fisher) Sanders, of Belleville, Illinois, was born on April 17, 1937 at Belleville, Illinois. Gene joined the Air Force in 1954 and was stationed in Colorado Springs, Colorado at Ent Air Force Base.



Gene Sanders with granddaughter, Jennifer Michelle, and Pat Sanders with grandson, Austin Michael, in October, 1981.

Patricia Kay Nelson, daughter of Charles Lawrence and Kay A. (Murdock) Nelson of Ashland, Kansas, was born on August 4, 1937 in Ashland, Kansas. Pat graduated from Ashland High School in 1955. She then graduated from Blair Business College in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1956. She and Gene met during this period and were married in Raton, New Mexico on June 6, 1956 and lived in Colorado Springs until Gene's discharge from the Air Force in 1957.

A son, Steven Grant, was born on May 4, 1957 at Fort Carson, Colorado. In November, 1957, they moved to Dupon, Illinois and in 1961 they moved to Cahokia, Illinois and lived there until 1963 when they decided to move west to Buffalo, Oklahoma. In a very short time they were lucky enough to move to Ashland, January, 1964, where Gene went to work for Smee Motor Company. Later they bought their home at 320 W. 6th where they raised Steve. Steve married Myrna Cunningham in 1978.

Gene was employed by Graham Chevrolet and in 1965 worked for his father-in-law, Lawrence Nelson at Nelson Automotive. In 1974 Gene and Pat opened the men's clothing store in Ashland under the name of Gene's Clothing at 717 Main Street.

Submitted by Myrna Sanders

STEVEN GRANT AND MYRNA (CUNNINGHAM) SANDERS

Steven Grant Sanders, son of Gene and Pat (Nelson) Sanders of Ashland, Kansas, was born on May 4, 1957 at Fort Carson, Colorado. He and his parents moved to Ashland in January, 1964 and Steve graduated from Ashland High School in 1975. He attended Pratt Community College in 1975-76. He then attended Emporia State University as a business major in 1976-77. He started working for Howell Insurance Agency in July, 1977.

Myrna Joann Cunningham, daughter of Willie Lee and Mary Ruthanna (Bond) Cunningham, of Ashland, Kansas was born on January 16, 1959 at Dodge City, Kansas. The family lived on a



Steve, Austin, Myrna and Jennifer Sanders, June, 1983

farm west of Ashland and included two older sisters, Mary Joann and Norma Jean, and one older brother, Philip Lynn. Myrna graduated from Ashland High School in 1977. She attended Emporia State University during the 1977 fall semester, as an accounting major. In January, 1978-May, 1979, she worked for Curtis Slaton, P.A.

On July 15, 1978, Steven and Myrna were married in Ashland and made their home at 1215 Main. In August, 1979-September,

1980 and June, 1982-April, 1984, Myrna worked for Gene's Clothing.

On October 29, 1980, a daughter, Jennifer Michelle, was born and on September 12, 1981, a son, Austin Michael, was born, both in the Ashland Hospital by Dr. G. Andy McNickle.

Submitted by Myrna Sanders

WALTER SANDERS FAMILY

Walter and Julia Sanders moved to Ashland in 1921 with their seven children. Two more children were born in Ashland. Six of the children graduated from Ashland High. The family moved to Boise, Idaho in 1937.

Walter and Julia celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1957. Walter passed away in 1964 and Julia in 1976. Jim died in 1983.

Verna, Lee, Orville and Eunice live in Idaho. Ken, Coy, Nell and Oma live in California. They enjoy returning to Ashland for a visit, especially for a school reunion.

Verna Mays, Nell Truitt, Julia, Oma Slavick, Eunice Ramey. Back: Orville, Lee, Ken, Coy and Jim.



Walter Sanders
1888-1964

Sanders home in Ashland

Julia Sanders
1888-1976

Walter had a restaurant in Ashland that burned down in 1922. He later had a restaurant on the corner where the Citizens Bank is now.

Lee and Orville went to Idaho soon after they each graduated from high school. It was a good move for them and they influenced the parents to move to Boise. They bought a large older home on four acres and had a couple of cows and some chickens--a great place for their children and grandchildren to come home to.

Oma and her husband and two sons moved to Boise in 1948 just before their twins were born. They lived there four years and moved back to California.

Submitted by the Sanders family

DAVID S. SANTEE

David Santee was a cousin to Mrs. R.N. Molyneux. He came from Ohio in 1924 to be the ranch foreman for Mr. Molyneux. David Santee was born in West Union, Ohio, January 28, 1898. In 1929, he married Ethel Mae Benton from Lebanon, Missouri. They lived on the Molyneux Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Santee had four children, Wesley, Henry and Ina May. A fourth child died at birth.



Back: Bob Santee, Ed Santee, Susan Santee and Wes Santee. Front: Shelia Santee with Chase Santee, Ethel Santee, Treva Santee with Christopher Santee in front.

Mr. Santee died March 2, 1976. Mrs. Santee now lives with her daughter, Ina May Brumbaugh, near Kansas City.

Submitted by Wes Santee

WES SANTEE

Wes Santee was born on March 25, 1932 at the Molyneux Ranch southwest of Ashland. In his early years, Wes traveled with Mr. Molyneux as he went in and around Ashland conducting business. It was common to see the two of them at the post office, with Mr. Molyneux reading his mail and Wes eating a double dip chocolate ice cream cone from Ashcraft Drug Store.

This nourishing food and activity led to the development of one of the fastest runners in Kansas history. Wes attended Ashland High School where he received guidance from Mr. Humphreys and his Coach J. Allen Murray. In high school, Wes set the state mile record of 4:26.00 in 1950, once held by Glenn Cunningham from Elkhart.



Wes Santee

Wes went to the University of Kansas, where he graduated with a degree in education in 1954. While at the University of Kansas, Wes also set many Big Seven records for the school in Cross Country, 2 mile, mile and ½ mile. He was a member of the Olympic Team in 1952, the Pan American Team in 1955. Wes set the World record in the 1500 meters and the American Record in the mile, ¾ mile and 2/3 mile races. Wes was selected as an All-American from 1951 to 1956. He was selected as the outstanding athlete in major relay meets all over the United States, such as the Texas Relays, Kansas Relays and Drake Relays.

In 1953, Wes was selected by the Helms Hall of Fame as the most outstanding athlete in all sports for North America.

In 1975, Wes was inducted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Wes Santee has three children, Edward, Robert and Susan. They presently live in the Lawrence, Kansas area.

Submitted by Wes Santee

CHARLES SCHMIDT

Charles Schmidt came to Ashland in 1884, thirteen years

after he arrived in America from Germany. He was 29. In 1895, Charles married Ann Welch of Moline, Kansas and they settled in Ashland. Eventually they became known to the family and friends as "Mom" and "Pop" Schmidt. They were a hard-working team who also had time for fun. "Pop" caused some hilarious times as he learned English; however, he joined in the laughter. "Mom" had numerous little sayings and verses which she loved to use. Pop heard "Gone where the woodbine twineth" so often that he tried it out on his own after he found something missing. His version was "it had gone where the binding twine went."



Schmidt family in 1936. Front row: Pop and Mom Schmidt. Back row: Sister Basil, Theresa, Charles, Jr., Frank, Gus Hoffman, Clara and Mary.

Everyone laughed, including "Pop." "Mom" liked his version so well she used it thereafter, especially when "Pop" was near.

Their oldest child is Fannie, a teacher and later a nun, Sister Mary Basil. She lives at St. Mary's Convent in Wichita. Mary, a nurse, died in 1946. Theresa, deceased in 1979, was a teacher and nurse. Frank, a farmer, died in 1983. Clara, a nurse, married Gus Hoffman, deceased in 1978. They had five children and she lives in Newkirk, Oklahoma. Charles Schmidt, Jr., the youngest, was a farmer and hospital orderly. He lives in Brainerd, Minnesota, with his wife, Mary.

The Schmidt family moved to Wichita in 1946. "Pop," an invalid for years, died a few months later. Mom died in 1949. They are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Wichita.

Submitted by Charles Schmidt, Jr.

MICHAEL T. SCHMITT FAMILY

Michael Thomas Schmitt, son of William Paul and Patricia Dougherty Schmitt, was born on January 26, 1951, in Brooklyn, New York. While attending grades 1-12 in the New York City area schools, he was a Boy Scout and received the Eagle Scout Award. He graduated from high school in 1968, enlisted in the Army in 1969, and served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He later moved to Oklahoma and acquired an A&P license through Spartan School of Aeronautics. He then moved to Wichita, Kansas to work for Boeing and later, Gates Learjet. He has been attending Wichita State University both part and full time, since 1977, pursuing a B.S. Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He was self employed as a drapery installer during part of that time.



Mary Ann and Michael Schmitt, 1980

He enjoys backpacking, camping and working with his hands and is a member of the Individual Ready Reserve.

Mary Ann Schmitt, born to Virgil Paul and Cecilia Ann Winter Mull, October 1, 1954, attended Ashland schools, grades 1-12 and graduated from high school in 1972. She attended Dodge City Community College and graduated in 1974 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree. She then attended St. Francis School of Nursing in Wichita, Kansas and graduated with a diploma in nursing. She has worked at Saint Francis since that time. She met Michael in 1977 and they married on November 22, 1980.

The Schmitts have one son, William Paul Schmitt, born September 19, 1982.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schmitt

MARGARET GREENE SCHNEIDER

Margaret Helen Greene came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Greene, Jr. in August of 1943 just a few days after they moved to Dodge City from Meade. She attended Ashland Grade and High School, graduating from AHS in 1961. She attended Kansas State University in 1961 and graduated from the Enid, Oklahoma Cosmetology School in 1962.

In 1963, she married Carroll Eugene Schneider of Wakeeney, Kansas. Two children were born to this marriage: Jayson, born in Japan in May of 1970, and Jeffery, who was born in July of 1972.



Margaret, Jeff, Jayson and Gene (deceased) Schneider

Gene joined the Army in 1965, serving tours of duty in Germany, Japan, Korea and the United States. He retired as a staff sergeant and died January of 1984 at Walter Reed Hospital of a brain hemorrhage.

Margaret has worked as a beautician and as a secretary at Ft. Hood, Texas, where she assists with processing out post soldiers. Jayson is an eighth grader in Coperas Cove Junior High School while Jeffery is a sixth grader in elementary school there.

Submitted by Priscilla Greene

EDWARD G. SCHROEDER FAMILY

Edward and Maude Schroeder were residents of Ashland from 1948 until 1955. After Maude's death, Ed returned to Ashland and was a resident of the Ashland Nursing Home until his death in 1971.

Edward Gustave Schroeder was the youngest child of Fredrick and Marie Schroeder. He was born at Ellinwood, Kansas on February 16, 1889. He grew up in the same area and attended the German Lutheran Church School. His father died when he was 12, making him supporter of his mother until her death in March, 1930. During World War II, he served in the Army Corp of Engineers in France. As a young man he was owner of a grocery

store in Burdett, Kansas.

Ethel Maude White was the second child of Issac and Ethel White. She was born at Erie, Colorado on August 19, 1891. She grew up in the area of Morland, Kansas, attending schools at Morland and graduating in 1912. She then enrolled and attended nurses' training at Halstead School of Nursing. She was a member of the second graduating class in 1916, under the supervision of the famed Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler.



Ethel Maude and Ed Schroeder, 1948

Ed and Maude were married at the home of her sister, Will and Grace Brooks, September 19, 1923. To their union three children were born: Eloise Marie (Schroeder) Berkley of Stockton, Kansas; their second child died at birth; and Jean Ellen (Schroeder) Stephens of Ashland. They have five living grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They were both members of the Methodist Church.

Submitted by Jean (Schroeder) Stephens

LARRY AND KATHRYN SCHUSTER

Larry and Kathryn (York) Schuster live at 1215 E. 10th, Winfield, Kansas. They own Schuster Yard and Garden Center in Winfield.

Larry Elvin Schuster was born July 19, 1934 in Moscow, Kansas. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Karl Schuster. Rev. Schuster, upon graduation from college, worked for Frank H. York and preached his first sermon at the Sitka Methodist Church.

Kathryn York was born September 30, 1940 in Ashland. She is the second child of John Boynton and Clarice Hadley York. She attended grades 1-3 in Sitka, then upon closing of the Sitka school, attended grades 4-12 in Ashland. She was active in music, speech and drama activities in high school. She was an active member of Sitka Hustlers 4-H Club and the Ashland Methodist Church.



Kathryn and Larry Schuster, Laurian Workman and David Workman

Kathryn attended Southwestern College and graduated in 1962 with a B.A. degree in Public School Music. She married Kay Leon Workman, Winfield, on January 21, 1961. Their children are David Leon, born October 15, 1962, and Laurian Kay, born June 9, 1967. Kay Workman died January 16, 1968, after a brief illness.

Kathryn married Larry E. Schuster on December 27, 1971.

Their family is active in the First United Methodist Church, school activities, community, Southwestern Alumni affairs, and will be a host family in the school year of 1984-85 for an exchange student through American Field Service.

David Workman attends Cowley County Juco majoring in business administration and journalism. His interests include sports and photography.

Laurian Workman is a junior at Winfield High School. She is a member of Floral 4-H. She loves animals, sports, bicycling and music. She plans to attend college majoring in veterinary medicine.

Submitted by Kathryn Schuster

WILLIAM R. SCHWARTZ FAMILY

William Raymond Schwartz was born December 8, 1920, in Ashland. His parents were Albert and Ava Fox Schwartz. He attended grades one through twelve, graduating in 1938. In 1942, he enlisted in the Signal Corp., U.S. Air Force, serving until 1945 in the Southwest Pacific. After his discharge from service, he returned to Ashland, receiving employment with Northern Natural Gas. After more than 35 years of service with Northern, Ray retired June 1, 1984.

Margaret Elizabeth Epp, daughter of Henry and Marie Knak Epp, was born August 31, 1923. She grew up near Newton, Kansas. Attending schools there, she graduated in the class of 1942. She attended Salt City Business College, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Ray and Margaret were married September 4, 1954. They have one son, Bill, born September 3, 1955, in Ashland. He attended the Ashland Schools, graduating in 1973, and Kansas State University. He was married October 5, 1974, to Nancy Nichols, daughter of Allen and JoAnn Blankenship Nichols, Cimarron, Kansas. They have two daughters, Tisha Nicole and Katie Anne. Bill is with the Federal Land Bank Association of Dodge City, Kansas, serving as Assistant Vice President.

Margaret served as Clark County Deputy Treasurer for five years. She was elected for two two-year terms as Treasurer, serving from 1965 through 1969.

Ray and Margaret are active in the community and are members of the First Christian Church.

Submitted by Ray and Margaret Schwartz

KENNETH GEROLD SCHWEITZER FAMILY

I was born in Perryton, Texas, January 21, 1942. We moved to Ashland in October of 1952 and I finished high school here. I worked for Dick Roberts Store while in school. In the spring of 1961, I went to barber school in Wichita after which I barbered with Earl Boren in October, 1962.

Back: Gerold, Rhona, Donna. Front: Mary Jo, Justin, Cindi and Raymond, 1978



I met Mary Jo Cox in Ashland in the spring of 1962 where she was working at Helen's Beauty Shop. We were married in Bloom on September 2, 1963. Mary Jo was born in Bloom, May 2, 1943, went to school there and finished in May of 1961.

We have five children: Rhona Lynn (20), born June 4, 1963; Donna Gwen (18), born September 18, 1965; Raymond Dean (12), born May 21, 1971; Cindi Le' (10), born June 29, 1973; and Justin Wayne (8), born November 11, 1975.

At this time I am barbering in Ashland, Protection and Coldwater. Mary Jo has been a nurses' aid at the Fountain View Villa since 1969. We have enjoyed living in Ashland. It is a good place to raise your children. A lot of friends have come and gone and we will always remember them.

Submitted by Gerold Schweitzer

KENNETH R. SCHWEITZER FAMILY

Kenneth R. Schweitzer was born July 14, 1920 at Natoma, Kansas, the son of the late Ray and Lina Clark Schweitzer.

Kenneth and Doreen Arnold were married on February 6, 1941 at Natoma, Kansas. Doreen was born May 4, 1922, daughter of Robert M. and Cora Branson Arnold, Waldo, Kansas. Doreen has four sisters and two brothers. One brother, one sister and parents are deceased. Kenneth and Doreen resided in Perryton, Texas from 1941 to 1951. They were members of the First Church of the Nazarene. Kenneth was employed by Northern Natural Gas at Perryton, Texas, and transferred by the company to Ashland, Kansas in 1951. Kenneth retired, due to illness, on disability in 1979, after 28 years' employment with Northern Natural Gas.



Doreen and Kenneth Schweitzer. Sue Ann Kilgore, Gerold Schweitzer, Alan Schweitzer and Lynda Ritter, 1974.

They attend the First Church of God in Ashland. The late Charles Schweitzer of Protection, Kansas, was a great uncle of Kenneth's.

They are parents of four children, all attending and graduating from Ashland Elementary and High Schools.

Kenneth Gerold, born January 21, 1942, at Perryton, Texas, married Mary Jo Cox, September 2, 1962 at Bloom, Kansas. Children: Rhona, Donna, Raymond, Cindi and Justin.

Sue Ann, born June 14, 1946 at Perryton, Texas, married James Kilgore, November 7, 1966 at Ashland. Children: James Kenneth, Robert Alan and Eddy Lyn.

Lynda Kay, born February 20, 1953 at Ashland, Kansas, married Howard I. Ritter, June 15, 1973 at Ashland. Children: Shana.

Alan Ray, born October 25, 1955 at Meade, Kansas, married Becky McMillin on October 20, 1974 at Protection, Kansas.

Submitted by Doreen Schweitzer

ARTHUR AND CORA WILSON SEACAT

Cora Wilson, daughter of Matthew Tomlin and Cora Rebecca McMinimy Wilson, was born July 28, 1892 at the family homestead. She attended the early grades near Sitka, at a country school, and boarded with the Lackey family in Ashland in the upper grades. She gave music lessons for a number of years and was Worthy Matron of OES.

She was married to Arthur Seacat, February 3, 1920 at Syracuse, Kansas. Mrs. Minerva Seacat and her sons, Forrest and Arthur, of the Sitka community, homesteaded land in Baca County, Colorado. They lived there until 1935 when the dust bowl years were at the worst and moved to Canon City, Colorado where they had a small acreage and grew fresh vegetables and fruits.



Cora Wilson Seacat

Mr. Seacat died of a heart attack in 1944 and Cora came back to Ashland and worked as a nurse in Ashland Hospital for a number of years. She was kind, thoughtful, helpful and had a keen sense of humor and always had something amusing to say to people. She did beautiful needlework, tatting, crocheting and knitting and made beautiful wool rugs. She helped many sick people in the community in her years of service in the hospital, and even after she retired. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

On her 80th birthday, she was honored by her nieces and nephews with an open house at the Hardesty House in Ashland. She died on December 2, 1976 and is buried by her husband in Highland Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Marjorie Lowry

GEORGE SEACAT FAMILY

George O. Seacat, born September 4, 1922, was the oldest of four children born to Bob and Kathryn Brewer Seacat. He attended grade school in the Lexington and Coyote Schools and graduated from Ashland High School in 1940.

He was in the Armored Forces of the Army from 1944-46 in Europe at the end of the war. After service he went to Kansas State College for a time and was married March 16, 1947 to Bessie P. Kumberg, daughter of Fred and Inez Sundgren Kumberg of Sitka. Bessie attended the Sitka school and graduated from Ashland High School in 1941. She attended Ft. Hays State, also Bethany College at Lindsborg. She was in the Marine Corp Women's Reserve from 1944-46.

They began farming in 1947 on the Gracia Seacat farm on the old Lexington townsight. They lived there 33 years raising four children. They moved into Ashland in 1980 and their son Roger and wife Kay moved to the farm.

Their daughter, Marilyn, born March 31, 1948, attended Ashland schools. She graduated from Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State College. She was married to Gary Gooszen, December 13, 1969. They have two children, Jennifer and Jeremy.

Ronald Seacat, born July 24, 1950, went to the Ashland schools and attended Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State two years before going to the Navy and served in Japan

from 1970-1974. He now farms in Montrose, Colorado and is married to Leta Vance of Montrose. They have two children, Douglas and Melissa.



George, Marilyn, Bessie, Ronald. Front: Bill and Roger, 1960

Roger Seacat was born September 29, 1954. He attended Ashland schools and was two years at Manhattan Christian and Kansas State. He married Kay Weece of Dodge City, April 15, 1978 and they have one daughter, Michelle. They moved to the farm in 1980.

Bill (William P.) was born November 17, 1959, and also attended the Ashland schools, then went to Hutchinson Junior College on a football scholarship, and then to Dodge City Jr. College. He married Tammy Ediger of Ashland May 31, 1980. They have two boys, Daniel and Darin. They are engaged in farming in Clark County.

Submitted by George and Bessie Seacat

JOHN PORTER SEACAT FAMILY

John Porter Seacat was born March 3, 1930 in Ashland, Kansas, the youngest child of Robert and Kathryn Brewer Seacat. He attended school in Ashland, graduating in 1948. He worked with his father until being inducted into the Army in 1953.

John spent two years at Ft. Bliss, Texas, in the 4054th Nike Guided Missile School. While there he met and on July 9, 1955 married Carol Jean Hagenloh, daughter of Paul and Dorothy Hagenloh, both of Germany. Carol was born August 15, 1937 in St. Louis, Mo.



Back: Robert, David, Joel and Michael. Front: Carol and John P. Seacat

Discharged from the Army, John and Carol moved to Manhattan and entered Kansas State Agricultural College, August, 1955. John graduated in 1961 with a DVM degree. Carol worked as a secretary for Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance after one year of college.

Dr. John practiced in Salina five years before returning in 1966 to the Robert Seacat homeplace. John and R.J. Seacat formed a partnership in the Seacat Bros. Feed Yard and at the

same time, Dr. John worked in Rangelands Veterinary Clinic for three years.

John and Carol have four sons: Joel (March 10, 1960) attended college three years and is presently at home. David (March 5, 1963) and Robert (September 24, 1964) attend Wichita State University. Michael (March 5, 1963) married Penny Anne Wilson. They have two sons and live near Dodge City.

The family are members of the Ashland Methodist Church. Carol belongs to the Twentieth Century Study Club.

John operates Dr. "John's" Clinic and Starter Yard in Lexington Township.

Submitted by Phyllis S. Shattuck

KATHLEEN SEACAT

Kathleen Seecat is a sales representative for Kraft Foods - Kansas City District and lives in Manhattan, Kansas.

Kathleen, daughter of R.J. and Joan Seecat, was born November 6, 1958 in Ashland. She grew up in Lexington and attended Ashland schools, graduating in 1977. While in school she was active in 4-H, track and instrumental music. She attended Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, for two years where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. At Kansas State University she completed a BS in Food Science from the college of agriculture. She was a member of the Kansas State crew team and dairy judging team during her senior year. Kathleen received her Masters in Management from Purdue University. During one summer she attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

Kathleen is active in University for Man classes at Kansas State and enjoys hiking and biking.

Submitted by Kathleen Seecat

PORTER SEACAT FAMILY

Porter Seecat came to Lexington Township in 1884 from Cowley County, Kansas, to pre-empt land (present site of Seecat Feed Yard). Returning to Winfield, he married Kisiah Bookwalter, July 5, 1886, and brought her to his farmstead where they farmed and raised cattle and hogs. He was a frugal man and she a good helper in their endeavors, and they soon became self-sufficient and in time accrued over 2000 acres of Clark County land.



Porter and Kisiah Seecat, 1910

Born to Porter and Kisiah were Gracia, July 15, 1887; Robert, April 28, 1889; Fred, October 10, 1890; and Dona (Fox), January 29, 1895. All finished eighth grade at Coyote School.

Kisiah Seecat died January 18, 1917, during the terrible influenza epidemic.

Fred served in the United States Army hospital section (WWI)

and died of lobar pneumonia October 3, 1918, upon landing at Brest, France.

Gracia Seecat attended Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia, and taught in the Clark County rural schools until 1921 when she and Porter moved to Los Angeles, California, for the winter, returning the following year when she began teaching there and he bought property. Gracia retired in 1948 and lives in Los Angeles.

Porter married Mathilda Cooper in January, 1928, and lived in Los Angeles until his death, March 15, 1933.

After Fred's death, Porter deeded to the city of Ashland a farm he had originally given his son. The proceeds from it were to be used for the upkeep and beautification of Highland Cemetery where all three are buried.

Submitted by Phyllis S. Shattuck

R.J. AND JOAN SEACAT

R.J. and Joan Seecat live on the Porter Seecat Homestead in Lexington Township. R.J., son of Robert and Kathryn Brewer Seecat, was reared on land adjacent to this home site, on his father's ranch, and lived there all his life, except for military service from October, 1950 through October, 1952. R.J. attended Coyote School in Lexington Township, grades 1 through 4, and completed grade and high school in Ashland.

In 1954, R.J. married Joan Shinn of Clearwater, Kansas. Joan was the Home Demonstration Agent in Clark County from 1952 through 1955, following her graduation from Kansas State College. Joan is the daughter of Effie Wilk Shinn and the late John Shinn of Clearwater. Joan was reared on the farmstead of her Quaker grandparents. R.J. is a rancher and owner-operator of the Seecat Feed Yard, which is located at the home location.



R.J. and Joan Seecat, Kathleen and Jim, 1984

R.J. and Joan are the parents of four children. Susan, 28, is married to Rick Drake and they have a daughter, Cassie, who is 2. Susan is a special education teacher and her husband Rick is a CPA. Sara, 26, is a medical student at K.U. School of Medicine and her husband David O'Connell is a graduate of the same school. Kathleen, 25, is a graduate of Kansas State College and is a sales representative for Kraft Foods. Jim, 24, is a student at Kansas State College. He and his wife, Marianne Stein Seecat, a dental hygienist, have a son, Jonathan, age 2.

R.J. and Joan are members of the United Methodist Church and they and their children have been active members of the Ashland United Methodist Church.

Joan is a member of the Ashland Twentieth Century Club and is active in the Lexington Woman's Club. The R.J. Seecat family has been interested in the Lexington community. Joan served as 4-H project leader and community leader for the Bear Creek 4-H club while their children were members.

R.J. became interested in flying after getting out of the service and later earned his commercial and instrument rating.

Submitted by R.J. and Joan Seacat

ROBERT AND KATHRYN SEACAT

Robert Seacat, born April 28, 1889, to Porter and Kisiah Seacat in Lexington Township, grew up on the land and, like his father, continued to farm and raise livestock. He attended Coyote School, Kansas Wesleyan Business College and took a short course in steam boiler engineering at Kansas State Agriculture College. Wheels and machinery always fascinated him. He had an inventive mind and, being handy at the forge, shaped many tools and repaired parts for his machinery. During World War I, he knitted sweaters for the Doughboys.

Robert helped build a new modern home for his bride-to-be, then he married Kathryn Opal Brewer in Woodward, Oklahoma, November 9, 1921, and brought her to Red Bluff Ranch, land his father deeded him, one mile east of his childhood home. They became fairly self-sufficient, working together to supply food and clothing for the family.



Robert Seacat, in 1950's



Kathryn Seacat, about 1980

Born to Robert and Kathryn were George Owen, September 4, 1922; Robert Joseph, August 6, 1926; Phyllis Louise, July 26, 1927; and John Porter, March 3, 1930; all graduates of Ashland High School.

Kathryn Brewer attended school in Ft. Supply and Woodward, Oklahoma, and Kansas Wesleyan Business College. She was a bookkeeper-stenographer in Woodward, later serving as secretary, in Washington, D.C., to a United States representative. Kathryn was active in community affairs, serving on the Township Selective Service Board, working in the Red Cross sewing room (World War II), as president of the Women's Council (1940's). She moved to Ashland in 1965.

Robert Seacat died March 21, 1961.

Submitted by Phyllis S. Shattuck

BRAD SEABOURN FAMILY

Bradford Wayne Seabourn was born May 2, 1956, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, one of three children born to Herbert and Wanda Ross Seabourn. At the age of 7, and 3 years after his father's untimely death, Brad's mother married Jack Whitfield, of Ashland, Kansas. Brad attended grades 2-12 in the Ashland school system, graduating in 1974. After attending Oral Roberts University and Kansas University, he transferred to Kansas State University, where he graduated in 1980 with a B.S. in Chemistry and a B.S. in Animal Science. Brad is currently employed with the U.S.D.A. Grain Research Laboratory in Manhattan, Kansas, as an Assistant Research Chemist.

Patricia Kay Beikmann Winter, daughter of Delbert and Marcile Damman Beikmann, was born March 21, 1953 in Clay Center, Kansas. She grew up in Linn, Kansas, attending school there with her 2 brothers and sister. Upon graduating from high school

in 1971, Patricia enrolled in Crum's Beauty College and gradu-



Brad Seabourn family.

Brad, Patti, Travis and Ryan

ated as a licensed beautician in 1972. She met Brad in 1979 while he attended Kansas State University. They were married April 3, 1982 at the United Methodist Church in Ashland. Patricia is currently employed at Beauty Mart, Manhattan, Kansas.

The Seabourn's children are Ryan and Travis Winter.

Ryan, born August 14, 1973, is a 4th grader and likes football, baseball and Cub Scouting. Travis, born January 18, 1977, is a 1st grader and likes football, baseball and bicycle riding.

The family is active in the community where they attend First Lutheran Church. Brad enjoys carpentry, golf, hunting and fishing, and is active in the Boy Scouts. Patricia teaches Sunday School at First Lutheran.

Submitted by Brad Seabourn

ALBERT L. SEIDEL FAMILY

Theda Mae Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. (Bill) Cox of Ashland, and Albert L. Seidel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Seidel of Protection, were married in the farm home of her parents, southwest of Ashland, on January 26, 1940.

The couple made their home in Coldwater, Kansas until 1946 when they moved to Cripple Creek, Colorado. A year later they moved to Ashland and made their home here until Theda passed away in November of 1979. When they first came to Ashland in 1947, Al owned and operated a Sinclair Service Station on Main Street. The next year he opened his own plumbing business known as Al's Service. After a few years he purchased the Brockman Hardware and combined the plumbing and hardware business. Al and Theda ran this business together until 1973 when their daughter Myrna and her husband Dave joined them in purchasing the Gamble Store from Cleo and Bessie Bliss. Al sold the business to Dave and Myrna when Theda passed away in 1979.

Al and Theda had two children: a daughter, Myrna, born in Coldwater, Kansas, November 4, 1940, and a son, William Albert (Bill), born in Ashland on April 17, 1948. In June of 1962, Myrna married David Heath and they have lived in Ashland since that time. Bill is married to Wanda Heddin, formerly of Wichita, and the couple have three children: two boys, James and Darin, and a girl, Julie Ann. The family lives in Manhattan, Kansas, where Bill is an assistant manager for Manhattan District of Kansas Power & Light.

In November of 1981, Al married Rita Wasinger of Wichita, and they reside there at this time.

Submitted by Myrna Heath

CYNDI SELZER

Cynthia Lou Stevens was born June 22, 1954 to Joe and Sara Artie Stevens in the Meade Hospital. Cyndi attended Ashland Grade School and graduated from Ashland High in 1972.

Marvin Dennis Selzer was born to Roy Martin and Esther

Marie Selzer on July 20, 1955 in the Coldwater Hospital. Marv attended Protection Schools and graduated in 1973.

Cyndi and Marv met at Pratt Juco and were married in Pratt on June 8, 1974. After both graduated from PCJC they continued their college education at PSU in Pittsburg, Kansas. Cyndi graduated, Spring, 1977, with a BS in Technology (Printing Technology) and Marv with a BST in Metals Manufacturing Technology.

Olivia Janee' was born April 6, 1977 at Mount Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas, 6 weeks before her parents graduated from PSU. She is presently a first grader at Columbian School. Livi's passions include coloring, reading, crafts, and gymnastics.



The Seltzers in September, 1983. Gavin, Cyndi, Marv, Tandri and Livi

Tandrea Joi joined us in the Hutchinson Hospital on April 9, 1980. Tandri is a very busy "Mommy's helper." She attends the library story hour and loves to be read to, color, devil her brother, and perform gymnastics.

Gavin Beau became a part of our family on the 9th of September, 1982, in the Freeman Hospital at Joplin, Missouri (Class of 2000!). At 18 months he loves being read to, rocked, and riding in the stroller.

Marv is a research and development engineer at Leggett and Platt, a bed components company. Cyndi is a Weight Watcher's lecturer and domestic engineer.

Submitted by Cyndi Selzer

J.V. AND CLEO SEVERE

John Virgil Severe, son of John W. and Elsie Burket Severe, was born in Ashland, October 17, 1903. This has been his home all of his life, with the exception of a few years.

Virge was active in sports during his high school and college days, playing on both the football and basketball teams here and at Kansas University. His senior year in high school he was Captain of the football team, and editor of the annual. He spent his first years in law school at Oklahoma University. Judge Price and Judge Harvey talked him into coming back to Washburn where he graduated. He worked with a firm in Wichita for a short time before moving to Dodge City, where he stayed six or seven years. While there he was married to Bernice Brown, of Topeka, on Jan.



Cleo and Virgil Severe,
1979

8, 1929. They moved to Ashland in 1937 and he opened his law practice which he still maintains. They had one child, Johnny, who graduated with the class of 1949, and the following summer lost his life at the age of 18 in a tractor accident. Bernice died in 1960.

Virge has served several terms as County Attorney, during the times when the remuneration was very small! He is a charter member and first president of Kiwanis.

On October 7, 1961, he married Cleo Campbell McKechnie. Cleo is the daughter of A.B. and Sue Coltrane Campbell, and was born March 6, 1914. The Severs live on the corner of Maple and 8th, the former Mrs. Sam Broadie home.

Submitted by Virgil Severe

JOHN WILLIAM SEVERE FAMILY

Elsie May and John William Severe were familiar to most of Clark County. Hard work and kind words would illustrate their life. John Severe is a direct descendant of John Severe, who was the first Governor of the State of Tennessee. Elsie May Burket, born November 30, 1874, in Holton, Kansas, came to Clark County with her parents in 1888. After finishing her schooling in the county school, she came to Ashland to take a Normal Training Course and secured a teaching certificate. She taught five years in county schools.

She met John Wm. Severe and they were married January 17, 1892 and continued to live on their farm near Ashland until they retired to live in Ashland. Elsie, always an energetic person, devoted much of her time to civic and church. She was preceded in death by her husband on June 27, 1953. She lived in Medicine Lodge until her death on January 23, 1959. They parented three children. Edith Marie Severe, born September 30, 1896, married



Elsie Mary Burket Severe
and John William Severe

Leonard Snare, a plasterer and painter by trade. They later became successful restaurant operators and moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Leonard died in 1957. She later married Wade Sprout.

Marie and Leonard had one living child, Elsie Elizabeth, who contracted polio. She lived in Dodge City until her death in 1983.

Esther Isabel, born April 7, 1901, married Charles J. Rohrer, a stockman and farmer from Harper County, Oklahoma. They raised five healthy children, Lila Mae, Esther Ramona, Henrietta, Charlene and Charles Vernon (C.V.). Esther taught five years in the county schools in Harper County, Oklahoma.

John Virgil Severe, born October 17, 1903, married Bernice Brown from Topeka, Kansas. A County Attorney in Clark County for several years, Virgil and Bernice had one son, John Virgil, Jr. who was killed in a tractor accident the year he graduated from high school. Bernice died in 1960 and Virgil married a former acquaintance, Cleo (Campbell) McKechnie.

Submitted by Charlene R. Kendrick

STEPHEN SEVERIN FAMILY

Mary Ann (Urban) Severin was born on April 15, 1950, to

Victor B. and Mary P. Urban in Ashland, Kansas. She attended St. Joseph's Parochial School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1968. She graduated in 1972 from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, with a Bachelor of Science degree. She also graduated from St. Francis Hospital (now St. Francis Regional Medical Center) in Wichita, Kansas, as a Medical Technologist, and has been employed by St. Francis since 1972 as a staff technologist.



Mary Ann, Stephen, Stacey and Aaron Severin, 1979

On November 15, 1975, she married Stephen John Severin. Steven was born to Anton J. and Mary Ellen Severin on August 24, 1952 in Enid, Oklahoma. Stephen attended Goltry Elementary School and graduated in 1970 from Helena-Goltry High School.

In 1974, Stephen graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Power. Stephen is associated with Great Plains Industries in Wichita, Kansas, as a test engineer. Mary Ann and Stephen have two children: Aaron John, age 7, and Stacey Anna, age 5. Aaron and Stacey attend St. Mary's Parochial School where they live with their parents in Derby, Kansas.

Submitted by Mary Ann Severin

JACKSON AND MARY SHAFFER

I, Mary Kibby, daughter of L.D. and Maude Kibby, was born and reared on the Kibby farm, never lived anywhere else until I married Berman Butler and moved to Englewood. We had one son, Richard Dwight. Berman was employed as a fireman-engineer on the Santa Fe Railroad. He was killed in a car accident and later I married Jackson Shaffer, a rancher and farmer. He has always lived on his ranch in Beaver County, Oklahoma. We both



Jack and Mary Shaffer

are graduates of Englewood High School. I'm a beautician and own and operate my shop in Englewood. I've been a member of the Eastern Star for several years, also a member of United Methodist Church of Ashland. Jack has been a director of the Soil Conservation Board of Beaver County for a number of years. He is also a pilot and we farm the Kibby farm. He operates his ranch and farms in Oklahoma.

The son of Mary and Berman Butler, Richard Dwight, attended school in Englewood. Dick married Barbara Watson and they have twin sons, Kevin and Mark, and a daughter, Roberta. They live in Granbury, Texas. Kevin is in the service. Mark is



Barb and Dick Wedding picture



Mark, Roberta and Kevin

in R.O.T.C. in Texas National Guard Reserve and is going to Tarleton State University at Stephenville, Texas. Roberta is a sophomore in high school.

Submitted by Mary Kibby Shaffer

DAN SHATTUCK FAMILY

Dan Luther Shattuck, son of Willis Henry and Ethel Luther Shattuck, was born on the Shattuck Ranch January 28, 1920. He attended District 40 Rural School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1937. He attended College of Emporia and Kansas State Agricultural College.

In 1942, he was inducted into the Army and served until 1946, after which he returned to the ranch.

On May 26, 1958, Dan married Phyllis Louise Seacat, born July 26, 1927, to Robert and Kathryn Brewer Seacat. Phyllis attended Coyote School and graduated from AHS in 1945. She graduated from University of Kansas in 1949 (BME) and from Northwestern University in 1956 (MME).

Phyllis taught vocal music in Oakley, Kansas; Denver, Colorado; and Ashland, and she taught horseback riding at Cheley Camps during summers. Since 1961, she has taught many private voice students, directed the Presbyterian Church choir, KEY-NOTERS and community choirs. She served on the Ashland School Board from 1965-1983, and served as board member and president of Tumbleweed Girl Scout Council, 1975-1980. She is a member of NATS, P.E.O. and Ashland Study Club.

Dan and Phyllis have two daughters. Kathryn Louise, March 26, 1962, participated in music in high school, playing first-chair oboe in all-state band, 1979; all-state orchestra, 1980; and the Wichita Youth Symphony, 1979-1980. She is a senior at University of Kansas. Anne Elizabeth, February 29, 1964, competed in track and basketball during high school and participated in state track and basketball playoffs three years. She is attending Kansas State University.

Submitted by Phyllis S. Shattuck

ENOCH AUSTIN AND ANNABELLE (BOOTES) SHATTUCK

Enoch Austin and Annabelle (Bootes) Shattuck, with their three year old son, Willis Henry, came to Ashland in September, 1892, from Tombstone, Arizona Territory.

E.A. Shattuck, a native of the Erie, Pennsylvania area, had come West, with his brother, to Barber County and the Indian Territory in 1878. For five years he ran cattle on the open range of the Cherokee Strip, buying cattle in Texas and on the trail.

In 1883, at Tombstone, Arizona Territory, E.A. Shattuck and other Erie, Pennsylvania men organized the Erie Cattle Company, which became one of the larger cattle operations in south-east Arizona and over the border in Old Mexico.

In 1885, E.A. Shattuck and Annabelle Bootes of Waterford, Pennsylvania, were married.

In 1892, because of severe drought in Arizona, the Erie Cattle Company shipped cattle into Clark County, leasing a large range in western Clark and eastern Meade Counties, with headquarters at what had been New Cash City. E.A. Shattuck came east with these cattle, settling in Ashland, and engaging in the ranching business until he died in 1911. Belle Shattuck helped to organize the Ashland Study Club and was a charter member of that group. A graduate of Edinboro Normal School, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, she was an artist of some ability. She died in 1920.

Submitted by Dan L. Shattuck

JAMES SCOTT SHATTUCK

James Scott Shattuck, son of Willis A. and Sarah Drais Shattuck, was born February 16, 1950 in the Methodist Hospital, Dodge City, Kansas. He attended Ashland schools and graduated in 1968. After two years at K.U. in the school of music, he was undecided about what he wanted to do, so he joined the Army and was sent to the Presidio in Monterey, California to the Defense Language Institute to study German. As a German inter-



James Scott Shattuck

preter with 7th Army in Heidelberg, West Germany, he sang with the 7th Army Men's Chorus traveling and entertaining throughout Europe. In 1975, he returned to K.U. and completed his work as a history major and returned to Heidelberg, West Germany, where he now works for the U.S. Government and lives in Plankstadt, West Germany, a suburb of Heidelberg.

Submitted by Sarah Shattuck

SARAH BOOTES SHATTUCK

Sarah Bootes Shattuck, daughter of Willis A. and Sarah D. Shattuck, was born in Ashland Hospital (formerly the C.W. Carson home) on September 21, 1954. She was graduated from Ashland High School in 1972, Washburn University in 1976 and Washburn Law School in 1979. Following admission to the Kansas Bar she moved to Arlington, Virginia to live and to work in Washington, D.C. She worked for a law book publishing company for two years, writing cases on Labor Law and Discrimination. She was admitted to the Washington, D.C. Bar in 1980. In January, 1982, she returned to Ashland to work in her father's law office and continued to practice law after his death. Her current preoccupation is her recently purchased home, the former Emma Jane Sawyer house. She serves on the Session of the First Presbyterian Church and the Clark County Fair Board.

Submitted by Sarah Shattuck

WILLIS A. AND SARAH SHATTUCK

Willis A. Shattuck, born March 14, 1917 in Dr. Paul Carson's Hospital in Ashland, was the third child of Willis Henry and Ethel Luther Shattuck. He married Sarah Lee Drais, daughter of James Alonzo and Sarah Garrett Drais, of St. Joseph, Mo., in the First

Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Mo., on September 18, 1948. Willis attended District No. 40 and Ashland Grade Schools and was graduated in 1934 from Ashland High School and Washburn Law School in 1940. He moved to Cimarron, Kansas and became Gray County Attorney until drafted December 1, 1941. As a commissioned officer in "B" Co. of the 6th Infantry, he served in the Philippines, New Guinea and Korean campaigns. Upon his return to Ashland in 1945, he was elected County Attorney and served two terms. In 1951, he became a law partner of F.N. Cossman.

Willis served on the Ashland School Board and its successor USD No. 220, Ashland Hospital Board, Presbyterian Church Boards and committees of the Southwest Kansas Bar, Kansas Bar Association, Washburn Law School and the Kansas Law Center,



Willis and Sarah Shattuck, 1980

as well as being attorney for several other boards. He was a Trustee of the Jennie G. and Pearl Abell Education Trust until his death. He enjoyed a longtime hobby of carpentry, was an avid student of history and an ardent enthusiast of present progress, both local and worldwide. He died in Wichita, Kansas, February 20, 1982.

In 1947, Clark County employed Sarah Lee Drais as Welfare Director, a position she held until January, 1949. A graduate of St. Joseph, Mo. schools and the University of Kansas, she became active in the community serving as a leader of Girl Scouts, 4-H groups and a Board Member of Tumbleweed G.S. Council, High Plains Chapter of Red Cross, Kansas District YWCA, Ashland Recreation Commission and as Salvation Army Service Officer. She is a member of P.E.O., Eastern Star, Presbyterian Church, DAR, Twentieth Century Study Club and American Legion Auxiliary.

In 1960, Willis needed full-time office help and Sarah was it, until they purchased the abstract company from CALICO and began operating as the Clark County Title Company. Willis became an abstractor in addition to practicing law, but Sarah was the full-time manager of the Title Co., and became an abstracter after Willis' death.

Willis and Sarah have two children: James Scott Shattuck and Sarah (Sally) Bootes Shattuck.

Submitted by Sarah Shattuck

WILLIS HENRY AND ETHEL LUTHER SHATTUCK

Willis Henry Shattuck came to Ashland with his parents, Enoch Austin and Annabelle Shattuck in 1892 from Tombstone, Arizona Territory, where he was born in 1889. He attended the local public schools and Washburn College. In 1911, on the death of his father, he took over the operation of the family ranch in Lexington Township.

Ethel Luther was born in Pratt County in 1886, on a farm her father had homesteaded. The drought and depression of the 1890's forced their move to Kansas City, where Ethel Luther

attended the public schools and graduated from Kansas University with a major in history in 1911. She came to Ashland that fall to teach history in the local high school.

Ethel Luther and Willis Henry Shattuck were married in 1913 and resided on the ranch until 1950, when they moved to Ashland. To this union were born five children: Jean, Ruth, Willis, Dan and Ellen.



Ethel and Willis Henry Shattuck

Willis H. Shattuck served as county commissioner eight years; as state representative from Clark County ten years; and ten years as a probate-county judge. W.H. Shattuck died in 1973.

Ethel Shattuck was a member of P.E.O., Ashland Study, D.A.R. and the Colonial Dames of America. She died in 1974.

Submitted by Dan L. Shattuck

JAMES WILLIAM AND DOROTHEA (KLINGER) SHAW

James William, son of William and Anna Shaw, was born April 10, 1916 in Topeka, Kansas. Jim graduated from Topeka High School in 1934 and attended business school. He worked for Security Benefit Insurance and Lake City Ordinance Plant.

Dorothea, daughter of Jen and Hazel Klinger, was born May 22, 1916 at their home southwest of Ashland. Dorothea graduated from Ashland High School and Kansas State University in 1938 with a BS in Commerce. She then taught school for two years, later working in the Kansas Legislature, Parsons Ordinance Plant and Trans World Airlines.



Jim and Dorothea Shaw

Jim and Dorothea met while she was working in the Legislature and they were married June 7, 1942 in Wichita. They lived in Kansas City and soon Jim enlisted in the Navy and served over three years. After that, they moved to Ashland, leased land and went into farming and raising cattle. Later they bought land and in 1963 started a feedlot which has gradually grown.

Jim and Dorothea have one son, William Klinger. After he graduated from Kansas State University in 1975, he returned to Ashland to become a partner with his parents in Shaw Ranch and Feedlot.

Jim has served on the Ashland Oil and Ashland Coop Exchange Boards. He is a member of Ashland Masonic Lodge (serving as Master), Wichita Consistory, Midian Shrine, Kiwanis and Kansas Livestock Association.

Dorothea served on the Ashland Library Board ten years. She is a member of Eastern Star (serving as Worthy Matron), P.E.O., Ashland Study Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, and County Chairman for Crippled Children. Both are

members of the Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by Dorothea Shaw

WILLIAM K. SHAW FAMILY

Bill and Jan are involved in a family farming and cattle operation. Bill is a partner in Shaw Ranch and Feedlot with his parents, James and Dorothea Shaw.

William Klinger Shaw was born January 15, 1953, in Wichita, Kansas, the only child of James and Dorothea Shaw. He attended the Ashland schools, graduating in 1971. Bill then attended Kansas State University in Manhattan for four years and earned a degree in animal science. Upon graduation, he returned to Ashland and the family farming operation.

Janet Ganson, daughter of Arthur and Adeline Ganson, was born February 18, 1952 in Ashland. She attended the Ashland schools, graduating in 1970. She then attended Southwestern College in Winfield, earning a degree in home economics in 1974.



Bill, Jan, Kelly, Brett and Lindsay

Jan attended Kansas State University for one year and then returned to Ashland. Jan has a twin sister, Jean Ramsay, who resides in Johnson, Kansas.

Bill and Jan were married May 1, 1976 in the Ashland United Presbyterian Church. The Shaws have three children, Kelly Nicole, born May 23, 1978, Brett Michael, born February 19, 1981 and Lindsay Elizabeth, born August 1, 1983.

The family is actively involved in the community where Jan serves on Creative Education and PRIDE committees and is a member of P.E.O. sisterhood. Bill serves on the Ashland City Council, Ashland Coop Board, Library Board and is a member of Kiwanis Club.

Submitted by Jan Shaw

FLOYD SHELIT FAMILY

Floyd and Louise Shelit moved to the Ashland community in 1963 with their children, Sherelyn, Nancy, Mary Ann, Kathy and Becky. Mike was born the next year.

Floyd H. Shelit was born March 14, 1920 at the family farm at Coy, Oklahoma to Fredrick and Isis Plumley Shelit. He attended school at Coy, enlisting in the Army at the age of seventeen. During World War II, Floyd was stationed in the South and Southwest Pacific.

Kathryn Louise is the oldest child of William and Allene Durham Voss, born April 27, 1928 at the farm home of Grandpa and Grandma Durham in the Prospect community. Louise attended high school at Rosston, Oklahoma, graduating in 1947. She married Alfred Thomas, Jr. on August 1, 1948, to whom the four oldest girls were born. Louise married Floyd Shelit on March 25, 1961.

Mary Ann Thomas was born August 9, 1955 at Woodward, Oklahoma and was in the third grade when the family moved to Ashland. She graduated with the class of 1973 and was looking forward to attending Dodge City Community College. Mary Ann was killed in an accident on the lake road on July 22, 1983.



Seated: Floyd, Louise and Mike. Standing: Sherelyn, Nancy, Kathy and Becky.

Kathryn Elaine Thomas was born January 9, 1959 at Shattuck, Oklahoma. She attended eight years of school in the Ashland school system before entering special education classes, graduating from Meade High School in 1978. Kathy received her nurses' aide certificate in 1979 and is presently employed at Fountain View Villa.

Michael Floyd Shelit was born October 22, 1964 at Ashland, Kansas and grew to adulthood here, receiving his education in the Ashland school system. Mike grew up on the back of a horse and is presently employed by Whitham Feedlot of Leoti, Kansas.

Submitted by Sherelyn Thomas-Roberson

MARY ANN STINSON SHELTON

Mary Ann Stinson Shelton, daughter of James B. and Wilma Brinkley Stinson, was born in Ashland, Kansas, January 18, 1934. She attended Ashland schools and graduated with the class of 1952. As a young girl, Mary Ann loved to ride through the country on her Palomino horse, Golden Melody. Music was one of her main interests through high school and college days.

She attended Washburn University and graduated from Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Following graduation, she taught in Henderson, Nevada; LaHabra, California; and Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was married to E. Ray Shelton, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, on November 25, 1958, in Fullerton Presbyterian Church, Fullerton, California. The Sheltons moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1962 where Ray was associated with the First National Bank of Tulsa.



Mary Ann Stinson Shelton

Mary Ann was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority; Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensic fraternity; and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was affiliated with the Congregational Church in Tulsa.

Three children were born to the Sheltons: Michael Ray, Stacy Ann and James Steven.

Mary Ann died on June 3, 1971 after a long illness with cancer.

Ray moved to Weston, Massachusetts and the children made their home with their father. Michael is a college student in Boston; Stacy Ann is married to Frank Long; and Steven is in college at Tampa, Florida.

Submitted by Wilma Stinson

HARVE SLOAN AND DORA ICY VARNEY SHEPHERD

Harve Sloan Shepherd and Dora Icy Varney were married May 2, 1900, at Carydow, Iowa. They came to Kansas with a baby daughter, Berniece Nancy, who was born at Seymore, Iowa, in October, 1903. They lived in Ashland where Pearl Harve was born in 1904. In 1907, the family then moved to the Oklahoma strip and another daughter, Theadora (Theo) was born. In 1909, a son, Allen Dale, was born in Cherokee Strip, Oklahoma.

In April, 1910, they moved back to Ashland to the Carson farm. They lived there until August, 1915, then moved into the town, Ashland, where they built a house. They moved in on April 19, 1916. Harve, making his living as a carpenter, and Dora helped out by sewing and baking.

Harve and Dora moved from Ashland on August 24, 1942, to Dodge City, where they spent the rest of their lives. Dora died August 11, 1951, and Harve died June 4, 1958.

Berniece married Herbert McDonald of Protection on November 13, 1918. They lived on the McDonald farm between Ashland and Protection and later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where she died August 16, 1982.

Pearl taught school for several years and on April 13, 1936, he married Josephine Innis of Woodward, Oklahoma. They lived in Dodge City until his death in 1978.

Theo married Richard Gross on February 7, 1932. They moved to San Diego, California, and she died in November, 1980.

Allen Dale married Lola Kinsey in 1937 at Buffalo, Oklahoma, and they were later divorced. At the present time he is married to Edna, is retired and is living in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Submitted by Betty Skeen

SHERMAN R. SHUPE FAMILY

Sherman Roger, son of Daniel and Sarah Shupe, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1862. At the age of 16, his father died, he left home going west as so many young men were doing at that time. He worked on horse and cattle ranches, finally going on to California where he worked for a railroad.

He decided he liked horses and ranching so returned to Kansas in 1885, buying land from Anthony Fecky in 1886. Soon he

Sherman Shupe family. Back row: Chester, Clelia, Lola, Erma, Hazel and Roy. Front row: Opal, Mr. Shupe, Frances, Mrs Shupe and Eugene.



purchased a quarter section of subirrigated land on the Cimarron with a new comfortable sod house 40 x 14 with two rooms.

Sherman met Lola Bond through his association with her father on a horse transaction. Lola's family were located 4 miles west up the river from his place. They had come to Clark County in 1885 from Albany, Mo., shipping their belongings to Wellington by train and the rest of the way in covered wagons. Lola with her five brothers and sisters attended school 1½ miles south of the river by ox team.

Sherman and Lola were married in 1888, making their home on Mr. Shupe's place purchased earlier.

They became the parents of eleven children: Clelia May, Hazel Sarah, Erma Ann, Roy Sherman, Chester Daniel, Lola Bell, Ogle, Paul, Opal Irene, Eugene V. Debbs, and Frances Faye. Paul died in infancy and Ogle at the age of 5 from diphtheria. In 1932, Chester was killed from an accidental gun shot. Clelia accidentally drowned in 1943. Eugene lost his life in a car accident in 1972. Hazel, Erma and Lola have passed away; with Roy and two younger sisters Opal and Frances surviving.

Submitted by Mrs Roy Shupe

JANE SHREVE

Jane Shreve has been a resident of Ashland since she was employed by Unified School District 220 to teach during the school year of 1965-1966.

Martha Jane Shreve was one of twin daughters born to Chester I. and Laura Chandler Shreve on September 21, 1944. Although born in Anthony, Kansas, the family lived in Ponca City, Oklahoma, where Chester worked in a wartime aircraft factory. The family soon moved to Wakita, Oklahoma, where Jane and her sister, Marva Jean, were raised. They were part of the first class to attend all twelve years of schooling in the "new" school buildings. By the sixth grade, geography was her favorite subject and she had decided to be a teacher. Most high school classes were enjoyable but history and science were the favorites. One important high school activity was playing basketball at which she displayed little skill but much enthusiasm.



Jane Shreve

Graduating from Wakita High School in 1962, Jane decided to attend Northwestern State College at Alva, Oklahoma, entering in the summer of 1962 and receiving a B.A. degree in 1965 and a M.E. in 1970. Honors received were Kappa Delta Pi, Cardinal Key and *Who's Who*.

Coming to Ashland as seventh grade teacher, Jane was soon assigned to teach junior and senior high American history. A member of the Ashland Educators Association, she received the 1980 Humphreys Trust "Distinguished Ashland Teacher Award" and has served on the selection committee of the Pearl and Jennie Abell Trust. Jane is an active member of the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Jane Shreve

R.V. 'TEX' SHREWDER

Roy Valentine, son of William Fred (1871-1939) and Blanche

Hamilton Shrewder (1873-1916), was born in Fort Worth, Texas, February 14, (Valentine's Day), 1899. He attended public schools there, but never graduated from high school. Ironically, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws by the College of Emporia in 1955. "Tex", as he is affectionately known, is a man of wide interests and abilities. He married Dorothy Berryman, daughter of Jerome Woods (1870-1940) and Nancy Annette McNickle Berryman (1871-1957), in Los Angeles, California, on April 6, 1929. To this union were born Sarah Shrewder Tracy, South Bend, Indiana, and Susan Shrewder Payne, Scottsdale, Arizona.

The nickname, "Tex", reflects Mr. Shrewder's pride in his Texas heritage. He worked for the Texas Power & Light, served as a member of the Army Air Corps in World War I, in the merchant fleet, and for California Edison. Following his marriage,



R.V. "Tex" Shrewder

they moved to Ashland, where "Tex" has been associated with The Home Lumber and Supply Company since 1929. He has served as Chairman of the Board since 1972. He has held directorates in the Stockgrowers State Bank, the Clark County Abstract and Loan Company, Ashland Hospital Board, Ashland City Council, a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, Board of Trustees of the College of Emporia for 21 years, the Kansas School of Religion at Kansas University for 12 years, and the Southwestern Lumbermen's Association. He was a member of the Kansas Legislature (1960-1966) and State Finance Chairman of the Kansas Republican Party (1968-1971). He prepared and carried the legislative bill creating the Kansas Peace Officers' Training School, which mandates a 6-week training period for every elected or appointed peace officer. He was given a life membership in the Kansas Peace Officers' Association in 1962. He is also a Mason, a Shriner, and is a Jester.

"Tex" has supervised extensive family ranch operations in Kansas and Oklahoma. His biography appears in several editions of *Who's Who*. He is recognized as one of the finest cooks in the region, having prepared barbeques for as many as 3,000 persons as well as gourmet dishes at home. Other hobbies include silver-smithing, lapidary, leatherwork and woodwork. He is a pilot, a



Susan Payne, "Tex" Shrewder, Dottie and Sarah Tracy, 1979
50th Wedding Anniversary

sailor and was a leader of the Ashland SeaScouts in the early '30's.

Dorothy Berryman Shrewder was born September 25, 1899, in Elk City, Kansas, eldest child in her family. She graduated from Bethany School, Topeka, Washburn University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She studied at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, earning her Master's Degree in Library Science from Columbia University, New York City. She worked as a professional librarian in New York and Chicago Public Libraries, and was working in the Los Angeles Library when she and "Tex" met.

Dorothy worked long and enthusiastically in patriotic organizations and was especially devoted to cataloguing genealogical reference books. She was State Regent (1944-1948) of the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Vice-president General of the National Society (1954-57). She was a member of P.E.O., the Ashland Presbyterian Church, the Ashland Study Club, and a 50-year member of Eastern Star. She loved the Ashland community and along with her husband, "Tex", gave generous and substantial "seed" money, not only for the construction of the Ashland Library in 1982, but also to the Endowment Fund to insure proper maintenance and upkeep.

The Shrewders have lived part of each year in Paradise Valley (Scottsdale), Arizona since 1952, but have steadfastly maintained close ties to their home in Ashland. Dorothy died on May 14, 1982, in Arizona, and rests in Highland Cemetery, Ashland.

Submitted by Susan Payne

CHESTER SHUPE FAMILY

Chester Shupe was born July 2, 1937, in Ashland, Kansas, the oldest of two sons of Martha and Roy Shupe. He attended grades one through six at Sitka and finished his primary grades in Ashland, when the Sitka school was closed. After finishing high school, he attended Kansas State University where he received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He then held a position with Hazeltine Corporation in Indianapolis for four years at which time he went with Motorola Government Electronics Division in Scottsdale, Arizona. He has been there since 1964 and is a Senior Staff Engineer.

Joyce Putnam, daughter of Evelyn and Donald Putnam, was born in Pleasant Hill, Illinois on October 2, 1937. Her family moved quite a lot, as her father was a civil engineer with the Corps of Engineers. She covered a lot of territory during her primary education, including states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Colo-



Chester, Joyce, Kathleen and Gregory, Christmas Day, 1982

rado and Arizona. She attended high school in Phoenix and received her B.S. degree in psychology from Arizona State University in Tempe. She worked with various social agencies in Arizona. They were married August 12, 1967 in Phoenix and live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Shupe's children are Kathleen and Gregory. Kathleen completed education as a Professional Chef from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, and is commencing a career in culinary arts and management. Greg is a freshman in high school. Joyce enjoys home decorating, cooking and has a nice decorative brass collection. Chet enjoys photography and music, playing the electronic organ and guitar.

Submitted by Chester Shupe

OLIVER SHUPE FAMILY

Oliver Perry Shupe was born March 23, 1939 in Ashland, Kansas, son of Roy S. and Martha E. Shupe. Diane Klinger Shupe, daughter of Dwight D. and Catherine Cauthers Klinger, was born May 9, 1945, in Ashland. They have been life-long residents of Clark County except while attending college and during Diane's association with the military service.

They were married December 1, 1972, in Wichita, Kansas. Both were married before; Oliver to Dorothy M. Kinne, and Diane to Jon W. Matthews. Their children are Carolyn Ann Shupe Clabaugh, born August 20, 1961; Glenn Alan Shupe, November 10, 1964; David Emerson Matthews, September 24, 1966; and Nathan Tyler Shupe, May 31, 1974, a son born to this marriage. David is the fourth generation to be born in Clark County.

Oliver and his older brother, Chester, grew up on a ranch nine miles south of Sitka, Kansas. He attended school through the fourth grade at Sitka, and the Ashland schools, graduating in 1957. He attended college at Panhandle A&M for one year, and TCU at Fort Worth, for one year. Except for these two years, Ollie lived on the ranch until he was thirty-two years old. He and his family moved to Ashland in February, 1972.



Back: Oliver and Diane Shupe.
Front: Glenn, Carolyn holding
Nathan, David, 1975.

Diane's parents and older sister, Karen, moved to Bear Creek Ranch south of Ashland when she was seven months old, and then back to Ashland when she was nine. Her other sisters, Katherine Jenison, and Laurel, were born while the family was living on the ranch. Diane graduated from the Ashland schools in 1963, and attended Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and the University of Wisconsin. Her major was agriculture.

Ollie and Diane are interested in community activities of all kinds and in continued progress. They have been involved in the building of the present golf course, and the construction of a car wash and laundromat (The Wash-It-All).

Ollie operates the Shupe Ranch and raises cattle and wheat. There is some oil income from the ranch and he has become knowledgeable in business dealings with the oil companies. He has a pilot's license and enjoys flying. He also likes to play golf.

Diane is a homemaker and prefers to spend her spare time in the country, usually with children and a dog in tow. Her family

is her main interest, which extends to her sisters and their families.

The family belongs to the Methodist Church which is right across the street. They have a boat and enjoy water skiing and teaching others to ski. All four children are good at this sport. Everyone has participated in downhill snow skiing in Colorado. Carolyn enjoyed band and drill team in high school. Glenn and David have been active in football and track. They were both in state football playoffs in 1982. Nathan is currently in Cub Scouts. The children each have a horse and take pride in owning a real part of the "Old West."

The family wishes to thank you for sharing your time with them, and wants you to know that this story will be continued.

Submitted by Diane K. Shupe

ROY AND MARTHA FARIS SHUPE

Roy Sherman Shupe, the eldest son of Sherman and Lola B. Shupe, was born December 3, 1894, in a sod house on the Shupe Ranch 16 miles southeast of Ashland just north of the Cimarron River. He received his education in the Red Bank District 82 School. Due to his father's poor health, he remained on the ranch helping care for the family and their interests.

During the First World War he served with the 110th division in Motor Transport. Returning home after the war, staying with the ranch interests, he procured for himself a section of farming land in Harper County, Oklahoma, remaining with cattle and farming as an occupation.



Oliver, Roy, Martha and Chester Shupe

In 1933, he married Martha Faris, a nurse who was superintendent of the hospital at Ft. Dodge Soldiers Home. Martha was born in Tecumseh, Nebraska, but at a young age had moved with her family to southeast Kansas, where she grew up later going to Wichita to train as a nurse. Upon becoming registered, she followed this profession until her marriage.

Shupe Ranch Home built in 1922, erected of cement anchor blocks made by Roy and Chester Shupe.



Roy and Martha are the parents of two sons, Chester D. and Oliver P. Oliver and his family reside in Ashland. Chester, with his family, live in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he is an electronics design engineer at Motorola in the military division.

Martha and Roy made their home on the ranch until 1960, moving to Ashland residing at 413 W. 5th St.

Roy is semi-retired, having interest in some cattle. He purchased the Shupe Ranch from the heirs in 1956. He is a charter member of the Clark County Farm Bureau and a 50-year member of the American Legion No. 89.

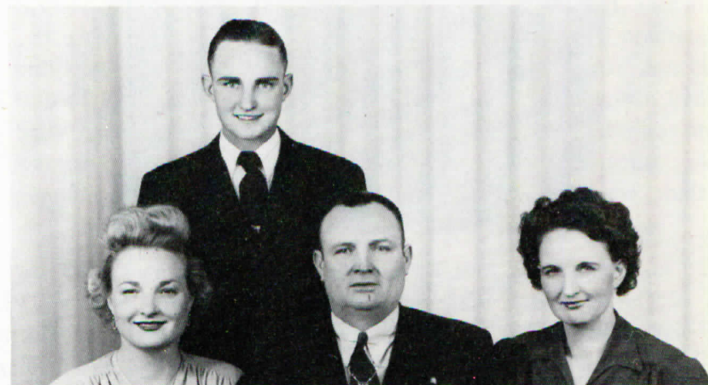
After retiring, Roy enjoyed water skiing and golfing. He and Martha celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August, 1983 with open house at the Ashland Library.

Submitted by Martha Shupe

EARL AND LEONA (HUGHS) SIMMONS

Leona, daughter of Gay and Gertrude (Morrison) Hughs of Lexington, and Earl, son of Emory and Maude (Thomas) Simmons, Erie, Neosho County, were married and farmed and ranched in Lexington community. Leona attended grade school in Lexington and Earl in Neosho County, moving to Ashland in 1912. Both attended Ashland High School. Their children are: Dorothy Swearingen (homemaker and hospital dietician) and Dr. Edward, D.D.S. The family was active in community activities including 4-H in which the children excelled. They moved to Ashland in 1948, Leona became a Unit Extension member in 1926.

Her accomplishments are: President, Kansas Homemakers Extension Council (1950-1953); representative to two Triennial Conferences, Associated Country Women of the World (Copenhagen, Denmark, 1950; Toronto, Canada, 1953). She received



Dorothy, Earl and Leona. Standing: Edward

the Homemakers Award of Merit (1963); president of Kansas Council of Women, 1963-1964; board member of Kansas Council on World Affairs. For 16 years she participated in sponsoring 6000 boys and girls on an educational trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City.

She was a member of the Board of Kansas Heart Assn., received their award for Meritorious Service; named to Who's Who of American Women (1967); appointed and elected to many responsible positions in the Republican Party; honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by Sen-elect Robert Dole, currently serves on the Historical Society Board and is Chairwoman Clark County Council of Aging.

In 1977, Leona and Earl retired and traveled extensively. Earl passed away June 19, 1983. Leona continues to live at home.

Submitted by Leona Simmons

DR. EDWARD C. AND JOAN (REDDING) SIMMONS

Dr. Edward Clay Simmons was born July 19, 1925 in Lexington Township, to Earl and Leona Simmons, who were farmers and ranchers. He attended grade 1-7 at Lexington Grade School and 8-12 at Ashland High School, graduating in 1943. He joined the service in 1943 through 1946, serving in the European theatre with the 82nd Airborne Division, 508 Btl. COG, as a signal spot radio operator. He attended Kansas University for two years before being accepted into the UMKC Dental School, where he graduated as a D.D.S. in 1953. He set up a general practice in Salina, Kansas, where he has remained. Dr. Simmons served as President of the State Academy of General Dentistry, 1976-77, and president of the Kansas State Dental Association, 1980-81. He received his fellowship in the A.G.D. in 1972, mastership in the A.G.D. in 1981, and the man of the year award with A.G.D. of Kansas in 1983.

Joan Redding is the daughter of Lone and Helen Redding. She was born April 9, 1926 in Minneola, Kansas. She grew up in Minneola, and attended school there. She had many hobbies of sewing, tennis and reading and graduated in 1944. She majored in elementary education from Dodge City Junior College and Kansas Wesleyan. She has taught school in Sitka and Fowler, Kansas, before moving to Salina in 1946.



Dr. Edward, Joan, Rick, Tanya and Randy Simmons, 1983

The Simmons' children are Rick, Tanya, and Randy. Rick was born October 16, 1956, attending college at K.U. and Cornell College, where he graduated in Business, Political Science and Economics. He now resides in Kiowa, Kansas where he is in Satellite Communications.

Tanya was born June 15, 1959. She attended college at K.U., and graduated from William Woods College for Women in Business and Fashion Merchandizing. She married Joseph Krsnich, June, 1983 and moved to Richmond, Virginia where Joe is employed with American Express.

Randy was born February 26, 1960 and attended college at Kansas State University where he was a yell leader when the K.S.U. cheerleading team took 2nd. in the National Competition in Hawaii in 1983. He will graduate in 1984 in Banking and Finance.

All three children grew up and attended school in Salina.

Submitted by Dr. Ed Simmons

RAY AND NAOMI SIMMONS

A continuation of the Simmons family was started at the home of C. Perry where Richard Ray Simmons married Ethel

Naomi Perry, Wednesday, September 5, 1928, after a long courtship of six years. Ray's parents were Emery and Maude Thomas Simmons of Erie and Naomi's parents were Cornelius and Eva Redfield Perry of Ashland. After the wedding, Ray and Naomi went to Emporia where Naomi entered K.S.T.C. for one semester then they went to Manhattan and Ray entered K.S.A.C. for a semester.

In 1929, they returned to Ashland, she teaching the Dielman School, and Ray working for R.D. Smith in the poultry and cream station business. From 1930 to 1934, they taught the Unified Lexington School. In 1934 and 1935, they returned to K.S.A.C. in Manhattan where Naomi graded papers for the college correspondence courses and Ray graduated from college. Ray



Naomi Simmons



Ray Simmons

was principal of the Rossville Grade School and taught in high school for six years. Bob was born in Topeka in 1938. Ray taught in Chanute and worked in the defense plant in Parsons from 1941 to 1945. Judy was born in 1943.

Ray, Naomi and children with Mrs. Eva Perry, returned to the Perry farm in 1945 and Ray taught in the Ashland High School. Ray quit teaching in 1957 and was a Farm Bureau insurance agent for three years. He then became postmaster in Ashland, retiring in May of 1973. Naomi taught third grade for two years, started the kindergarten in 1952 and retired in 1972 after teaching 29 years. Naomi died of cancer in 1980, but their children still live in the area. Bob, Carol and daughter, Lisa, in Oklahoma City; Judy, Ray and children, Ryan and Jenni, in Ottawa, Kansas.

Submitted by Ray Simmons

ROBERT R. SIMMONS AND FAMILY

It really all started in Topeka, Kansas on October 26, 1938, but not much happened until 1946 when the Simmons Clan moved to Ashland.

Growing up in Ashland was an experience in itself. When both of your parents taught school and your mother was your third grade teacher, you have some problems. The things best remembered were the people who made up Ashland, J.E. Humphreys, Virg Severe, Don Spotts, Kenneth Rankin, Uncle George, Rev. Tom Ball, Dana Atkins, Dick and Lou Shepard, Warren and Beverly Reitz, just a few of the many adults who were big influences in growing up.

After graduation it was off to college. Through the years, Ashland has always been a haven of safety with family and friends. Marriage, family, jobs and growing older have come each year. Carol, my wife, has been and will continue to be my best friend. A daughter, Lisa, is the center of our lives which is all encompassing. Each day starts with the knowledge that all things are good.

Life has been kind to all of us. In view of all the problems in the world, I feel by growing up in Ashland a value system was established early and has guided each of us as we go through life.

As we live out our lives in Oklahoma City, we continue to return to Ashland for short visits. It is still the small friendly

community that cares for people.

Thank you, Ashland, Kansas, for being what you have always been, HOME.

Submitted by Robert Simmons

ALFRED P. SIMON FAMILY

Al and Ellen Simon have lived in suburban Philadelphia for 32 years, but Ellen still cherishes her midwestern roots.

Ellen, daughter of Willis and Ethel Shattuck, was born on the Shattuck Ranch, December 19, 1921. Educated in the Ashland schools, she is a graduate of Cottey College for Women, and attended the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She and Al were married April, 1948, by Dr. Peter Marshall in the Lincoln Chapel of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

Moving to the Philadelphia area 32 years ago, Al and Ellen purchased a home in Springfield and have lived in that community ever since. They have a son and daughter. Jim, a graduate of Denison University, is Public Affairs Manager for the Chemical Sector of Allied Corporation, Morristown, New Jersey. Nancy,



Jim, Ellen Shattuck Simon, Al and Nancy Simon

a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, attended Dartmouth College and did graduate work at Harvard University and Lesley College. She is employed as a reporter and public relations writer. There is one grandson, Tristan Simon.

Al, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, will retire this year after 36 years' employment with the Department of Defense in the computer field. He is a retired officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Ellen served 13 years as reporter and feature writer for the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*. She has been editor of the *Springfield Press* for nine years.

Ellen plans retirement within the year, and they look forward to living at their summer home in Stowe, Vermont.

Submitted by Ellen Shattuck Simon

CURTIS S. AND SALLY A. SLATON

Curtis Stanley Slaton, the only child of Wayne and Thelma Slaton, was born just prior to World War II in Enid, Oklahoma. His mother, Thelma (Alexander), grew up south of Protection, Kansas, but due to the depression moved to Enid, Oklahoma to work for the phone company. While attending Phillips University in Enid, she met and married Wayne Slaton. Wayne grew up on a farm homesteaded in the Cherokee Strip by his grandfather near Manchester, Oklahoma. Curtis grew up in this farming community area, graduating from Wakita High School in 1957. He attended Oklahoma State University and upon graduation with a BS degree in Accounting in 1962, he moved to Ashland, Kansas. He worked as an accountant for Dean E. Matthews d/b/a Management Service Bureau (business history appears elsewhere in this

book). Curtis has two daughters, Marcia and Sharon Slaton, both born in Ashland, Kansas.

Sally Ann Slaton was born in 1939, the only daughter among three children of Russell and Louise Davis, who are presently living in Ashland. Arkansas City was her family's home town as her parents grew up there, but due to World War II, her family was one of many in our nation that left their roots and entered into a mobile society for job opportunities. They moved to Tacoma,



Standing: Curtis, Ron, Mark, Dawn. Standing in front of Curtis - Craig.
Seated: Sharon, Marcia, Sally.

Washington, where her father was a welder for the shipyards and her mother worked in a day care center. When the war was over, they came back to Kansas and after a period of readjustment settled in Russell in 1945 where Sally and her brothers went to school. In 1955, the family moved to Kingman where she graduated from high school in 1957. Sally attended Garden City Jr. College and graduated from Tabor College with a BS in Social Work. Sally has four children, Ron, Mark, Craig and Dawn, who is married to Ronnie Carter and has the only grandchild, Jackson.

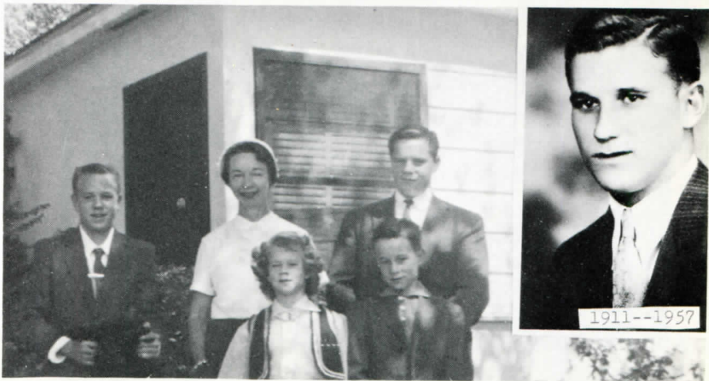
Curtis and Sally were married in 1977. Curtis is a practicing public accountant and has served on Public Accountants' Association of Kansas Board of Directors and as their president in 1980. Sally has worked as a social worker for the State of Kansas and Kansas Children's Service League. She is currently doing independent social work and operating her stained glass studio.

Submitted by Curtis and Sally Slaton

OMA SANDERS SLAVICK

Oma Sanders moved to Ashland with her parents and brothers and sisters in 1921. She was in the third grade. Oma was on the basketball team in 1929-30 and 1931. She graduated in 1931 from Ashland High.

She went to California for a couple of years. She was in Long Beach and experienced the Big Earthquake in March, 1933. Oma Sanders Slavick and four children. This picture was taken one month after Ervin passed on.



Oma returned to Ashland and opened a beauty shop in the New Hodson Hotel (now the Hardesty House).

She was married to Ervin Slavick in Wichita on June 25, 1936 by Rev. Joe Burns. Oma and Ervin moved to California and lived there twelve years before moving to Boise, Idaho in 1948, just before their twins were born. They lived near Oma's family for four years, then moved back to California. (Ervin was an Englewood High graduate in 1930).

In August, 1957, Ervin passed on suddenly from a heart attack. The four children were nine to sixteen years of age. Oma and Ervin had both been realtors and she continued to work in real estate sales. Her children live near her. All four are married and she has eight grandchildren. Two of her children are realtors, one is a loan officer and one son is a pilot with the Flying Tigers. He recently became captain on their DC-10.

Oma enjoys visiting friends in Ashland and has attended several homecomings in recent years. She plans to visit Ashland over Memorial Day weekend again this year.

Submitted by Oma I. Slavick

EDWARD C. 'BUD' SMEE FAMILY

Edward C. "Bud" Smee, son of Edward C. and Hattie Burke Smee, was born July 8, 1915 in Wichita, Kansas. At the age of six weeks, the Smee family moved to Ashland where Mr. Smee was a sign painter for the Santa Fe Railway.

Anna Josephine Nickum, daughter of Phillip "Hank" and Goldje Bloyd Nickum, was born February 1, 1919 at Ashland, Kansas. Jo grew up and attended school in Wichita, Kansas. The Nickum family returned to Ashland in 1932.

Bud and Jo were married May 9, 1935 and have one daughter, Vivian Carol, born August 1, 1937. Vivian attended school in Ashland and married Richard E. Redfield, also of Ashland.



Jo and Bud Smee, 1983

Bud and Jo are proud grandparents of grandson Micheal and wife Jackie, granddaughter Kelley and husband Daniel Walker and one great-grandson, Dan Walker.

Bud and Jo were in business in Ashland and enjoyed serving the community and neighboring counties for over forty years. Both were active in community affairs over the years. Bud served with the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department in the late thirties. In the early forties, he worked as Deputy Sheriff where he enjoyed helping the youth, and was Deputy Game Warden with the Kansas Forestry Fish and Game. Jo enjoyed Girl Scout and 4-H leadership, Band Boosters Club, and Ashland Library Treasurer. Both are members of the First Christian Church and enjoy traveling, camping with friends and fishing.

Submitted by Jo Smee

CHARLES EDWARD COLEMAN AND HATTIE 'HAMPA' BURKE SMEE FAMILY

Charles Edward Coleman Smee was born August 6, 1865 in London, England, and Hattie Burke was born September 4, 1886 in David City, Nebraska. They were married in Council Bluff,

Iowa, September 29, 1904.

Mr. Smee was an artist and painter by trade. In England he painted the scenery for the operas. He crossed the ocean five times before settling in the United States. He worked for the Santa Fe railway as a sign painter traveling all over with the company. It was in Goodland, Kansas, that he met his wife to be, Hattie Burke.

His work brought him to Ashland many times and he made friends with so many that he grew to like Ashland very much. In August of 1915 the Smee family moved to Ashland with their three children, Irene, Vivian and Edward C. Smee, Jr., known by the nickname of "Bud." After moving to Ashland, the following children were born, Isabel and Alexander. Alexander passed away in infancy. Due to ill health, Mr. Smee was retired from the Santa Fe Railway, so he took up his brushes and became known as one of the finest interior and exterior decorators in this area, which kept him quite busy.

Mr. Smee passed away December 15, 1941 in Ashland. Mrs. Smee married William Golden. Hattie Smee Golden passed away February 9, 1980 at Gothenburg, Nebraska.

We are very proud to have in our possession the genuine Griffin Coat of Arms from England and the book of information for the Smee family.

Submitted by Edward C. "Bud" Smee

BILL D. SMITH FAMILY

The Smith family resides in Derby, Kansas, where they have lived since 1972.

Mrs. Smith is the former Reba Messer, daughter of the late Gladys and J.D. (Doc) Messer. Reba was born in Hugo, Oklahoma, but was raised in Ashland, attending both Ashland Grade and High Schools and graduating in the Class of 1965. She attended Dodge City Community Junior College after high school graduation.

Bill, son of Lloyd and Esther Smith, of Douglass, Kansas, was born in Winfield, Kansas, and grew up in Douglass. He is a 1965 graduate of Douglass High School. He received his B.A. Degree



Bill D. Smith family in 1984. Bill, Reba, T.J. and Justin from Wichita State University and his Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Bill and Reba were married September 2, 1967, in the First Christian Church, Ashland. They have two children: Justin, born January 30, 1974, and T.J., born June 16, 1977. Both boys attend Tanglewood Elementary School in Derby.

The Smiths are funeral directors by profession, owning and operating Traditional Service Corporation which comprises five mortuaries in Wichita and the suburban area.

The Smith family enjoys sports, especially snow skiing together and cheering on the W.S.U. basketball team, Wichita Wings and the K.C. Royals. . . and of course the Derby Panthers!

Submitted by Reba J. Smith

FORREST R. SMITH

Forrest R. Smith was born in Harper County, Oklahoma (near Gerard, Oklahoma), November 23, 1910. He was the second child of the five children of James Mont and Mable Smith.

Forrest attended grades 1-3 in Ashland, grades 4-12 in New Mexico and Colorado, graduating from the twelfth grade in Canon City, Colorado in 1929.

Iola C. Hart, daughter of Jay and Nell Hart, was born January 28, 1909 near Hallett, Oklahoma. She was the fourth child of eleven. She attended grades one and two at Hallett, then after moving with her family to the Lutker Hill Community (south of Laverne, Oklahoma) she attended grades three through twelve. She attended business college in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Forrest and Iola were married December 10, 1933 in Woodward. To this marriage, three children were born.

Duane was born January 23, 1936. He married Judy Fidler and lives in Meade, Kansas. They have two children, Derek and Dedre.



Duane Smith, Yvonne (Smith) Green, Kaye (Smith) Atwater, Forrest and Iola Smith, 1981

Yvonne was born December 12, 1938. She married Jim Green and lives in Aurora, Colorado. They have three children, Brad, Mitch and Sheryl.

Kaye was born June 25, 1945. She is married to Alan Atwater and lives in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They have two girls, Kimberly and Angie.

Forrest and Iola have lived in Ashland all their 50 years of marriage. They are long time active members of the Ashland United Methodist Church.

Forrest was affiliated with the Ashland Ice Co. for a number of years. He formed a partnership with Pete Simmons and Roy Lynn and built the Ashland Locker System, which he managed for ten years as a partnership. He then bought the partnership and operated it for another 17 years, selling the business in 1968.

Forrest then worked as a butcher for Roberts Groc., Miller Bros., Fisher's IGA, and Price's IGA, all of Ashland, and Randy's Super Market in Meade, Kansas, before retiring in 1982.

Forrest worked for years with youth groups, Boy Scouts, girls' softball, 4-H, etc.

Submitted by Forrest R. Smith

GLENN AND MILDRED SMITH

Mildred Christman Smith, eldest daughter of Harry and Gertrude Johnston Christman, was born in Ashland, Kansas, on Sep-

tember 3, 1911. Mildred graduated from Ashland High School in 1929, and attended Salt City Business College where she learned her secretarial skills, and went on to attend Oklahoma A. & M. College, now Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. She did secretarial work for many years, having married R. Glenn Smith in June, 1937, while he was in medical school at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Smith spent five years in the service as a doctor with General Eisenhower's headquarters during World War II, then spent four years in surgical training in Michigan.

In January, 1950, the Smiths moved to Rockford, Illinois where Dr. Smith practiced surgery in St. Anthony Hospital until he was killed in an accident on May 1, 1980.



Dr. R. Glenn Smith and wife Mildred Christman Smith and daughter Dona Louise, Easter Sunday, 1953

Mildred has served in many capacities in hospital auxiliary endeavors, and in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, to which they both were dedicated. During Dr. Smith's practice, they attended medical meetings all over the world. Dr. Smith started the Blood Bank in Rockford, was on the organizational committee to start the Rockford Medical School in Rockford, started heart research on animals and was on the team to do major heart surgery in Rockford, Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. He assisted in design of the new Northern Illinois Medical Arts Building in Rockford, which was just being started when he was killed.

Mildred continues to live in Rockford. Their one daughter, Dona Louise, is married to Dr. John Henry. They live in Lakewood, Colorado, with their eleven children.

Submitted by Mildred Smith

WAYNE AND PHYLLIS SMITH

My name is Phyllis Willard Smith. I was born in Bucklin, Kansas to Effie and Bill Willard in 1919. In 1928, my parents and I moved to Ashland to make our home. I entered the second grade and my first teacher was Mrs. Earl Haelsig. I completed grade school and graduated from high school in 1938. My childhood

Wayne and Phyllis Smith, 1984



was filled with many wonderful memories - the weekly stop at Baker's popcorn wagon on the way to the "picture show" - the old swimming pool - picnics at St. Jacob's well - Girl Reserve retreats at Mull's ranch - Girl Scout camps at Horseshoe Bend and many, many more. I went on to College of Emporia one year and Business Preparatory College in Wichita for a year. I was employed at Beech Aircraft for five years.

In 1941, I married Wayne Smith, who was born in Topeka, Kansas in 1918. We lived in Wichita until he entered the Air Force in 1944. We lived in Wisconsin, Illinois and Texas until he went overseas to serve in the China-India-Burma Theater. After his return to the States, we moved to Ashland in 1946 to make our home. We both were active in community affairs and attended the Presbyterian Church. I was a member of Eastern Star and Wayne a member of AF and AM Masonic Lodge. Wayne became a partner with my father in the Willard Chevrolet dealership until Dad's death in 1950. We continued to operate the dealership until 1960 when we moved to Denver, Colorado, which is still our home.

We have one daughter, Sue, who was born in Ashland in 1946 and went through grade school there. Sue, her husband, George Bennett, and two children, Jeff and Jennifer, live in Simi Valley, California.

We all enjoy coming back to Ashland to visit our many friends and my mother while she lived. We've been away for 24 years, but we still call Ashland our home.

Submitted by Phyllis Smith

ROY FRANCIS AND RUBY ROSE BETSCHART SMITH

Roy Francis Smith was born May 21, 1913, in Two Buttes, Colorado, to Loyd Elbert Smith and Rachael Mae Van Meter. Roy lived in Oklahoma, completed 10th grade in Dodge City, Kansas, at which time he moved with his parents to Arkansas. In 1936, he moved to Ashland to do farm work for Mr. Wes Davis and Mr. R.N. Molyneux. He met and married Ruby Rose Betschart on August 1, 1938. They made their home on the Ed Long farm. Roy worked at odd jobs until 1953 when he became custodian of the Clark County Courthouse until 1978. He is a father and grandfather and enjoys fishing as a hobby.



Dorothy Smith Cox, Linda Smith Dorsey, Ruby and Roy Smith, 1983

Ruby Rose Betschart was born near Protection, Kansas, on September 27, 1919, to Frantz Severian Betschart and Nellie May Rose. Ruby attended grade school at Acres, Kansas, and high school in Ashland, Kansas. She completed her general education degree in 1975 after rearing two daughters. Ruby worked as a cook in the Ashland Public Schools from 1954 to 1979. She has been a Project leader in the Acres 4-H Club, an active member of the Acres Homemakers Unit and Town Country Extension Unit. Ruby enjoys arts and crafts as hobbies.

Roy and Ruby are members of the First Christian Church

where Roy has served as a Deacon and Elder and Ruby has been an active leader in the Missionary and Workers Council.

To this union were born two daughters: Linda May, born January 31, 1941, and Dorothy Louise, born May 22, 1945. Roy and Ruby are retired and live in their home on Highland Street in Ashland.

Submitted by Ruby Rose Betschart Smith and Linda May Smith Dorsey

THEODORE T. AND EFFIE P. WALDEN SMITH

Theodore T. Smith was born in Princeton, Missouri, June 10, 1864, the son of Dr. Knight G. Smith and Barbara Ellem Burke Smith, who were natives of Virginia.

His early life was spent in and around his birth place and after completing his education, he became associated with Bernheimer Brothers Mercantile in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1906, he came to Ashland and managed the C.W. Carson Department Store. He and George Taylor bought the Ben Stephens Store, later he bought Taylor's interest, and he operated the business until 1930 when he disposed of it.

August 3, 1910, in Perry, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage with Effie P. Walden, daughter of Nathan J. Walden and Mary Jane Rous Walden. She was born April 12, 1877, in Mt. Sterling, Indiana, and came to Clark County with her parents in a covered wagon arriving November 3, 1884.



Theodore T. and Effie P. Smith, about 1910

Effie attended the first grade school in Ashland and was in the first Ashland High School graduating class in 1896. She worked in the C.W. Carson Abstract office until 1906, when she was elected Register of Deeds on the Democrat ticket, serving until 1911. She was Deputy Register of Deeds under Ella Mendenhall for 7 years; after Ella's death she was appointed Register of Deeds and then elected in 1950 and served until 1957.

To this union was born one child, Mary Ellen, who married Sidney B. Dorsey on December 25, 1936, the son of Robert Anderson Dorsey and Laura Ethelyn (Effie) Morrison Dorsey, both pioneers of Clark County.

In 1932, "T" was elected County Treasurer on the Democrat ticket and held that office for 4 years. Effie served as his deputy.

He was on the Ashland City Council for several years and active in community affairs. He was a life member of both the Ashland Masonic Lodge and Wichita Consistory, and a member of the Midian Shrine at Wichita.

Effie was a member of the Ashland First Presbyterian Church, a life member of the Eastern Star, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, and Daughters of the War of 1812.

Mr. Smith died December 26, 1938, and Mrs. Smith died March 3, 1967. Both were buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Sidney and Mary Ellen Dorsey

VIRGINIA MULL SNELL FAMILY

Virginia Mull Snell was born October 5, 1947, in Wichita, Kansas, the oldest of Virgil and Cecilia Mull. They moved to Ashland in 1948 and she attended grades 1-8 at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Ashland, and her high school years at AHS. Her highlight and love was in home economics. After graduation she went to Dodge City Community College for one and a half years, then changing to beauty school at DCCC, where she became a licensed operator. In 1969, she married David Snell from Johnson, Kansas. After four years of working, they started their family. She is a professional cake decorator now. Her time is spent helping at church, school and as 4-H cooking leader for Stanton County.



Michael, Sandra, Virginia
and David Snell, 1981

David Allan Snell was born in Garden City, Kansas, July 16, 1947. He went to school in Big Bow, Kansas, grades 1-8. He attended high school in Johnson, Kansas. After graduated he went to DCCC for 2 years, where he met his wife, Virginia. He was engaged in farming with his father until 1980. Since their farm sale he is working for Lucas Farms Inc. at Johnson, Kansas. He enjoys flying.

The David Snell children are Michael and Sandra Kay. Michael was born September 21, 1972 and is into art, 4-H and music. Sandy was born March 10, 1978 and enjoys physical fitness.

The family is active at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Ulysses, Kansas, at the Big Bow School and in Stanton County.

Submitted by Virginia Snell

DANIEL AND LETITIA MARY SNYDER

Daniel Snyder was born December 20, 1883 at Bucyrus, Ohio. His parents were John and Mary Ann Catherine Feiring-Snyder, who were immigrants from Prussia.

Daniel was one of three children who grew to adulthood.

When the Civil War was declared in 1861, Daniel enlisted in the Union Army, and served for three months before being mustered out. He re-enlisted in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served his country until the end of the war.



Daniel and Letitia Snyder Golden Wedding Anniversary, November, 1910

The family moved to Olney, Illinois and later to Litchfield, Illinois.

Daniel was a carpenter by trade. He, with his family, moved to Clark County, Kansas, settling near Lexington in 1886. In 1892, they moved to Ashland.

Daniel was active in public affairs of the city and county. He served on the city council and was Ashland's mayor for two terms.

He was elected Register of Deeds for four years and four years as Probate Judge. He was a charter member of the Masonic Order and served as its treasurer for thirty-three years. Daniel was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Letitia Mary Kester was born in Shavers Creek, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1845 to Daniel and Matilda Kester. She and Daniel Snyder were married in Bucyrus, Ohio, November 29, 1860. They were granted 67 years of married life together.

Four children were born to them, two of whom grew to adulthood, William Kester and Alice Matilda-Skelton. They raised a granddaughter, Lillie Skelton, who made her home with them from her fifth year, until her marriage to Robert Nunemacher.

"Lettie," as she was known by her friends, served as deputy to several county offices.

Letitia and Daniel were charter members of the Order of Eastern Star at Ashland. Letitia was elected charter Worthy Matron, the office that she held for five terms. She was affectionately known as "mother" of Ashland chapter. Daniel was elected charter chaplain of the order.

Both were members of the Ashland Methodist Church. Letitia died March 22, 1936. Daniel died February 6, 1927.

Submitted by Edna S. Dakin

HARRY AND MILDRED YORK SNYDER

Harry Snyder, Minneola, and Mildred York were married March 14, 1937. They moved to a farm at Burlington, Kansas, owned by Harry's Uncle Fred Snyder who was an engineer on the Santa Fe railroad out of Kansas City. Two children were born, Sylvia and Stanley. In 1945, they bought a farm south of Waverly, Kansas, where they lived eight years. In 1953, they moved to Waverly but continued their farming operations. Mildred taught in the Waverly elementary school for fifteen years, retiring in 1974.



Mildred and Harry Snyder

Sylvia, now Mrs. Jim Colombo, lives in Topeka. She and her husband are both with Santa Fe. Sylvia's son, Jeff, was killed tragically in a motorcycle accident in Topeka in August, 1981. He was seventeen years old and a student at Topeka High School. Stanley lives in Wichita with wife, Sharon, and sons, Russell, age 16 and Michael, 14. Stanley is with Boeing Aircraft.

Mildred and Harry have been active in the Waverly Methodist Church, Masonic and Eastern Star organizations and the Coffey County Campers Club. Since Harry has retired and leased the farm, they have wintered in Apache Junction, Arizona, also in Florida and have spent several winters in the Texas Valley.

Submitted by Mildred Snyder

JESSE SOLORIO FAMILY

The Solorio family moved to Ashland in 1981 when Jesse became manager of the Ashland Co-op.

Jesse Solorio was born May 20, 1938 in Medford, Oklahoma, the oldest of five children of Frank, Jr. and Inosencia Mora Solorio. He attended grades 1-12 in Medford, graduating in 1958. He enlisted in the Army Reserves while in high school. After his active duty, he returned to Medford and began working for Clyde Co-op Association which started his career in cooperatives.

Barbara Mae Cooper, daughter of David and Maxine Long Cooper, was born December 13, 1940 near Freeport, Kansas. She attended school in Bluff City, Kansas, graduating in 1958. She worked as a clerk-typist in the County Treasurer's office in Anthony, Kansas until her marriage. She met Jesse on a blind date and they were married September 5, 1959.



Back: Debra, Jesse, Jr., Teresa.
Front: Jesse, Barbara, Donna

The Solorio's children are Debra, Jesse, Jr., Teresa and Donna.

Debra was born June 11, 1960, graduated from Butler County Jr. College in 1983 and is married to Ed Lehman of Deer Creek, Oklahoma. Jesse, Jr. was born June 9, 1965, graduated from Ashland High School in 1983 and is married to the former Loree Schneider of Fargo, Oklahoma. They have a son, Bradley, one year old. Teresa, born August 20, 1968, is a tenth grader at Ashland High School. Donna, born January 11, 1970, is an eighth grader at Ashland Junior High School.

The family attends St. Joseph Catholic Church where Jesse and Barbara are on the church council. They are also both volunteer EMT's.

Submitted by Barbara Solorio

EUPHROSINE DOME SPOTEK

Euphrosine Dome (Spotek) was born in Sitka, Kansas, one of a large family of Adam and Barbara Dome. I attended Ashland High School 1933-37 and then Wichita Business College and while attending business college was employed by Wallingford Grain



Euphrosine Dome Spotek, 1982

Corp. After graduation I was employed at the Sedgwick County Probate Court in Wichita, Kansas, being in complete charge of the adoption department for thirteen years.

Then I ventured to the great city of Denver, Colorado. There, again, I maneuvered to the Courts and was fortunate enough to hold a position in the Appellate Courts. After enjoying Colorado for eight years, I made a big move to California to the Los Angeles area and became an executive legal secretary and also into the real estate field as a salesperson while the market was good. At the present time, I am very much a farm person, enjoying our citrus grove in Mission, Texas, the city of Palms, and in our leisure time we like to fish and go camping.

Submitted by Euphrosine Dome Spotek

OSCAR DONALD AND CAROL JEANETTE (BROADIE) SPOTTS

Oscar Donald Spotts was born in Sumner County, Kansas May 22, 1907 to Oscar Lyle and Laura May Blue Spotts. The family moved to Ashland in 1920. Don attended grade and high schools in Ashland, graduating in 1926. He attended Kansas State University, and later, in 1931, Chillicothe Business College. Don operated a grocery store in Larned, Kansas from 1932 to 1939. From 1939-1942, he worked for Panhandle Lumber Co. in Amarillo, Texas. He managed the Amsden Lumber Company in Wellington, Kansas from 1942-1947. In the spring of 1947, he built Don Spotts Lumber Company in Ashland, which he operated until 1972, when he retired from the business.

Don served in the State Legislature from 1968-1974. He is a member of Masonic Lodge, Consistory, Shrine and Kiwanis



Carol and Don Spotts

Club. He has served on the Ashland City Council and is an Elder and choir member of the Presbyterian Church. His favorite pastimes include fishing, singing and all sports.

Carol Jeanette Broadie was born on a ranch north of Ashland December 25, 1907 to Burke T. and Laura Musick Broadie. She is a granddaughter of Sam and Eva Broadie, Ashland pioneers. In 1914, her father purchased the Mull clothing store in Ashland and the family moved to town. Carol attended grade and high schools in Ashland, graduating in 1927.

Carol is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a past Sunday School teacher and a member of United Presbyterian Women. She is also a member of Eastern Star and Daughters of the American Revolution. Her favorite pastimes are traveling, exploring new places, sewing and gardening.

Don and Carol were married in her father's home August 7, 1927. They have two daughters, Betty Joan (Arnsperger), and Donna Jean (Blackburn).

Submitted by Carol Spotts

OSCAR LYLE SPOTTS

Oscar Lyle Spotts was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1887. His family moved to Kansas in 1903. Lyle worked in an oilfield and farmed in Oklahoma until 1913, when he entered the Santa

Fe Railroad Telegraph School in Topeka, Kansas. After his schooling, he served as a telegraph operator in several stations in Oklahoma and Kansas. In 1920, Lyle was advanced to the position of Agent in Ashland, where he served until his retirement in 1958. He was active in the Christian Church and Masonic Lodge, acting as Master and 32nd degree Mason. He enjoyed the outdoors; gardening and fishing were his favorite pastimes. Lyle died in June, 1966.

Laura May Blue Spotts was born in Sumner County in 1889. She and Lyle were married in 1906 in South Haven, Kansas. Three sons were born to them: Donald, Harold, and Lyle, Jr.,



Lyle and Laura Spotts, Betty Spotts Arnsperger and Donna Spotts Blackburn

who died soon after his birth. Laura was an active member of the Christian Church, serving as pianist. Among her other interests, besides her love and caring for her family, were quilting, cooking, gardening, sewing, canning, and crocheting. Laura died in 1954.

Laura May Rooker, niece of Laura Spotts, was widowed as a young mother with four small daughters. Using her skills of baking, sewing, ironing, and washing, she supported and raised her children. Laura married Lyle Spotts in 1956. After her marriage to Lyle, she demonstrated her loving, generous nature to all of his family, as well as her friends and neighbors. Like her Aunt Laura, she took great delight in caring for her family and home and enjoyed crocheting, cooking, gardening and canning. "Great Laura", as she is called by her step-great-grandchildren, also loved to play the piano by ear. She was an active member of the Christian Church. After Lyle's death, she moved to her former home in Blackwell, Oklahoma, where she is still residing.

Submitted by Carol Spotts

GEENE PROCTOR SPURGEON

Geene Proctor, daughter of Mrs. Marilyn Proctor Coxwell and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boren, was born September 9, 1956 in Humbolt, Nebraska.



Back: Shannon and Geene. Front: Waide and Shauna

She moved with her mother and family to Ashland August, 1959.

Geene attended Ashland Schools and was twirler for two years and drum major for two years with the high school band. She was a singer for the Sound Stage Band, and toured Europe with the band. She also played clarinet in the band. After graduation she attended W.S.U., Wichita.

On August 7, 1976, Geene and Shannon Spurgeon, former Ashland resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spurgeon of Gate Oklahoma, were married. They have two children, Shauna, age 5, and Waide, age 2.

They currently reside in Meade, Kansas. Shannon is employed by the City of Meade as an electrician and Geene is employed by the Meade Co. Sheriff's Office.

Submitted by Geene Spurgeon

ALAN AND JOAN STAMBAUGH

Alan and Joan moved to Ashland in June of 1982 from Kansas City, where Alan graduated from seminary. Alan is the pastor of the Ashland United Methodist Church.

Alan Dale Stambaugh was born April 21, 1948 in Stafford, Kansas, the ninth of ten children. He attended schools in St. John, Stafford and graduated from Great Bend in 1966. After four years in the Navy, he attended Barton County Junior College for one year and completed his B.A. at K.U. in 1974. After several different jobs, Alan felt called into full-time service to Jesus Christ, and entered seminary in 1979.

Joan Elizabeth Gugeler was born June 28, 1956, in Jefferson, Iowa. She grew up and graduated from high school in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa in 1974. She received a degree in special education



Alan, Matthew and Joan Stambaugh

from the University of Iowa in 1978. While student teaching in Kansas City her final year, Joan found the joy of knowing Jesus Christ personally and sharing with others in a church singles group. Alan and Joan met there and were married May 25, 1980. After graduation, Joan worked with handicapped adults in a sheltered workshop.

Their son, Matthew, was born on their third anniversary, May 25, 1983, making that a very special date for them. Matthew is enjoying learning to walk and climb, and generally keeping his parents on their toes. Alan likes to ride his bike, bird-watch, watch old movies and read. Joan enjoys swimming, needlework and sewing, and together they enjoy snow skiing, wind surfing, camping, and marvelling at the wonders of God's creatures and creation.

Submitted by Alan and Joan Stambaugh

ROBIN AND GARY STEED

Robin Leigh Nester, daughter of Deloras (and Don Baker) and the late Fred Nester, Jr., was born September 30, 1954, at Shat-

tuck, Oklahoma. In 1956, after the death of her father, Robin, sister, Teddi Sue, and her mother moved to Ashland to live with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boren.

Robin attended the Ashland schools, graduating in 1972. During high school she participated in a number of activities, including being a twirler and a member of the stage band, pep club, Y-Teens, and girls' track team.



Robin and Gary Steed

Upon graduation from high school, Robin attended Wichita State University for three years, after which she attended Wichita Business College to pursue a career in court reporting.

Following her certification by the State of Kansas as a Certified Shorthand Reporter in April of 1978, Robin and an associate founded Deposition Services, a free-lance court reporting firm, in Wichita.

On November 11, 1978, Robin and Gary Steed, originally from Hill City, Kansas, were married in Wichita. Gary is employed by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and is currently a Detective Sergeant.

Robin, Gary and their pet cat, Felix, reside in west Wichita.
Submitted by Robin Steed

LILLIAN AND ELWYN STEELE

Elwyn Joseph Steele, son of Joseph and Mary Jane Wright Steele, was born May 10, 1902 at Plymouth, Wisconsin. He had two brothers, Harold and William, and four sisters, Jennie, Caroline, Elsie and Una.

Lillian Mamie Kern, daughter of William and Anna Grabow Kern, was born January 2, 1910 at Wheaton, Illinois. Lillian has one brother, William, and three sisters, Mable, Lucy and Genevieve.

Lillian graduated from high school in 1925 and started working for F.E. Wheaton Lumber Company at Wheaton, Illinois.



Lillian Steele

After working there for 54 years, she retired in January of 1980 and moved to Ashland, Kansas.

Elwyn and Lillian were married July 14, 1928 at Wheaton, Illinois. They had one son, William Joseph Steele, who was born July 17, 1929. Elwyn died July 14, 1970.

William married Mildred Elaine Rainey, July 17, 1964.

Lillian has four grandchildren, Mary, Beverly, Bryan and James. Her hobby is crocheting, making many afghans and all kinds of crocheted dolls and crafts.

Lillian is living at 1120 South Main Street in Ashland.

Submitted by Lillian Steele

WILLIAM AND MILDRED STEELE

Mildred (Millie) Rainey was born April 29, 1935 in Dodge City. She is the fourteenth child of Dillard and Hannah Marie Rainey. The Rainey family moved back to Ashland in 1935 where Mildred grew up and attended Ashland Public Schools. Mildred left Ashland in 1952 and after traveling about a few years, went to work for Elizabeth Arden and Revlon cosmetic companies. Later, while working in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mildred met and married Bill Steele.

William Joseph (Bill) Steele, only son of Elwyn and Lillian Steele, was born July 17, 1929 in Prince Crossing, Illinois. He grew up in Warrensville and then Wheaton where he later graduated from Wheaton High School in 1947. Bill then joined the Army Air Force in 1948.

Bill and Millie were married July 17, 1964 in Wheaton, Illinois and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where he was stationed. Bill was transferred to Nashville, Tennessee and while there they



Mary Jane, Millie, Bill, Beverly Sue, Bryan Lee. Front: James Joseph

adopted their oldest daughter, Mary Jane, who was born on November 4, 1966. Soon afterward, Bill was sent overseas and Mary Jane and Mildred moved to Chicago. In 1968, Bill retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service.

While living in Chicago, they adopted their twins, Beverly Sue and Bryan Lee, who were born May 29, 1967. Later they adopted their fourth and final child, James Joseph, who was born April 9, 1971.

Living with four children in Chicago was more than they could handle, so they packed up and moved to Ashland in 1975. Bill presently works for the Clark County Sheriff's Department and Mildred works at the Ashland District Hospital. The family attends the First Christian Church.

Mary Jane is a senior this year and will attend Manhattan Christian College in the fall. Beverly and Bryan are juniors and James is in the seventh grade.

God has blessed our home with four children, good health and plenty of love.

Submitted by Millie Steele

MICHAEL STEGMAN FAMILY

Michael and Dorothy Stegman are currently living in Wichita, Kansas.

Michael was born on January 27, 1943 in Wichita. His parents, Ray and Effie Lee Stegman, are originally from Plains. Mike attended elementary and high schools in Wichita, and graduated from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, in 1966, with a degree in business administration. He has worked as a computer programmer for the city of Wichita, and Pizza Hut, Inc., was vice-president of International Pizza Hut Franchise Holders Association for ten years, and is currently a Pizza Hut franchisee. His interests are running, weight lifting and coaching basketball and track at All Saints School.

Dottie Stegman, daughter of Matt and Irene Wilson of Ashland, was born December 16, 1943, and attended elementary and high school in Ashland, graduating in 1962. Her interests then and today are reading and music. She received a B.S.E. from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia in 1966 and an M.E. from Wichita State University in 1978. She is currently in her fifth year teaching seventh and eighth language areas at St. Margaret Mary School. The Stegmans were married in 1965.



Seated: Michael and Dorothy Stegman and Mara. Standing: Michelle and Matt, 1979

The Stegmans have three children, Michelle, Matt and Mara. Michelle, born in 1967, is currently a junior at Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School. Matt, born in 1969, is an eighth grader at All Saints School and Mara, born in 1971, is a seventh grader. Michelle has worked in a retirement home for three years and is interested in track. Matt plays football, basketball, and track and the violin and piano. Mara plays volleyball and track and the flute and piano.

Submitted by Dorothy Stegman

CLETUS GERARD STEIN FAMILY

Dr. Cletus G. Stein, born in Atchison, Kansas, October 26, 1912, was graduated from Kansas City Western Dental College with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, May 31, 1937, and set up his dental practice in Ashland August 1, 1937. October 12, 1937, he married Margaret Jane Jones of Parsons, Kansas, and they returned to Ashland to make their home. Known to their friends are Doc and Janie, they belonged to St. Joseph's Church and were Lay Dominicans. They had six children: Stephen Stein, D.D.S.; Father Jerry Stein; Paul Stein, M.S.; Richard Stein, D.D.S.; Marianne Seacat, R.D.H.; and Janie Marie Brack.



Cletus and Janie Stein, 1947

Doc was active in the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, serving in leadership capacities. An avid and excellent tennis player he won the 1936 NYA and City tennis championship of Parsons and enjoyed golf, basketball, fishing and hunting. Janie also participated in many sports. She was a member of the Parsons girls' city teams in basketball and softball, and in 1936 was runner-up in both singles and doubles in the annual city tennis tournament in Parsons.

Dr. Stein's student pathology notebook, selected by the Uni-

versity of Kansas City, Missouri Dental School to be included in their Centennial year exhibits, was later stored in the salt mines repository of the University as a part of the permanent records and history of dentistry. Cletus died of a coronary insufficiency in St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, on June 10, 1960.

Janie served as President of the St. Joseph's Altar Society, Twentieth Century Study Club, Ashland Study Club and Regent of the Daughters of American Revolution. The first woman ever elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, and to become president of that organization, she followed the footsteps of her husband and son, Stephen, both previously serving in that capacity.

Governor Bennett appointed her to two terms on the Board of the Governor's Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. She was Executive Director in charge of securing Elm Grove Apartments, and instrumental in having the St. Jacob's Well - Big Basin area designated a State Park by the State Legislature. It is now a National Natural Landmark.

Janie is on the Board of Directors of the Iroquois Center for Human Development and serves as their Representative to the Regional Mental Health Action Committee. In 1983, she was elected as the Clark County Representative to the First Kansas Silver Haired Legislature which met in Topeka. She was selected by United States Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum to serve for a week in her Washington, D.C. office as her 1984 Senior Citizen Intern.

Submitted by Mrs. C.G. Stein

FATHER CLETUS G. STEIN

Cletus Gerard Stein, Jr. (Jerry), son of Doctor and Mrs. Cletus G. Stein, was born in Ashland City Hospital, May 6, 1941, and was graduated from the St. Joseph's Catholic Grade School in Ashland; St. Gregory High School in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado. He spent the next four years at the North American College in Rome, Italy. His courses of Philosophy and Theology were taken at the Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church in the Chapel of the Chair in St. Peter Basilica in Rome on December 17, 1966. He travelled and worked in many European countries while studying in Europe. He returned to Ashland and celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with family and friends on July 28, 1967.



Fr. Jerry Stein, 1984

Father Jerry has served parishes in Ellinwood, Pratt, Dodge City, Hoisington, Greensburg, Bucklin, and in 1977, started the Catholic Community at Coldwater. He was also Campus Minister at John XXIII University Center in Fort Collins, Colorado for two years.

After further study in Saltillo, Mexico, Father Stein is now residing in Garden City at Emmaus House, where he ministers to those in need of emergency food and shelter. Through the years he has maintained an active interest in issues of peace and justice, environmental concern and nuclear problems. He was recently appointed Vicar for Peace and Justice affairs in the Diocese of

Dodge City.

Submitted by Mrs. C.G. Stein

JANIE MARIE STEIN FAMILY

Janie Marie Stein, youngest daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Cletus G. Stein, was born in the Ashland City Hospital, May 29, 1958. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic School for five years, and when it was closed she finished her elementary schooling in the Ashland Grade School. In the seventh grade, she represented Clark County at the state spelling contest in Topeka. She graduated from Ashland High School, where she took part in band, chorus, track and tennis. She was cheerleader, Stuco President, and homecoming queen candidate. She was on the honor roll and was graduated Summa Cum Laude in May, 1976.



Janie Marie, David, Jason and Ananda Brack, 1984

After one year at Maharishi International University in Iowa, Janie was married to Randy Brack, and to this union three children were born: Ananda Marie, Jason Trust and David Alan.

Randy Alan Brack, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Brack, was born in Larned, Kansas on July 13, 1956. He attended Ashland grade school and, when in the fifth grade represented Clark County in the state spelling contest in Topeka. He attended Ashland High School where he participated in band, tennis and basketball and was graduated Summa Cum Laude in May, 1976. Randy attended one semester at Maharishi International University in Iowa, and after special schooling in Denver, works as a hydrocarbon well analyst in Texas.

Submitted by Mrs C.G. Stein

JOHN PAUL STEIN

John Paul Stein, third son of Doctor and Mrs. Cletus G. Stein, was born in Ashland Hospital, October 12, 1944. He was graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic Grade School and Ashland High School, where he earned the "Summa Cum Laude." While in high school, he was particularly involved in band and vocal music, was elected to the First Chair of America National Band, and was a delegate to Boys' State.

After graduating from high school, Paul became associated with the community of Christian Brothers, St. Louis Province. He earned his B.A. in Philosophy-Theology from Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tennessee. Other institutions attended include the University of Missouri at Kansas City, where he attended the Conservatory of Music, Rockhurst College, Lewis College at Lockport, Illinois, and received his Masters of Science Degree in Biology at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

He has taught biology and other sciences in schools in Kansas City, Missouri, and several towns in New Mexico, including Al-

buquerque.

Paul then became a teacher of the Transcendental Meditation Program and has spent time at Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa. He attended special courses in Switzerland,



Paul Stein

France and India, and also a special conference at MIU where over 7000 advanced practitioners of the Maharishi Technology of the Unified Field assembled to give the world a sample taste of Utopia. Also in attendance were many distinguished scientists from around the world. Various scientific research programs were conducted during this time, with very positive results being reported.

At the present time, Paul is teaching in a private school for the student with learning disabilities in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Submitted by Mrs. C.G. Stein

MARIANNE STEIN FAMILY

Marianne Therese Stein, oldest daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Cletus G. Stein, was born in the Ashland City Hospital June 3, 1952. She was graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic Grade School and Ashland High School, where she was cheerleader, Stuco Representative and homecoming queen candidate. She was also active in band and vocal music, participating in Choraliers and musicals. Marianne enjoys many sports especially softball and tennis.

She was graduated from Wichita State University where she became a registered dental hygienist and while there won 1st place in the WSU intramural tennis tournament.



James and Marianne Seacat
and Jonathan, 1982

After seven years as a dental hygienist in Colorado, Marianne moved back to Kansas and presently is working in dental offices in Manhattan, Kansas.

On April 25, 1981, she was married to James R. Seacat, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Seacat of Ashland. James attended the Ashland Grade School and High School, where he was a member of the 1976 Kansas 1A State Football Championship team, and a member of the school band that toured Europe giving performances in various countries.

Marianne and James have one son, Robert Jonathan, born in the Ashland District Hospital on May 6, 1982.

Submitted by Mrs. C.G. Stein

RICHARD AND PEGGY STUCKY STEIN

Richard J. Stein is the fourth son of Dr. Cletus G. and Margaret Jane Stein. He grew up in Ashland, attending Ashland schools except for his freshman year at what is now Alamo High School, Amarillo, Texas. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception, Missouri for two years and then went to Wichita State University for four years where he graduated in 1972 with a BA in psychology. He was employed at Sedgwick County Mental Health Center as part of the day hospital staff.

Peggy Stucky Stein is the youngest of four children of Dave C. and Hilda Stucky of McPherson, Kansas. She graduated from McPherson High School and then graduated from Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas in 1971 with a BS in elementary education. She taught kindergarten for six years in the Wichita Public Schools. Richard and Peggy were married in Wichita on April 21, 1973.



Peggy, Daniel, Richard and Nicholas Stein

Richard took pre-dental courses at Kansas Newman College in Wichita before entering the University of Missouri-Kansas City Dental School. Upon his graduation in 1982, the family moved to Ashland where Richard established his dental practice in July of that year.

In addition to working at the dental office, Peggy helped teach one year at the Rainbow Connection Preschool. She is currently serving on the Library Board and conducts a preschool story hour at the Library.

Daniel Francis, born March 8, 1976, is a second grader and a 4-H member.

Nicholas Joel, born September 13, 1982, joined the family in October of that year.

Submitted by Peggy Stein

STEPHEN F. STEIN FAMILY

Stephen F. Stein was born November 27, 1938 in Ashland, Kansas, the first of six children of Cletus and Janie Stein. He was educated in the Ashland schools, St. Mary of the Plains High School in Dodge City, St. Benedict's College in Atchison, and Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin when he received his D.D.S. degree in 1962.

It was there that he met his wife, Jane, a student in the department of dental hygiene at that time. Jane was born August 13, 1941 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the second of five children of Bernard and Madeline Kneer. They were married August 5, 1961 in Eau Claire.

Stephen and Jane are the parents of four children: Mark Stephen, born in 1962; Michael John, born in 1963; Patrick Joseph, born in 1964; and Linda Jane, born in 1966. Mark was a full-time residential student at The Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, a world-renowned center for the communicatively handi-



Stephen, Jane, Mike, Mark, Pat and Linda (in front)

capped, and is now a resident client at Arrowhead West sheltered workshop in Dodge City. Mike graduated from A.H.S. in 1981 as valedictorian and is a student at St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City. He was active in sports, music and organizations in high school and plays varsity football for St. Mary's. Pat died in 1970 in a drowning accident. Linda graduated from A.H.S. in 1984 as valedictorian. She was involved year-around in sports, music, drama, cheerleading and various organizations.

The Steins are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Submitted by Jane E. Stein

JOE STEINBACH

Joe Steinbach said he came to Sitka, Kansas, when the sun dogs were pups. He was born in Oklahoma in 1870 and died in 1953.

Early days he helped to build brick buildings in Caldwell, Kansas. Once he resided at the Sitka House.

He leased the Ravenscraft Ranch and with other holdings, ranched extensively. Joe settled down on the same section as the Frys, and if he had not shared his feed with them the winter of 1911 and 1912 when snow drifted over fences, our livestock would have perished. His "shack", as he called it, still stands with



Joe Steinbach

crumbling walls. Joe never had a car but he was a familiar sight with his pipe and his horse, Shorty. He spent much time in the homes of A.R. Baker, H.B. Fry and D.J. Hicks and when he moved to Ashland, with the Ben Bowlings.

A meal invitation to his home was a rare treat. We always knew the menu, mulligan stew and for dessert all kinds of cooked dried fruit. A throwback to cowboy days! When Joe didn't show up at the Bakers for over a couple of days, Amos decided to check on him. He looked in the window and there lay Joe in bed. Amos went in the house and as he leaned over Joe, he opened his eyes. Amos would say he didn't know who was the most surprised, Joe or himself.

Submitted by Mary A. Fry

B.L. STEPHENS FAMILY

In the spring of 1885, Benjamin L. and Lula K. Stephens came by railroad to Harper City, the farthest point in this part of the

state. They traveled by stage to Anthony, then by way of the Prairie Schooner to Buff Creek, Clark County. They located on government land in the northeast corner of the county, building a small two-room house, a storm cave, a sod stable, and sod hen house.

In 1886, B.L., with others, organized and platted the townsite of Lexington, Kansas, named for Lexington, Kentucky. They put their little house on wagons and moved it down to the town. One of the most thrilling rides ever, when Lula stayed in the house during the three mile drive and cooked dinner for the men, not knowing how to gauge appetites, long on willingness but short on biscuits. B.L.'s store building was the first house erected. He was the town's first inhabitant and the last one to leave in 1896, moving his stock and goods to Ashland, conducting a general store until 1909, when he retired from active business.



B.L. Stephens' residence, Ashland, Kansas

During B.L.'s business career, he never refused credit to anyone, often accommodating a single person with credit to the extent of \$2000.00, carrying many of his customers two to five years. Besides his mercantile business, he was extensively engaged in farming in Clark County with farms in Missouri and Oklahoma. B.L. gave much attention to raising thoroughbred horses and also a large number of mules.

Benjamin Leonard, son of John and Emily Rice Stephens, was born December 10, 1855, and married Lula Kendall, born October 10, 1858, daughter of Edward and Sarah During Kendall, May 19, 1885. One son, John Edward, was born January 7, 1889 at Lexington and died at his summer cabin on June 23, 1957 at Estes Park, Colorado.

More detailed information on B.L. and Lula has been recorded in several volumes of Early Clark County, Kansas and *Encyclopedia of State History (Embracing Events)*.

Submitted by Jean Stephens

DONALD D. STEPHENS FAMILY

Donald Douglass, second son of Jack and Jean Stephens, was born on October 12, 1952.

Don completed his grade and high school education from Ashland schools, attended Hutchinson Junior College and in 1975, graduated from Kansas State University. He returned to Ashland to farm and ranch with his father and brother, Steve. In 1981, Don attended Mud Engineering School in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Don and Lori Jayne Anderson met in Ashland and were married March 6, 1982, at Lyons, Kansas, by her father, Rev. Jay Anderson. Following their marriage they moved to Watford City, North Dakota, where Don is Distribution Center Manager for Eisenman Chemical Company in Watford City, North Dakota and Baker, Montana.

Lori Jayne, second daughter of Rev. Jay and Lois Anderson, was born March 15, 1959, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lori at-

tended Ashland and Lyons schools and is a graduate of Kansas University. Lori is employed as secretary to the school board at Watford City.

One son, Benjamin Jay, was born December 20, 1983 at Watford City, North Dakota. Don is a member of the Presbyterian



Don and Lori Stephens on their wedding day. Stephens Ranch, Ashland.

Church and Lori, a member of the Methodist Church. Their hobbies are boating and traveling to the mountains to ski.

Submitted by Jean Stephens

JACK STEPHENS FAMILY

John Douglass (Jack), son of John E. and Mary Douglass Stephens, was born March 1, 1922, in the Lackey Hospital, Ashland.

Jack attended both Lexington and Ashland grade schools, graduating from Ashland High School in 1940. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, attended Flight Training School and was commissioned in 1942, becoming a flight instructor in the Air Training Command. Jack returned to Ashland in December, 1945, building the Ashland Airport in 1946; instructing over 90 local pilots; helping to rename the airport The Harold Krier Field, in honor of a friend and former student Jack taught to fly. Jack sold the airport in 1948, joining his father in farming and ranching.



Jack and Jean Stephens, 1978

Jean Ellen was born September 18, 1930, the third child of Edward G. and Ethel Maude White Schroeder at Burdett, Kansas; attended schools at Tescott, Ellinwood and graduated from Pawnee Rock High School. Jean, with her parents, moved to Ashland in the summer of 1948, where she was employed as bookkeeper for Grimes Appliance.

Jack and Jean were married December 4, 1949, and to this union two sons were born, John Edward 2nd (Steve), September 19, 1950, and Donald Douglass, October 12, 1952.

Jack and Jean have always maintained their interest in aviation and the oil and gas development in the county. Steve and Don, like their father, are both private pilots.

Jack and Jean are members of the First Presbyterian and other community organizations.

Submitted by Jean Stephens

JOHN E. STEPHENS II FAMILY

Both John (better known as Steve) and Margie were born in Ashland, Kansas during the 1950's, but only Steve was raised in this area with Margie's family moving back in 1967.

Steve was born September 19, 1950, in Ashland, the oldest of two sons of John D. and Jean Stephens. He attended grades 1-12 in the Ashland schools, graduating in 1968, whereupon he enrolled and attended two years at Pratt Jr. College in Pratt. At the end of his second year he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where, after completion of basic training, he was stationed in Europe under the N.A.T.O. forces.

Margie was born March 2, 1952 in Ashland, the second of three daughters of Ted and Jane Holiday. She attended grades 1-6 at River Road Grade School in Amarillo, Texas and grades 7-9 at Oologah High School in Oologah, Oklahoma. Her family



The Stephens family March 6, 1982.
Steve, Margie, Chris and Lyne

moved to Ashland in 1967 where she graduated from high school in 1970. She attended one year of college at N.S.C. at Alva, Oklahoma before going to Germany to marry Steve.

Steve and Margie were married on February 18, 1972, at Bitburg, West Germany. Their first two and a half years of marriage were spent between two Air Force Bases, Spangdahlem, Germany and Holloman, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Upon Steve's discharge in 1974, the couple returned to the Ashland area where Steve has been engaged in farming. They have two children, Christopher John, age 8, and Lynette Kelly, age 5. Both children are fifth generation descendants of pioneers of Ashland. Their paternal great-great-grandparents were Benjamin and Lula Stephens, and maternal great-great-grandparents were Otha and Lula Holiday.

The family are members of the Presbyterian Church of Ashland and are active in many community affairs.

Submitted by Margie Stephens

MARY STEPHENS

Mary Douglass Stephens was born March 30, 1895 in the home of her parents on a farm near Kingsville, Mo. At a later date the family moved to Kingsville. Mary's father helped to build the first telephone line that went to the western part of the state. He died when Mary was eight years old and her sister Mabel was twelve. Mary, Mabel and their mother Ida moved in with their grandparents where they lived a number of years. Mary had a colored friend who would put her on his shoulders and take Mabel by the hand and would see that they got to school no matter how deep the snow was. He would be at school when it was dismissed in the evening to be sure the girls got home safely. After public school, the girls and their mother moved to Warrensburg, Mo. so they could attend Central Missouri State Teachers College, where both girls graduated.



Jack, Mary Belle, Mary, Barbara and Betty

Mary visited Ashland when she was twelve years old and said, when she went home, "If I could get married and live in Ashland, I'd be as happy as I ever want to be." Mary taught school for a year in Texas and 1½ years in Wichita. At that time she married John E. Stephens who was manager of the Ashland Telephone Co. John was always an Ashland booster and served on numerous committees. He died June 23, 1957 and after John's death, Mary became a house mother in Lawrence, Kansas for eight years and in Manhattan for six years.

Four children were born to Mary and John. Mary Belle, Barbara, Jack and Betty. They all made their home in Ashland until the time of their marriages.

Submitted by Mary Stephens

JOE AND ARTIE STEVENS

Joe and Artie Stevens arrived in Ashland January, 1949 to work for George M. Grimes. Their first night was spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallingford, and their first home was an apartment in the old Baker house.

Five children were born to the Stevens: John F., born February 15, 1949; Cynthia Lou, June 22, 1954; Judith Kay, September 11, 1956; Michale Joe, August 15, 1960 and Laura Jane,



Joe and Artie with children and grandchildren, 1983

April 19, 1970. Their first son, John, was born in the old hospital, delivered by Dr. Burket. Cynthia Lou was born in Meade, and Judith Kay in Russell, Kansas. The others were born in Ashland's new hospital.

In 1957, the Stevens built a new home at 532 W. 9th, where they still live. They purchased a part of Grimes Homegas in 1968, due to retirement of George Grimes. The business has moved twice since then, and is now in the Barr-Johnson Building.

Submitted by Joe Stevens

M.G. STEVENSON FAMILY

Myron Grant Stevenson, early day mortician and abstractor,

was born in Youngstown, Ohio, October 16, 1862. He came to Ashland in 1886 to work for the *Ashland Weekly Journal*. Later, he opened a furniture store and was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming in Kansas City to begin his mortuary practice in Ashland in 1896.

"Stevey," as he was affectionately known on Ashland Main Street, was married to Miss Fidelia Curtis, and to this union were born Chester Arthur on October 10, 1891, and Naida Zoelene, August 20, 1893. Mrs. Stevenson was always interested in civic affairs and often assisted the local young people in presenting plays in the old Opera House. She helped to organize a study club for women and participated in church activities.



Stevey Stevenson



Dee Stevenson

Mr. Stevenson was possibly the oldest Kansas Abstractor and Dean of Morticians of the state during the 66 years he served the Ashland area so capably. Many of his services were donated during the "hard times" in Clark County when people could not pay. He was a member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge for 75 years and a 32nd degree Mason. He died in 1962, only a short time before his 100th birthday. The other deaths were: Mrs. Stevenson in 1947; Chester in December of 1960; and Naida Stevenson Cravens on February 20, 1981.

The Stevenson family was known for its generosity and support of all civic activities and gave land for the Pioneer Museum and the Ashland Library. Many antique treasures from their home were given to the Museum.

Submitted by Hazel Curtis Williams

WILLIAM HUGH AND ELIZABETH B. STEVENSON

In late 1928, William Hugh Stevenson, better known as "Steve," came to Ashland intending to work for the Stockgrowers State Bank "for a few years." He had graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., where he and Jay Berryman were Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers. His love of the community and its people grew into many years of dedicated service to the bank. He retired (as vice-president) in March, 1974, but continues to serve as a director of the bank and of the Home Lumber Co., as well as trustee of several estates.

Steve was born in Sturgis, Kentucky, February 3, 1902. His parents were William Hugh and Martha Burba Stevenson.

In about 1938, Elizabeth Bardwell O'Shea (known to her friends as "Libba"), came to Ashland to visit a college friend, Louise Berryman (Jay's wife). Libba was a Mississippi girl with a southern "drawl" and an eight-year-old daughter! After a few years of letter-writing and occasional visits, Steve and Libba were married October 17, 1945.

Libba was born September 23, 1914 in Charleston, Mississippi. Her parents were Dr. David Guyon and Morris Neely Bardwell. Her daughter, Gene, is now Gene Griffith, and lives in California.

The Stevensons remain active in the Presbyterian Church where Steve has served as Elder and was Treasurer for many years. He is a Mason, served on the City Council and other community projects. Libba attended Lindenwood College one year



Gene, Steve and Libba Stevenson, 1955

and was graduated from the University of Tennessee where she was a member of Tri Delta sorority. She is a member of P.E.O. and Ashland Study Club, has served on the Library Board and numerous church, school and community committees. She spends much time and effort in support of golf, her favorite recreation. At present she is working with the History Book Committee.

Submitted by Elizabeth Stevenson

JAMES AND WILMA STINSON

James Stinson and Wilma Brinkley were married at Linneus, Mo. on March 17, 1923. In 1930, after some persuasion from a relative in Ashland, James decided to make a change and move to Kansas. At that time most of the roads were not paved and the trip from north central Missouri seemed long and dreary. After several hours of travel, their four-year-old daughter, Barbara, probably thinking of grandparents and little cousins she was leaving behind, piped up with "Why did God make Kansas so far from home?"

Arriving at the ranch where they were to make their home and seeing the little house on the wind-swept, treeless prairie, Wilma thought it hardly worthwhile to have the furniture unloaded as they wouldn't be there long. Little did she know the worst was yet to come. The national depression clamped down, the dust storms rolled in, and a wheat crop was something you dreamed of. After several years of hard work and stubborn determination, James acquired some ranch and wheat land and a farm with a house they remodeled and moved into.



Barbara, Jim, Wilma and Mary Ann

In 1949 they moved to Ashland and in 1954 built the house at 319 W. 7th where Wilma still lives.

James was a member of Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and Wichita Midian Shrine. He died in 1967.

Wilma is a member of the Presbyterian Church, D A R and Ashland Study Club.

Three daughters were born to the Stinsons: Virginia Lee, who died in infancy; Barbara Burge of Prospect, Kentucky; and Mary Ann Shelton, who died in 1971.

Submitted by Wilma Stinson

LUANN (HARMON) STOECKER

I was born in Ashland, Kansas, July 10, 1934, to Wilber and Blanche (Fox) Harmon. I graduated from Ashland High in 1952. I married Eugene Stoecker, son of Gottfred and Emma Stoecker of McLaughlin, South Dakota on May 9, 1953, at the First Church of God in Ashland with Rev. Bill Swagerty officiating. I met Gene when he came to Ashland to help with harvest. We spent our summers on the farm in McLaughlin, then came to Ashland where Gene worked in the oil fields. In 1957, we decided to stay on the farm in McLaughlin and raise wheat, cattle and our two children.

Eugene and Luann Stoecker
Wedding Day
May 9, 1953



Debra Luann was born September, 1954. She and her 9-year-old daughter, Stacey, live in Nevada, Iowa, where Debra works for Donnally Marketing. Our son, Robert Eugene, was born in August of 1955. He lives in Chicago, Illinois, where he has worked for Delta Airlines since 1974. He and his wife Jeannie have a new son born March, 1984, Rosmon Eric.

Gene and I still farm. Since 1979, we spend five months in Apache Junction, Arizona in a Park Model trailer every winter.

Submitted by Luann Stoecker

L.C. (CHARLIE) STONE FAMILY

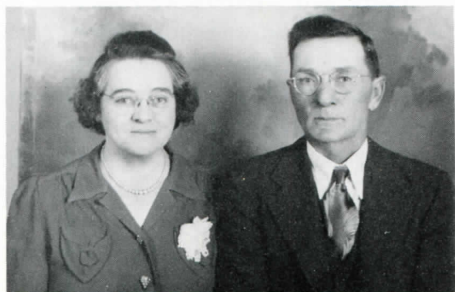
L.C. "Charlie" Stone and wife Nellie came to Clark County in 1913 from Jefferson County, Oklahoma with four tiny girls: Opal (Mrs. Harry Kerrick), Callie (Mrs. H.W. McIntyre), Faye (Mrs. Eddie Johnson) and Ollie (Mrs. Joe Folkes). Charlie worked for "Daddy Mull," then Mr. Mull helped Charlie farm for himself on one of Mr. Mull's farms for two years. The family then moved to a farm, with son Troy added to the family in 1914, on Carson land on the flats of Clark County near Cleaverdale School. After six years, the family moved seven miles west of Ashland to another Carson farm on old 160 highway, so the children could attend Ashland High School.

Charlie was known as an excellent farmer, Nellie a devoted mother and help-mate. They became parents of two more girls, Clio (Mrs. John Shropshire) and Corinne (Mrs. Macy Baker).

Along came the "dirty thirties." All of the five older children were married. Adverse conditions forced the farm to be left behind. Nellie moved into Ashland with the two young daughters, established a home, and the girls graduated.

Charlie went into the northwest with son Troy and family, following highway construction work through Wyoming, Idaho,

Nellie and L.C.
(Charlie) Stone,
1943



Utah, and California during the war years. Mrs. Stone joined her husband in California a few years later where they lived and continued farming. World War II ended, and now middle-aged, they moved to Eloy, Arizona and worked in irrigated desert land. Charlie suffered a stroke, became disabled and they moved to Oklahoma where he lived only three years, passing away August 1, 1953. Nellie has lived as a widow for 31 years, nine of which she spent in the home of her daughter, Callie. Since 1977 she has resided in the Western Nursing Home in Buffalo, Oklahoma. She is 94 years old.

Submitted by Callie McIntyre

THEODORE STRANGHONER FAMILY

Theodore Walter William Stranghoner, third of eleven children born to William Fredrick and Matilda Christine Louise (Schultz) Stranghoner, was born June 12, 1904. He lived on the Stranghoner farm south of Humbolt, Kansas with his brothers and sisters: Florian, Ann, Catherine, Myles, Forrest, Cleo, Maxine, Inez and Ivan, until 1928. At that time he moved to nine miles southwest of Ashland, Kansas and set up farming on 320 acres of land that had been purchased by his father in 1911.

Ted married Relnah Genivive Reinhart, the only child of Charles and Ethel (Piquet) Reinhart on September 17, 1929. They had six children. One son, Frederick Charles, born February 23, 1934, died of pneumonia December 24, 1934. Relnah died at the age of 31, January 30, 1942, from burns suffered when a can of coal oil exploded as she was building a fire in the heating stove. Ted continued on the farm and raised the five children, ranging in age from 14 months to ten years.

The oldest of the children, Patricia Ann, born July 8, 1930, lived in the Ashland area until 1964. She has three children and three grandchildren and lives in Enid, Oklahoma.



Ted and family in 1946. Pat, Dorothy, Doris, Ted, Carole and Bill.

Doris Louise, born March 29, 1935, moved to Texas in 1956. She presently lives in Newark, Texas, and has five children and six grandchildren.

Dorothy Fern, born May 3, 1937, lived in the Ashland area until 1965. She presently lives at Garber, Oklahoma and has six children and four grandchildren.

William Eugene, born April 1, 1939, made Ashland his home until 1960. He is now living at Dodge City, Kansas and has four children.

Carole Kay, born November 27, 1940, lived in the Ashland area until 1966. She presently lives at Enid, Oklahoma and has three children and one grandchild.

Ted retired from farming in 1961. He resided in Ashland, working at yard work and tree trimming until 1967. He then lived with his son, Bill, in Missouri until 1980. Ted died of cancer at Enid, Oklahoma, January 29, 1982. He was buried at the

Mount Hope Cemetery at Humbolt, Kansas, beside his wife and son.

Ted was a kind and considerate person, a very loving and devout father. He was active in the community and 4-H club programs, worked with the WPA during the depression years, and was a member of the Ashland Oil Corp. and the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

Submitted by Carole Unruh

ROBERT LEE AND KAREN KLINGER STRIPLING FAMILY

Robert Lee Stripling, Jr., son of Robert Lee and Dovie Jean Louthridge Stripling, was born in Big Spring, Texas, May 19, 1940. He attended Big Spring schools, graduated from Southern Methodist University and the University of Kansas Medical School (1966).

Karen Klinger Stripling, daughter of Dwight David and Catherine Cauthers Klinger, was born in Ashland, October 14, 1941. She attended Ashland schools, graduated from Kansas State University and earned a MS from the University of Kansas (1964).

Karen and Bob met in Kansas City where she was teaching third grade and he was in medical school. They were married June 18, 1966, in the Ashland Presbyterian Church.



Karen, Stacy, Stephen and Robert L. Stripling

Stephen Wesley was born in Salina on March 23, 1970, where Bob was stationed as an Army pediatrician for two years. Returning to Kansas City, Bob served as chief resident while completing a Fellowship at Children's Mercy Hospital. Stacy Jean was born April 10, 1972, in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1972, the family moved to Lubbock, Texas, where Bob is a pediatrician. He is active with United Way, Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, Sick Baby Clinic and was president of Lubbock Symphony and Well Baby Clinic.

Karen is active with the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club, Lubbock Women's Club, the Lubbock Museum, Junior League, was PTA president and has served on the Lubbock Ballet and Symphony Guild boards.

Stephen earned his Eagle Scout award in 1983. Stacy enjoys ballet and piano and both are on their school's tennis teams.

Submitted by Karen Klinger Stripling

CHARLES E. STROUSE

Born September 5, 1904 at Ringwood, Oklahoma, Charles started to school at Wakita, Oklahoma in 1910. He moved to Billings, Oklahoma in 1914 and finished school at Billings in 1922. He went to Watch Making School in St. Louis, Missouri and after finishing Watch Making School, returned to Billings to buy out Thompson Jewelry Company in 1925.

In 1925, he and Marie Showalter were married in Billings. Bill was born in 1926. Monte was born in 1928. In 1935, he closed the jewelry store to go to work in the oil field. This work brought him to Ashland in 1936.



Charlie Strouse

In 1945, the Jewelry Store in Ashland was opened. In 1944 Gary was born and started their second family. In 1946 Barbara arrived. Gary and Barbara started and finished grade and high school in Ashland. They got their college degrees at Hays, Kansas.

Charles drove an Ashland school bus for Ashland School District for 24 years and has been Transportation Supervisor for the last nine years. Monte died in December, 1960. Charles' wife died June, 1975, four months before their 50th wedding anniversary. Since then, Charles has kept busy with the store, school buses, golf and a trip every few weeks to see the kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Bill died February 15, 1984, leaving him very sad but very glad that he has Barbara, Gary and all his grandchildren and many friends in Ashland.

Submitted by Charles E. Strouse

HARRY WILCOX AND ZEREPHA WILSON STUART FAMILIES

Harry Wilcox Stuart was born in Stamford, New York, May 16, 1851. His early schooling is unknown but he did attend the Sweeney Engineering School in Kansas City, Missouri. He made all his tools, hammers, wrenches, chisels, punches, tongs, etc. He was carpenter and blacksmith by trade, made horse shoes and shod horses for the Indians in Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Zerepha Emily Wilson was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, August 20, 1864. She attended school there for several years before moving west with her parents. She was the second of seven children.



Harry and Zerepha Stuart, 1920's

Harry and Zerepha were married June 5, 1881 and to this union 5 children were born. Flora Angeline, born May 28, 1882; Charles A., October 1, 1883; Harry Edward, August 30, 1887; Julie Robie, September 8, 1889 and Edith Pearl, January 1, 1893.

They lived in several places but did live in Arapaho, Oklahoma Indian Territory for a time before moving to Englewood, Kansas, where they made permanent residence. My mother, Edith, the youngest, attended school in Englewood.

Submitted by Alfred Barby

WILBUR STUCK FAMILY

Wilbur was born in 1899 in Clark County just one half mile from his present home, the only son of six children born to John and Ivy Louisa Stuck. Wilbur lived around Ashland and Minneola and later moved to Guymon, Oklahoma where he started to school. He lost his mother in 1914. At that time his father worked for the Rock Island Railroad. Wilbur's oldest sister, Tletia, who was a school teacher, helped keep the family together. Wilbur came back to Clark County around 1920 to work for his Uncle John Bilyeu, who lived on the farm where Wilbur raised his family.

Wilbur met Vedra Zane while he was working there. They were married in June of 1928. Wilbur worked at different jobs for a few years before starting to farm for himself.

Their first child, Maurine, was born in 1931. Dean was born in 1937 and Jimmie in 1940. All the children attended school in Ashland.



Back: Maurine, Jimmie. Front: Dean, Vedra and Wilbur Stuck

Those were hard years during the dirty thirties with the drought and blowing dust. It took lots of courage and faith to farm and live in an "unmodern" house for over 20 years. Then the drought ended, crops improved and things looked better. In 1951 they purchased their present home, the former Homer H. Zane farm.

Unfortunately in 1952, Dean and Jimmie were stricken with polio. At this time Maurine was attending a school of nursing at Garden City. Maurine being a nurse, was very helpful during the following years. Dean was left completely paralyzed and has made his home with his parents for the last 32 years.

Jim is now living and working in Texas. He has been married and has two wonderful boys living in Texas.

Maurine was married in 1953 to Albert D. Moore. They have one daughter, Dedra, who is now married and has a daughter. Wilbur and Vedra celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1978 with open house at their farm home.

Their retirement years are filled with happy times with their three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Submitted by Vedra Stuck

SUGHRUE FAMILY

Mike and Pat Sughrue, the twin sheriffs of Kansas, came to this area as young men from County Kerry, Ireland. Both worked as lawmen in Dodge City. In 1884, it was decided that Mike would transfer to the newly organized community of Ashland and become their first sheriff.

Mike, his wife, Annie, and five children were happy in Ashland. Soon after their arrival they were blessed with a sixth child, Agnes Ashland. She always claimed to be the first white child born in the township. In commemoration she was given a plot of

land in the center of town.

In 1901, Mike died, after serving as sheriff for seventeen years. He left Annie with quite a large family to care for, since four other children had been born to them in Ashland. Annie moved



Agnes Sughrue, about 1905. Postmistress at Ashland, Kansas.

to the edge of town, bought some cows and began selling milk to the town's people. She was able to raise and educate all of her children . . . each working together for the betterment of all. As the children grew and left home, Annie moved back into town, bought a home and took in boarders.

In later years she decided to follow her children to Winslow, Arizona, where she remained until her death in May, 1936. Her last request was to be returned to Ashland and laid to rest next to Mike.

The children of Michael and Annie Walters Sughrue were: Mary Elizabeth, Francis Patrick, William, Julia, Cecelia, Agnes Ashland, James Rufus, George Peter, Bernadine, and Herman Lotinzer. All are now deceased.

Submitted by Virginia Lackey Robbins

PAUL AND EVAH SUNDGREN

Paul and Evah Sundgren have lived in Hugoton, Kansas since 1959. Paul is engaged in farming and other business activities.

Paul graduated from the Ashland High School. Evah graduated from the Wilmore, Kansas High School. They were married in 1938.



Paul Kent Sundgren, Paul and Evah Sundgren and Timothy Lee Sundgren

They have two sons, Tim Sundgren, born in Ashland in 1944, and Kent Sundgren, born in Hugoton, Kansas in 1951.

Paul served three terms in the Kansas Legislature as State Representative from Comanche County. Later he served two terms from Stevens County. Evah has been a public school teacher and in recent years has taught private piano lessons.

Tim and his wife, Nancy, with two children, Jennie and Evan, live in Grinnell, Kansas, where Tim owns and operates the Peoples State Bank.

Kent and his wife Deborah, live in Prairie Village, Kansas. Kent is a trust officer for Commerce Bank of Missouri. Deborah is a public school teacher in the Olathe, Kansas schools.

Submitted by Paul Sundgren

ALEXANDER SWANSON FAMILY

Alex (the second child of six), son of Johnas T. of Smaland Narrkiping, Sweden, and Johanna Sofia Hast, was born in Henry County, Illinois in 1863. His family moved to McPherson in 1876 where Alex received his education. His parents' home was the school until 1880.

In 1891, he married Lillie Betsy Hultqvist. Lillie was the second of seven children of John August and Maria Augustava Hultqvist of Okna, Sweden. Her family settled in Brooklyn, New York in 1871.

The Swansons farmed in the New Gottland community until 1912 when they purchased a ranch south of Ashland. They lived on the ranch and raised their children: Carl, Lillie, Roy, Walter, Freda, Myrtle, John, Edith and Leland. Mr. Swanson passed away in 1927. Mrs. Swanson moved into Ashland and lived there most of her remaining life.

Submitted by Maxine Webb

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Swanson and family moved from McPherson, Kansas to Ashland, Kansas in March, 1912. Father and three sons accompanied three railroad cars containing livestock, machinery and household goods. Near Rago, Kansas, they were snowbound for several days which proved to be a problem as all animals had to be fed; later arriving in Ashland safely.

Mother and five children left by train from Grandmother's home. They were met at the depot with a surrey. The roads were muddy, so we got stuck but soon were on our way to living on a farm. The house was across the road from the Riverside School, we lived there one year. Then they bought what was known as the "Old Arnolds Ranch," later building a large barn painted red. A couple of years later the house was remodeled taking out partitions and adding two bedrooms. Several coats of white paint and a trim of green were added. A large ranch bell was placed on the west side for the purpose of calling them in for meals. A small orchard was started north of the house.

To this union was born a son, Leland, then there were nine children.

Bearcreek soon became a thickly populated community. They organized a Sunday School and also a Swedish Sunday School.

Standing: Blaine and Lillie Newman, John, Myrtle (McCurley), J.A. Hultquist, Lillie, Mary, Alex, Maude, Roy, Minnie. In front, children Leland, Edith, Freda (Basinger), Carl, Paul circled around Walter.



Rev. Ramsey and Rev. Corrie conducted church services on Friday evenings. Literary programs were enjoyed every two weeks. They also had pie and box suppers, ice cream socials and oyster soup suppers, making extra money to buy a new piano, large wall case of maps and other items as needed to make it a standard school. We had many wonderful teachers who were so understanding and helpful. It left fond memories of our school days and teenage years on the farm.

Then sadness struck our family. The circle was broken. Father passed away July 27, 1927, changing all plans. Mother and the rest of the children that were home moved to a house in town they had bought years earlier from Tarl Sawyers. Roy Swanson and family occupied the farm.

Submitted by Myrtle McCurley

ALETHA IRENE SMEE SWANSON FAMILY

Irene was one of three daughters and two sons born to Edward Coleman and Hattie Burke Smee. She was born on August 28, 1905 in Omaha, Nebraska. They lived there four years before moving to Kansas City, Missouri. Two years later, the family moved to Lambert, Oklahoma to be with friends they had known for years. In 1913, they moved to Wichita, Kansas, where Irene and her sister, Vivian, attended school. In 1915, another move brought the family to Ashland which was a big change but adjustment was fast. Many changes have taken place since that time.



Roy Swanson, Jamie Beran, Irene Smee Swanson, Chris Beran, Hattie Smee Golden, Larry Beran, holding Mike.

Clarence Roy Swanson was born on January 12, 1897, in McPherson, Kansas and moved to Ashland in 1912. On October 13, 1933, Irene and Roy were married in Buffalo, Oklahoma and lived in Ashland until 1937 when they moved to a farm in Ashton, Nebraska where they raised wheat, cattle and hogs. Life was challenging during the depression, but when there was plenty of rain, the crops were good. Roy played baseball as a favorite pastime. On June 14, 1941, their only child, Beverly Ilene was born, but died a few days later. In 1946, Roy and Irene moved back to Ashland where they lived on a farm until 1965, when they purchased their current house at 520 West 7th. Roy died March 17, 1982.

Irene continues to make her home in Ashland where she is a member of the United Methodist Church. Her hobbies include crochet, gardening and raising flowers. She also enjoys baseball and football games.

Submitted by Isabel Beran

JOHN F. SWANSON FAMILY

John was born October 1, 1903, one of nine children of Lillie

Hultqvist and Alex Swanson. The Swansons were residents of the Swedish community of New Gottland prior to their purchase of a farm in the Bearcreek area in 1909. John attended school at Riverside Grade School and Ashland High School. He married Lucille Hankins in 1927.

Lucille, a daughter of Nellie Waddell and O.A. Hankins, was born January 14, 1909 in Ashland. She was one of six children. Her parents and three children, Glen, Hazel and Henrietta, arrived by wagon from Illinois and Oklahoma in 1905. They moved to Ashland to help his brother-in-law, Elmer Wallingford, in farming and business interests. Lucille and Wayne were born in Ashland. The family lived on the Randall Ranch south of Sitka until their purchase of a farm west of Ashland.

Lucille and John lived in Ashland most of their lives. John worked for the Foncannon Hardware, Phelps Auto, Vannaman Implement and then opened his own Massey Harris shop. Lucille raised their two children, Maxine and John, Jr., and then opened a restaurant which she operated many years.

John passed away in 1971. Lucille now lives in California near her daughter and families. John, Jr. lives in Seattle, Washington with his wife and daughters.

Submitted by Maxine Webb

KENNETH AND MELBA EDMONSTON SWANSON

I was born January 11, 1933 at Ashland to Walter and Mary Swanson. I have two older brothers, Harold (Ashland) and Robert (Brookings, S.D.). My parents farmed west of Ashland all of their life, a farm that my wife and I now operate.

My wife, Melba Edmonston, September 15, 1934, was born near Protection to Harold and Helen Eubank Edmonston. They now live at Protection. She has two brothers, Don (Greensburg) and Myron (Protection). Don farms and Myron, with his wife, Susan Strobel, farm in Clark and Comanche County.

We have four children: Monte, December, 1954, born while we were at Boston, Mass., with the U.S. Army; Krista, April,



Front row: Kenneth, Melba, Kerry. Back: Melanie, Monte and Krista 1960, Melanie, November, 1962, and Kerry, January, 1965, all born at Ashland.

Melba and I returned to Ashland and I started teaching mathematics in 1957. I am presently at Ashland High School. We are active with Kansas Farm Bureau and remain busy with farming and teaching school.

Submitted by Ken Swanson

ROBERT N. SWANSON

Robert N. Swanson, second son of Walter and Mary (Beard) Swanson, was born in 1931. Bob graduated from Ashland High School in 1949 and received a B.S. degree in 1953 from Fort Hays. He and Ruby Arlene Bare were married in 1954. Ruby is

the youngest of four children of Chester and Bessie (Booth) Bare. Ruby Bare graduated from Ashland High School in 1951. Bob continued his education at Kansas State University in Veterinary Medicine after serving two years (1953-1955) in the U.S. Army.

While Ruby worked for Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Manhattan, Bob earned his D.V.M., M.S., and PhD in Physiology. Bob taught in the College of Veterinary Medicine at K.S.U. until 1965. They then moved to Brookings, South Dakota, where Bob is affiliated with the Department of Veterinary Science at South Dakota State University.

Three children were born to this union: Robert Steven (1959) is employed at the Brookings 3-M Company, Kimberly Kay (1963) is attending University of North Dakota in occupational therapy, and Richard Alan (1965) is a senior at Brookings High School, who is planning to attend college in the fall of 1984.

Submitted by Ruby A. Swanson

WALTER AND MARY BEARD SWANSON

Walter A. Swanson and Mary Beard were married at the Beard Farm in Harper County, Oklahoma on December 2, 1924.

Walter's parents were Alexander Swanson and Lillie Hultqvist Swanson. He had four brothers: Carl, Clarence (Roy), John and Leland. There were four sisters: Lillie, Freda, Myrtle, and Edith.

Walter was born July 26, 1899 near McPherson, Kansas, then the family moved south of Ashland about 1910. Walter worked as a mechanic for Hugh Foncannon and during the depression helped install gas lines in western Kansas. He farmed the rest of his life.



Front to back: Walter, Kenneth, Mary, Harold and Robert Swanson

Mary Golden Beard was born September 11, 1903 in the Oklahoma Territory in a sod house. Her parents were James and Frances Roberts Beard. She had two brothers, Ivan and Marvin (who lives in Ashland). Mary attended Harper County, Oklahoma schools and worked at the Fair Store. She had one sister, Clara Drew.

Walter and Mary purchased a farm west of Ashland prior to World War II. They had four sons: James (died at birth), Harold, Robert and Kenneth. Harold worked in oil fields, married Lee Easley and had four children: Dennis, Terry, Roger and Tracy. Robert, a university professor, married Ruby Bare and had three children: Steven, Kimberly and Richard. Kenneth married Melba Edmonston and had four children: Monte, Krista, Melanie and Kerry.

Walter died January 29, 1975. Mary died November 23, 1964.

Submitted by Ken Swanson

SYLVIA SWARTZ FAMILY

In August, 1959, Sylvia Ferguson and her two sons, Sylvester

Wayne and Eugene Allen, moved to Ashland from Spivey, Kansas. Born Sylvia Mae Hooker, July 15, 1928, she spent most of her childhood days in Crisfield and Harper, Kansas. She attended Attica High School until the loss of her mother, Pearl Mae Hooker, February 19, 1944, then went to Idaho with her sister Emma. Returning to Kansas, she married Charley Sylvester Ferguson July 31, 1944, in Kingman, and divorced in 1959.



Karen Jean, Eugene, Sylvia and Ernest Dean, 1977

Sylvia worked at the Ashland laundry for Mary Markland and as relief nurse at the rest home.

She married Arthur Swartz, June, 1962, and to this union, twins, Ernest Dean and Karen Jean, were born April 8, 1963 at the Ashland Hospital. They moved to Dodge City in May, 1964. Sylvester died in 1965 and Sylvia was also divorced.

Sylvia is a country music fan being the Kansas Representative of Ernest Tubb Fan Club for many years, having met and talked with him many times.



Angie

She was employed at the Post Office for 7 years as custodian. At present she does yard work, laundry and house cleaning, is a foster mother to Angie, age 4, since September, 1979, when she was three months old.

Ernest Dean lives in Dodge City. Karen Jean married Derek Mayfield, February 12, 1983 and lives in Medicine Lodge. Eugene at present is the *Hutchinson News* carrier in Ashland.

Submitted by Sylvia Swartz

CHARLES SWAYZE

Born February 8, 1939 on the farm two miles south and one mile west of Sitka, at a time which might not seem too long ago to many people, but was before we had the many conveniences we now are used to, a time which I feel will always be the "Good Ole Times," when time wasn't so important and we seemed to appreciate people and events more. Things that were important to building character, like: walking after the milk cows, hauling in kindling and coal, pumping water, stifling heat, flies, muddy roads and walking two hundred yards to the outhouse, studying under the light of a coal-oil lamp and telephones that had to go through "central" with more than one party on the line, whereas we had to repeat it several times because of the drop in power and increase of interference.

My education began in a little one-room school house at Sitka which was located just south of the larger one that is now the Sitka Social Club. It was really a big deal to move up to the big school building after the second grade. We had many memorable

times there even though several grades were taught by the same teachers at the same time. Some really "mean" teachers like Miss Redding, Miss Pittman and Mrs. Yeager, who got it across to us one way or the other. Sometimes it was the other with students like myself and Oliver Shupe, my buddy who went all the way through high school with me.

We were forced to go to Ashland when we reached the 5th grade, which made twenty-five kids in one class and how they taught that many at one time seemed impossible. We found new friends and more tough, stern teachers like Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Reitz and one woman teacher who could swing a mean paddle.

Living that far from school meant long rides on a school bus with very patient bus drivers who learned not to look back for fear of what they might see. Never knowing what to expect out of kids like myself, Donny Howell and brother Jack, who would have a dare of one kind or other. Crawling out one window and back in the other while the bus was moving and driver not looking was even possible to happen.

Our high school days were not forgotten by most teachers as they were an experience for both of us. If anything happened



Nila, Charlie and Brian Swayze

they seemed to always think it was Urban, Shupe and Swayze. But they didn't do too bad on us as we turned out not half bad.

Sitka and Ashland communities will always be special to me as the people made it so. Neighbors like the Pikes, McMinimys, Yorks and Wasingers made you appreciate what real people were. It was people like George and Gladys Pike, Dell and Adella Randall, and Clem Hermann who gave me work after Dad was killed and put up with me being so young and inexperienced.

Above all was my mother, who continued to raise five kids, holding down a town job, taking care of the farm and making a real home for us during some tough times. These things made all the times then the good ole times and will always be special.

I am presently General Manager of the Farmers Cooperative of Isabel, Kansas and live in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. My lovely wife, Nila, the former Nila Price of Protection, Kansas, works at National Gypsum Co. We are both active in community, church, as well as government here and enjoy the people. We have what we feel is the best son in the world, Brian, who is presently a senior at Fort Hays College.

Submitted by Charles Swayze

JONATHAN AND JANICE SWAYZE

Jonathan and Janice Swayze are both from Ashland and have lived in the Hutchinson, Kansas area for the past ten years.

Jonathan, born to Jack and Bonnie Swayze on October 16, 1945, is the youngest of five children. Jon was active in 4-H while growing up on the family farm three miles south of Sitka. He attended the Ashland schools through grade twelve where he was very active in football and band. Jon attended Southwestern

College and later enlisted in the Army Security Agency where he served three years in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. After returning home in 1970, Jon worked in the home building and construction trade until the present time where he has returned to school full time. His hobbies are bicycling and tennis.

Jonathan, Janice and Connie
Suzanne Swayze, 1980



Janice was born in Ashland on November 26, 1949 to Floyd and Mary Ellen Couch. Raised in Buffalo, Oklahoma, she was active in band, chorus, Future Homemakers and Future Teachers Associations. Jan graduated from Bethany Nazarene College with a degree in speech and English. She taught in Valley Center, El Dorado, and at Central Christian Schools in Hutchinson. Presently she is employed with the Hutchinson National Bank and Trust Co. in the Trust Department. Her hobbies are baking and golf.

Their daughter, Connie Suzanne, was born in Hutchinson on April 21, 1979 and is attending preschool at Central Christian Schools. Connie's interests are bicycling, skating, swimming, activities with other children and visiting her grandparents.

Submitted by Jonathan Swayze

JACK AND BONNIE SWAYZE

John (Jack) Herndon Swayze and Bonnie Elizabeth Ford were married September 4, 1934. They lived at Snake Creek



Jack and Bonnie Swayze
and Darl Ann

ranch and from there moved to the Rock House on the Raven-craft Ranch. In March, 1938, they moved to the farm south-west of Sitka.

Their children are Darl Ann Rial, Houston, Texas; Jack Ford Swayze, Ignacio, Colorado; Charles Arthur Swayze, Medicine Lodge, Kansas; Suzann Nelson, Laurel, Montana; and Jonathon Swayze, Hutchinson, Kansas. Daddy Jack was killed December 15, 1949. Bonnie was Registrar of Deeds twenty years, living on the farm and raising the children.

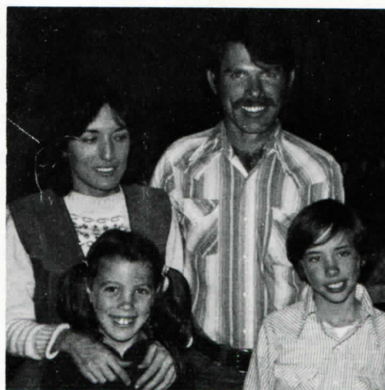
There are ten grandchildren and a great-grandson, Austin Robert Rial, born November 16, 1983.

Submitted by Bonnie Swayze

JACK FORD SWAYZE FAMILY

Jack Ford Swayze married Jeanette Sue Davis of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1968, and lives on a ranch near Ignacio, Colorado. Jack is a meat cutter in Bayfield, Colorado. Jeanette is a registered nurse at the Indian Hospital in Farmington, New Mexico. They have two children, Richard and Jocelyn Rae.

Jack is the oldest son of Jack Herndon Swayze and Bonnie Ford Swayze. He attended the Sitka Schools through grade 6 and graduated from Ashland schools in 1952. After serving in



Jeannette and Jack, Jocelyn
and Richard Swayze

the U.S. Army, stationed in Alaska, Jack attended meatcutting school in Toledo, Ohio and worked in Oklahoma City and Wichita, Kansas. Jack is the adult Ignacio High School Rodeo Sponsor. Jeanette graduated from Putnam City, Oklahoma schools receiving her associate nursing in Denver, Colorado in 1977 and is presently working toward her bachelor of nursing and adult geriatrics nurse practitioner certification. The family is active in youth rodeo activities, high school sports and the Baptist Church.

Submitted by Bonnie Swayze

BILL AND DOROTHY SWEARINGEN

Dorothy Simmons Swearingen, daughter of Earl and Leona Hughs Simmons, was born in Meade, Kansas, December 4, 1923. She grew up on a farm northeast of Ashland in the Lexington community where she attended grade school and was active in 4-H. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1941; and



Dorothy and Bill Swearingen

from Kansas State University in 1945 with a degree in home economics and dietetics. She worked as a dietitian for a number of years and is still consulting dietitian for the Meade District Hospital.

Wm. (Bill) Swearingen was born in Dayton, Ohio, March 5, 1918 to Richard M. and Ethel Wilhelmi Swearingen. He grew up in Ohio and Indiana and came to Manhattan, Kansas in 1943 as an Army Air Cadet. During World War II, he served both in the Pacific and European theaters and was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in France. Dorothy and Bill met at Kansas State and were married on February 12, 1944.

Bill returned to Kansas State University after his army discharge and received his masters degree in agriculture in 1952. He was 4-H Club Agent in Pratt County for three years and then

moved to Liberal as Agency Manager for Farm Bureau Insurance. He retired March 1, 1983 and now works for an independent insurance agency in Liberal.

They have four children: Richard, Sales Director for National Beef, Liberal; Kristi Stein, Guymon, Oklahoma, dental hygienist; Penni, who will graduate June, 1984 as a registered nurse; and Jenni, who will graduate in May, 1984 from Emporia State in Elementary Education. They have five grandchildren, Kerri and Shane Swearingen, Sandi, Darci and Lori Stein.

Submitted by Dorothy Swearingen

GARRY EUGENE TAYLOR

Garry E. Taylor was born May 26, 1912, in Hutchinson, Kansas, eldest son of Clarence T. and Hulda Graves Taylor. In 1919 the family moved to Arlington, Kansas, where Garry attended school, participating in football, basketball and tennis, graduating in 1932.

Velma A. Carder, daughter of Elmer and Katie Sickmon Carder, was born November 1, 1915, in Southern Reno County where she attended elementary country school. She graduated from Arlington High in 1933.

Garry and Velma were married January 3, 1934, and lived in Arlington a year before moving to the Taylor farm near Arlington. They farmed for several years, returning to Arlington when Garry accepted a position with Consumer's Cooperative Association.



Garry and Velma Taylor with their children and grandchildren in 1976. Standing: Barry and Robin with parents Ray and Janet Rose. Nancy and Bill Ritter with Tammy and Doug.

The Taylors have two daughters: Janet Adell, born October 23, 1934, and Nancy Lea, born March 2, 1937. Janet graduated from Arlington High School and married Ray W. Rose of Kismet, Kansas, in 1952. Ray was a teacher, coach and principal in Kansas schools before suffering a fatal heart attack in 1978. Janet, her sons, Barry Ray and Robin Michael, her daughter-in-law, Francine Siemens Rose, and her granddaughter, Kelsey Nicole, reside in Wichita. Garry, Velma and Nancy moved to Ashland in 1953, when Garry became manager of The Ashland Oil Company. Nancy graduated from Ashland High and married William A. Ritter of Ashland, in 1955.

Garry worked for the State Highway Department for ten years before taking early retirement in 1970, due to health problems. Velma worked in the Clark County ASCS Office sixteen years, retiring in 1977. Garry and Velma attend The Church of God.

Submitted by Velma Taylor

GEORGE TAYLOR FAMILY

George and his wife both came to the Ashland area as babies traveling alone with their mothers. George was born April 4,

1884 in Vanceburg, Kentucky, the oldest child and only son of Dr. and Mrs. Whiteman Taylor. He came to Ashland December, 1884.

Inkie was born March 17, 1885 in Louisburg, Kansas and came to Clark County in January, 1886. She was the oldest daughter of the Lot Ravenscrafts. They were married September 6, 1905 thus uniting two highly respected families in the community.

George clerked in some of the local stores and successfully operated a mercantile business for several years.

His main interest was in livestock - particularly horses. He operated the large Ravenscraft ranch for several years and then became the owner of the Simmons ranch south of Bloom to which he moved and where he died.



George Taylor



Inkie Ravenscraft Taylor in her wedding dress.

He devoted a large part of his life to better the quality of horses in the area. Encouraging his purpose, the government loaned him breeding stock of international reputation and he raised horses for the cavalry. From practical experience, he acquired a reputation as a capable veterinarian. Like his father did for people, George would get up in the middle of the night at a neighbor's call and doctor some ailing animal. He died March 2, 1947.

Inkie then moved to Ashland and lived with her mother, caring for her when she became ill. Inkie remained at the home at 219 W. 8th until her death October 6, 1970.

The Taylors had one child, a son, Lot Forman Taylor.

Submitted by Loraine Taylor

LOT FORMAN TAYLOR FAMILY

Lot was born in Ashland, May 23, 1909, the only child of George and Inkie Taylor. He shared his father's interest in livestock and upon graduation from Ashland High School, attended Kansas State University. He received his degree in agriculture in 1931. He and his bride spent two years on the Taylor ranch. He then served as county agent in Chautauqua and Butler counties.

In 1946, Lot joined the Kansas State Extension Department as an extension specialist in Animal Husbandry. He earned his master's degree in 1948 and in 1951 held the rank of professor. He was well known throughout the state and was highly respected in his field. He lived in Manhattan until his untimely death April 9, 1961. He died in his car while returning home from Western Kansas.

Lot and Ruth Taylor, 1932



He married Ruth Irene Smith April 9, 1932. She was born in Mesita, Colorado, February 1, 1912. After graduating from Bartlesville High School, she attended Kansas State where she met Lot. She left college for marriage and returned many years later receiving her B.S. degree in 1959. Her friendliness and generosity won her many friends and she was a capable helpmate to her husband.

In 1965, she returned to the Taylor ranch south of Bloom and lived there alone until 3 months before her death, October 12, 1970.

The Taylors had two children. Mrs. Jay (Katherine) Black, born January 2, 1937, now lives in Orange, Connecticut and has three children. Lot Forman Taylor II was born June 30, 1939.

Family ties have been an important part of his life. He served in the Marine Corps for three years, and was married to Loraine Marie Hoerman, February 14, 1960. He majored in Animal Husbandry at Kansas State and obtained a further degree in Civil Engineering in 1972. He is now owner of Taylor & Associates, an engineering firm in Garden City. He is also a licensed land surveyor. His free time is spent farming at the family ranch south of Bloom. Loraine was born August 2, 1941, in Manhattan. She is a certified Graphoanalyst and enjoys genealogy research and collecting dolls. Lot and Loraine have one child, Kristin Marie, born March 24, 1964, married to Alvin Friesen. The family visits Ashland often for both business and pleasure.

Submitted by Loraine Taylor

DR. WHITEMAN FORMAN TAYLOR FAMILY

Dr. Taylor provided medical attention to the people of Clark County for almost 44 years. He was born in Washington, Kentucky, January 15, 1857. As a little boy, he rode with his grandfather on horseback, calling on the sick in the hills of Kentucky. He worked to put himself through the Kentucky School of Medicine in Louisville.

He began his practice in Vanceburg, Kentucky, where he met and married Tabitha Ella Pugh. Dr. Taylor came to Ashland in the later half of 1884. In December of that year, Ella came bringing their baby son George. August 9, 1885, Jennie was born followed by Anna, March 18, 1889 and Daisy, August 3, 1892.



Dr. and Mrs. Taylor with grandson Lot. Children unidentified.

Dr. Taylor would travel all over the county as well as some adjoining counties and down into what was then Indian Territory to see those who were sick. Ella would accompany her husband on many of his calls. If necessary, she gave the chloroform used in operations and at births would bathe and dress the baby and return each day until the mother was able to do so.

Being a Kentuckian, he loved horses. Regardless of the weather, he would come any hour of the day or night in his buggy with his snappy team.

He was a great reader and kept informed of new medicines and

treatments. He acquired a heart condition and practically had to give up his practice. He died February 10, 1928 while resting in his chair. That morning he had driven to Sitka at someone's urging. Ella followed him in death December 1, 1933.

Submitted by Loraine Taylor

RICHARD THEANDER FAMILY

Richard Theander and Joyce Keasling Theander attended most of their school years in Ashland. They were married August 16, 1953 at Ashland.

Their first home was in Newton, Kansas for a month. Joyce worked as a nurses' aide at Bethel Rest Home and Richard worked at Montgomery Ward mounting tires and seat covers.

They moved to a farm home seven and a half miles southwest of Peabody, Kansas and worked for Louis and Hilda Janzen for three years. Two daughters were born at Newton. Helen Irene was born three months premature (weighed two pounds and four ounces) on July 27, 1954 and lived eight days. Connie Joan (Mrs. John Scammey) of Phoenix, Arizona, arrived September 13, 1955. When Connie was eight months old, they moved to Jim Shaw's six miles southwest of Ashland and lived there for six years.



Joyce and Richard Theander. Larry Keith, Richard Ray, Linda (Mrs. Keith Dreiling) and Connie (Mrs. John Scammey). 1981.

Two more children were born there. Richard Ray was born December 29, 1956. He was the first baby born in the new Ashland District Hospital. Richard is married and lives at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Linda Kay (Mrs. Keith Dreiling) was born November 13, 1959 and lives in Hays.

The Shaws bought the Alvin Mull place and remodeled the house. They moved there in September, 1961 and still live at the same place.

Larry Keith arrived December 30, 1962 to complete our family. He lives in Ashland. The Theanders have been a busy, happy family and have worked for the Shaw Ranch and Feedlot for twenty-seven years.

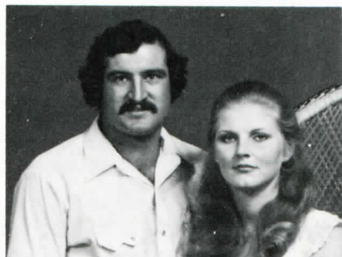
There are three grandsons.

Submitted by Joyce Theander

RICHARD RAY THEANDER FAMILY

Richard was born on December 29, 1956, in Ashland, Kansas, the son of Richard Hans and Joyce Eloise Theander. He was the first baby born in the new Ashland Hospital. He attended kindergarten through the twelfth grade in Ashland. He was active in band, chorus, speech and drama. He graduated with the class of 1975. Shortly after graduation, he moved to Independence, Kansas. While living there, in January, 1976, he joined the army. He had basic training in Fort Dix, New Jersey and he spent the remainder of a three-year enlistment in Darmstadt, Germany. After

his discharge from the service in January, 1979, he enrolled in Diesel Mechanics at Oklahoma State Tech in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He graduated with honors in January, 1981.



Richard Ray and Jeannee Renna Theander, 1982

Jeannee Renna was born June 1, 1959, in Neosho, Missouri, the daughter of Orley William and Helen Louise Martin. During grades one through twelve, she attended schools in Missouri, North Carolina and Oklahoma. She enrolled at Oklahoma State Tech in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in January, 1980. While attending Oklahoma State Tech, she met her husband, Richard. She graduated with an associate degree in legal secretarial science in September, 1981.

Richard and Jeannee were married January 9, 1982, in Ashland, Kansas. They now reside in Oklahoma, where Richard works for Conoco, Inc. in the natural gas industry. They are happily awaiting the birth of their first child around April 8, 1984.

Submitted by Jeannee Theander

WILLIAM THEANDER FAMILY

William and Helen Theander and their three children moved from Marion, Kansas to the Gust Nelson farm six miles southeast of Ashland, May 11, 1944. Our oldest son Richard was nine years old, Dean, eight and Mary was five. William worked for Gust for two years, then he and his brother Mike took over the farm and Gust moved to McPherson. On July 29, 1947 our son, Arlen, was born.

In 1948 Mike and his wife Mary moved to Springfield, Missouri. William and our sons farmed. All of our children attended school in Ashland. All attend the Christian Church.

The land sold where we lived and we moved to town in 1965, to the Elizabeth Norris house, then in September 1967 we bought the Laura Spotts property, on Eleventh and Grant.



Richard, William, Dean, Helen, Mary and Arlen, 1983

All of our family are married. Richard and Joyce live southwest of Ashland on the Jim Shaw Ranch. Dean lives in Costa Mesa, California, and works for McDonnell Douglas at Long Beach. Mary and Gene live in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Mary is a nurse. Arlen and Jeannee live on the Harold Holt farm north of Guymon, Oklahoma.

We have five grandsons and seven granddaughters and four

great grandsons. We have four sons-in-law and three granddaughters-in-law.

The picture was taken in August, 1983, when our family came and made our 50th anniversary a happy occasion.

Submitted by Helen Theander

PAUL F. THIELEN FAMILY

Paul Thielen was born on January 12, 1886 in Kewanee, Illinois. His parents were Paul and Mary Thielen. When Paul was a young man, he came to Sitka, Kansas, joining his father on a farm that he had acquired in a business deal. A few years later, Paul met Celia Gibson, who had come to Kansas from Tennessee. She was working as a cook and waitress at the Sitka Hotel. They were married on September 15, 1916. They were farmers, raising wheat for the most part and cattle and hogs for home use. Celia was a good gardener, using everything that grew and was produced. She canned fruits and vegetables for later use and was a good seamstress, keeping the family in clothes.



Celia and Paul

To this union there were seven children: Emma Cecelia, Mark Oliver, Mary Eleanor, Theodore Douglas, Marjorie Louise, Francis Joseph and Leo Paul.

In June of 1947, Paul sold the farm east of Sitka on Highway 160 and moved to Ashland.



Theodore, Mark, Emma, Francis, Mary, Marjorie and Leo.

Emma Peck lives in Fontana, California and Mary Tucker lives in Clarksville, Maryland. Both are registered nurses. Mark lives in Tucson, Arizona and is a heavy duty mechanic. Theodore and Francis are wheat farmers. Theodore does auto repair services and Francis is a mechanical engineer. Both live in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. Leo lives in Ashland and works for the County. Marjorie lives in Ashland and does odd jobs helping everyone. She stayed at home caring for Mom and Dad until their deaths. Paul died March 3, 1965 and Celia died February 26, 1981.

Submitted by Emma C. Thielen Peck

CLAY AND MINNIE THOMAS

E. Clay Thomas was born in Greenfield, Indiana, May 8, 1883, the son of Eddy and Laura Louella McCray Thomas.

In 1886, Clay moved with his parents, brothers and sisters to Erie, Kansas. After going to barber college, Clay homesteaded with his brothers Albert and Alfred in Ditch Valley, Oklahoma.

In 1906, he moved to Ashland and in a few years he was the successful owner of not one but two barbershops.

In 1924, he married Minnie Belle Osborn. Minnie was born on November 30, 1897 near Nashville, Kansas to James and Magnolia Ann McElvain Osborn.

She attended college at Northwestern State Teachers College, Alva, Oklahoma, and Friends University, Wichita. Minnie taught in several rural schools, including Rosston, Frontier and Willard community in Oklahoma and Riverside school in Clark County.

Clay and Minnie moved to Weslaco, Texas after their marriage and owned a trucking farm for eight years. Their daughter, Laura Earle (Mrs. Glenn Booth) was born there on January 6, 1928.

John Clayton was born July 23, 1932 after their return to Ashland.

They bought a farm two miles north of Ashland that belonged to Clay's parents, and resided there until their retirement to Ashland in 1954.

Minnie grew beautiful roses and Clay operated a small barber shop in the back yard of their home at 121 6th Street.

Clay died May 31, 1965 and Minnie on December 21, 1967.

They exemplified true pioneer spirit. Family, home, hard work, honesty and always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Submitted by Hazel Thomas

RANDY AND JANET THOMPSON

Janet Floyd Thompson and Randy Thompson are both Ashland High School graduates. Janet attended Dodge City Junior College and both she and Randy attended Fort Hays State College.

Janet and Randy were married in 1974 at Ashland United Methodist Church. They have two children, Trevor and Teresa, and own their own home in Liberal.



Janet and Randy Thompson, Teresa and Trevor

They attend St. Paul's Methodist Church there; Janet is Choir Director and pianist for special music.

Randy and Janet own and operate Air Transport, Inc., an Air Charter Service in Liberal. Janet currently does accounting for Godfrey and Hay Chartered, a CPA firm in Liberal.

Submitted by T.W. Floyd

JOHN AND HAZEL THOMAS

John Clayton Thomas was born in Ashland, Kansas on July 23, 1932, the son of Clay and Minnie Osborn Thomas. He went to school in Ashland and then worked for Western Light and Telephone as a lineman.

In 1952, John joined the Army and was stationed in Berlin, Germany until his discharge in October, 1954. On October 22, 1954, at Raton, New Mexico, John married Hazel Virginia Linam of Canon City, Colorado. Hazel was born on May 8, 1935 to

John and Edna Swan Linam.

John and Hazel moved to Ashland after their marriage and took over the operation of the farm and ranch owned by his parents, purchasing it from them in 1956. In 1962, they bought the Red Hills Motel and owned and operated it for seventeen years.

John has worked for the City of Ashland as a power plant operator since 1956 and still works there part time.

Hazel has been the Administrator at Ashland District Hospital since 1978.

John and Hazel enjoy playing golf and bridge and their children, Donald Albert, born October 3, 1957; Jill (Mrs. Scott Eller), born April 15, 1960 and John Clay, born May 17, 1967.

Submitted by Hazel Thomas

ABRAHAM PERRY TILLEY

When the Louisiana Purchase was consummated in 1803, settlers who heretofore had been hesitant about settling in Spanish Territory swarmed into the Kansas area. It was during the late 1800's that the Tilley family moved from Christian County, Illinois into the southwestern area of Kansas.

Abraham Perry Tilley and his wife Amanda Thomas Moore, who were both born in Kentucky, took up housekeeping and raised their eleven children in Christian County, Illinois near the town of Moweaqua. During the rush of settlers into the new unclaimed territory after 1803, the Tilley family moved and settled



Amanda Thomas and Abram Perry Tilley, late 1800's first in Sumner County of south-central Kansas in 1882. They then moved on west to homestead on a farm in the Lexington neighborhood of central Clark County in 1885.

Abraham Perry had become a Masonic order member of Moweaqua, Illinois in 1879 and then an Ashland Masonic Lodge member on February 10, 1896. Both Abraham and Amanda were active in community affairs around the Ashland area.

Most of their children married and moved away from the Ashland area to settle and make lives of their own. However, A.P. and Amanda lived the rest of their lives around Ashland and were buried at the Ashland cemetery.

Submitted by Nema Dunn

ARDEN AND KRISTA TONNE

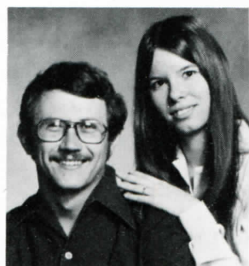
Arden and Krista Tonne are relatively new citizens of Ashland, having lived here for only three years. Krista, not a complete stranger to Ashland, has visited her grandparents, John and Venna Vallentine, many times throughout her life.

Krista Davis was born May 16, 1959 in Lawrence, Kansas to Carol Ruth Vallentine and Kenneth Rust Davis.

Ronald Arden Tonne was born March 5, 1958 in Lincoln, Kansas to Myredith Elder and Ronald Charles Tonne.

Arden and Krista were high school sweethearts. They attended Norton Community High School, where Arden graduated

in 1976 and Krista in 1977. Arden left Norton to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. He majored in agronomy and graduated in 1980 with a BS. Krista also attended Kansas State University and majored in music education. During Krista's spring break last semester, Arden and Krista were married, March 14, 1981. After Krista finished the semester, the Tonnes moved to the Vallentine house in Lexington. They are presently renting farm ground from Venna Vallentine. They are the fifth generation of the Vallentine line to farm in the Lexington community.



Arden and Krista Tonne

The Tonnes are involved in the Church of God, participating on committees, teaching, Vacation Bible School and other various projects.

Besides farming, Arden's interests include building model airplanes, playing trumpet and welding. Krista's interests include gardening, playing flute and singing. Both are actively involved in the Lexington community. Arden is presently on the Community Building Committee and Krista is a member of the Lexington Club.

Submitted by Krista Tonne

CALVIN CLERMONT TOWNER

Calvin Clermont Towner, born in Pike County, Ohio, May 27, 1861, came to Kansas with two uncles in 1873. Mont's parents were William H. and Nancy (McCray) Towner. Mont farmed and engaged in cattle business. In 1910, he built a plant and installed an electric system in the town of Protection, which he later sold to the town. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mont homesteaded in Lexington Township, Clark County and it was here that Mont was first married to Ella Margaret Gilchrist. She died April 10, 1906.

He then married Blanche Leola Denney on January 16, 1908. They have five children: Ruth Evelyn, born August 5, 1910; David Clermont, born October 28, 1911; two sons that died in infancy; and John Glenn, born May 7, 1916. Mont fell victim to tuberculosis and died on his farm, April 30, 1923.

Blanche Leola Denney, daughter of D.B. and Mary (Davenport) Denney was born October 1, 1884 in Sumner County, Kansas. After Mont's death, Blanche and her three children moved back to the Denney homestead where she remained the rest of her life. Blanche was always very active in the church. She taught a Sunday School class for women and worked in the Christian Missionary No. 1. She was a member of P.E.O. and a past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Farm Bureau Unit north of town. Blanche died May 1, 1962.

Submitted by Ruth Towner Melia

SARAH SHREWDER TRACY

Sarah Shrewder (Tracy) was born on January 4, 1932 at Ashland Hospital to Roy Valentine and Dorothy Berryman Shrewder. She attended the Ashland public schools and Brownell Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, and has a B.A. degree from the College of Em-

poria, Emporia, Kansas. In 1955, she married Francis Price Cossman at the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland. She has graduate degrees from Arizona State University, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and is currently doing graduate theological work at the University of Notre Dame.

In 1963 she married the Reverend Paul John Tracy who was born August 8, 1932 in Homedale, Idaho, to Lottie and Walter Frank Tracy. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict and has degrees from the University of Idaho and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.



Timothy, Sarah, Richard and Paul

They have two sons, Richard (1965) and Timothy (1966) who attend schools in Arizona.

Paul is currently a pastor in Indiana and is a candidate for Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. Sarah is the director of education at the Cathedral of St. James and of the Lay School of Theology and Ministry at South Bend, Indiana and will be ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1984. In two years they plan to return to Boise, Idaho to run a retreat and conference center for the Diocese of Idaho.

Submitted by Sarah Shrewder Tracy

JOHN R. TUTTLE FAMILY

John R. Tuttle came to Clark County in 1953 after attending college in Laramie, Wyoming. John is the grandson of John Bell Grieves, who acquired the Snake Creek Ranch. John worked his first summer in Clark County for Raymond Broadie.

On April 2, 1955, John married Kathryn Hall in Topeka, Kansas. Kathryn grew up mainly in Topeka, Kansas, where she attended Washburn University. She worked for several years in St. Louis, Missouri as a service representative for the telephone company before her marriage to John.

After their marriage, John and Kathryn returned to Clark County and began farming and ranching on Snake Creek Ranch which now belonged to John's mother, Cecile H. Tuttle.

The Tuttle's children are: Terrie Tuttle Luckie, John Hall Tuttle and Mark Bell Tuttle.

Terrie was born on March 19, 1956. She attended school in

John R., Kathryn, Terri and Mark Tuttle, 1973



Ashland. She married Mark Luckie of Buffalo, Oklahoma in 1974 and they live on the ranch where Mark is foreman. Terrie worked for several years at the Citizens State Bank in Ashland. They have two sons, Jesse Owen Luckie and Ryan Tuttle Luckie.

John Hall Tuttle was born January 18, 1959. He attended school in Ashland. He graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas in 1981 where he lettered in football for four years and will graduate from Kansas State University Veterinary School in 1985. John married Sheryl Evans in 1979. Sheryl graduated from Southwestern College in 1980 and is working on her Masters Degree in Business at Kansas State University and Washburn University. Sheryl is employed by the State Corporation Commission.

Mark Bell Tuttle was born June 14, 1968. He attends Ashland High School where he will graduate in 1986. His favorite hobbies are his motorcycle and working with computers.

Submitted by Kathryn H. Tuttle

RANDALL AND MARCILE TUCKER

Marcile (Broadie) Tucker, the eldest child of Elmer Broadie and Hallie (Baker) Broadie, was born January 29, 1913, at their farm home southeast of Ashland. Marcile attended elementary school in a rural school north of their home for part of her first year, finished the year at Coldwater, living with her Grandmother Baker. She attended the second grade in Ashland, graduating from Sitka Grade School and Ashland High School in 1931. She received her teaching degree from Fort Hays University, where she met Randall.

Randall Tucker, son of Stephen and Cora (Ingram) Tucker, was born August 28, 1912 at Codell. He graduated from Codell High School and attended Fort Hays University. Marcile and Randall were married August 10, 1933 at Coldwater. They lived on a farm at Codell until 1965 when they moved to Natoma be-



Randall, Marcile, Beverly and Michael

cause of Randall's ill health, where they still reside. Randall spends his time with his hobbies making wood inlay pictures and children's wooden puzzles.

Marcile taught school for 25 years, teaching the first grade in Natoma for 19 years.

The Tucker's children are Beverly and Michael. Beverly was born March 12, 1941 and was married to Jerry Spradling, November 11, 1961. She lives in Parker, Colorado and is manager of six "Mountain Man Nut and Fruit Stores" in the Denver area. They have three children: Traci, Vince and Scott.

Michael was born December 12, 1944 and was married December 13, 1969. He lives at Haley, Idaho and has a daughter, Tori.

Two hundred relatives and friends helped the Tuckers celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary August 10, 1983.

Submitted by Marcile Tucker

IRENE UNRUH FAMILY

Irene Crane Unruh was born January 14, 1931, in the Lexington Community, parents Virgil and Jennie Crane. She attended the Lexington grade school and then graduated from Ashland High School. She then attended the St. Catherine School of Nursing in Garden City, receiving her diploma in nursing and becoming a registered nurse in 1953. She is employed at St. Catherine Hospital as the Associate Director of Maternal Child Nursing. She has worked in the obstetrical unit and nursing administration, recently receiving her 25-year service award.

Her hobbies are arts and crafts. Her family enjoy these hobbies together, attending shows throughout Kansas each year. She also enjoys analyzing handwriting and teaches basic graphoanalysis classes. She is a Certified Graphoanalyst.

She married David Unruh September 18, 1953, and later was divorced. They had four children: Roger, Nancy, Judy and Tom.

Roger, born August 17, 1954, is married to Sandy Rooney and they have two children: Greg, born July 10, 1979, and David, born May 1, 1983. Roger is an electrician and is currently employed at KWKR in Garden City. He also owns and operates a marketing business.

Nancy, born November 23, 1958, is married to Charles Smith and they have three children: Corey, born July 28, 1977; Chad, born February 23, 1980 and Cody, born October 26, 1982. They live in Virgil, Kansas.

Judy, born October 10, 1959, lives in Garden City and is employed at Iowa Beef Processors.

Tom, born August 17, 1963, lives in Garden City and is an electrician by trade.

They are active in the community and attend the Nazarene Church.

Submitted by Irene Unruh

DONALD V. URBAN FAMILY

Donald V. Urban, the oldest child of Victor B. and Mary (Preisner) Urban, was born October 28, 1948 in Ashland, Kansas. Don attended St. Joseph School and Ashland High School, graduating in 1966. Following graduation, he attended Wichita Radio School and in 1968 joined the U.S. Army, serving with the Army Security Agency in Vietnam. After completing his service with the Army, he attended Central Drafting College in Wichita.

Don married Janice Irene Smith, January 5, 1974 in Wichita, Kansas. The daughter of Anfred A. and Vivian (Adams) Smith, Janice was born March 26, 1949 in Pratt, Kansas. She graduated from Cullison High School in 1967 and attended Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. Following graduation in 1971 she attended St. Francis School of Medical Technology, Wichita, Kansas.

Don and Janice have one son, Jess Alois Urban, born February 16, 1979, at Wichita, Kansas. They live in Wichita and are mem-



Janice, Don and Jess Urban, 1982

bers of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Janice was employed as a medical technologist until the birth of their son and is now at home. Don is employed by Boeing Military Aircraft Company as an electrical draftsman.

Submitted by Janice Urban

JACOB A. URBAN FAMILY

Jacob A. Urban, the son of John and Margaret (Schmidt) Urban, was born November 1, 1892, in Kamenka, Russia, one of eight children. Born in Russia, but of German descent, Jacob spent his youth in the small German Catholic village of Kamenka, just south of Saratov, near the Volga River. As a young man, he came to the United States in 1912 with his sister, aunt and uncle. He lived for awhile in Topeka, Kansas, later moving to Loretto, Kansas, working in the harvest fields and his father-in-law's grocery store.

Jacob married Katherine M. Urban, May 22, 1917, in Loretto, Kansas. Katherine, born March 23, 1900, in Pfeifer, Kansas, the daughter of Adam S. and Appolonia (Basgall) Urban, was one of nine children and like her husband, of German-Russian descent.



Katie and Jake Urban, 1950

Katherine's grandfather, Stephen Urban, and great-grandfather, Joseph Urban, were among the first settlers of Pfeifer, Kansas, arriving in the United States November 17, 1877 from Kamenka, Russia.

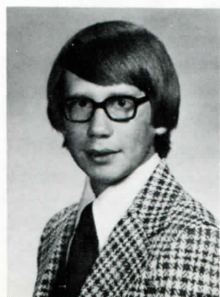
Jacob and Katie moved to Sitka, Kansas from Loretto in April, 1926 and started a grocery store business. Years later in 1942, they moved their store and family of three boys and three girls to Ashland. They operated the store until Jacob's retirement in 1962. The children of Jacob and Katie are Clementine (Mrs. Wilfred Dome), Ashland; Victor, Ashland; Ferdinand, Wichita; Hubert, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Delores (Mrs. John Osborne), Ashland and Mary Jane Clark, Wichita.

The Urbans were members of St. Joseph Catholic Church and active community members. Jacob died November 30, 1964 and Katie died April 16, 1979. Both are buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Janice Urban

JAMES A. URBAN

James A. Urban was born on July 24, 1956 to Victor B. and Mary (Preisner) Urban in Ashland, Kansas. He attended St. Joseph's Parochial School and graduated from Ashland High School in 1974. He attended Ft. Hays University and the Univer-



Jim Urban, 1976

sity of Kansas. He graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering. He is a member of the Kansas Engineering Society and Theta Tau fraternity.

Jim is a professional engineer currently employed by Wilson and Company and lives in Salina, Kansas.

Submitted by Jim Urban

VICTOR B. URBAN FAMILY

Victor Boniface Urban was born December 4, 1919 at Loretta, Kansas to Jacob A. Urban and Katherine Urban. In 1926, at the age of six, he moved with his family to Sitka, Kansas, where his father owned and operated a grocery store. He attended Sitka Parochial and public school, and graduated from Ashland High School in 1940. He served in the Army Air Corps 42 months. Most of his service time was spent in the Caribbean area. After returning from the service he took up construction work, and became an accomplished carpenter and cabinet maker. When his health began to fail, he became an insurance appraiser and finally had to retire in 1967.



Mary and Victor Urban, 1975

In 1947, he married Mary Magdalene Preisner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ashland, Kansas. Mary was born March 21, 1923 to Alois and Anna Preisner in Claflin, Kansas. The family moved to a farm west of Ashland in 1925. Mary attended Ashland public schools and graduated from high school in 1941. The following year, she attended Sacred Heart College. Mary has worked for Home Lumber and Supply Company since 1957.

To this union four children were born: Donald Victor, Mary Ann (Mrs. Stephen J. Severin), Carol Jane (Mrs. Roy A. Bliss), and James Aloysius.

The Urbans are active members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ashland.

Submitted by Mary P. Urban

CLOYD AND DAISY VALLENTINE

The following appeared the *Clark County Clipper* November 6, 1902, "John Cloyd Vallentine and Daisy Fox, both of Lexington, were married last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. These young people were amongst the most popular in the Lexington community where they had lived most of their lives."

Cloyd was born June 12, 1881 in Morgan County, Illinois to John Major and Mary Jane Vallentine.



Daisy and Cloyd Vallentine, 1943

Daisy was born November 27, 1883 at Chelsea, Kansas to Millard and Ida May Fox.

A week after the couple were married, Major and his family moved to Ashland, leaving the young couple the sole occupants of the family farm. After their marriage, Cloyd not only farmed and raised cattle but he did carpenter work in the community. Before moving to Ashland, Major donated the land and had contracted to build the Lexington schoolhouse. Cloyd finished the building in 1903.

Cloyd held various public service offices; serving on the school board, Township Clerk and Treasurer and served as County Commissioner from 1935-1947. Cloyd and Daisy boarded most of the teachers who taught at the Lexington school.

They were Methodists and took an active part. Cloyd served as Treasurer many years and Daisy was a dedicated Sunday School teacher of the primary students. In 1939, Cloyd was one of the major planners and developers of the new Church of God. They both gave a lot of their time and support to this project.

The Vallentines had six children: Jennie May married Virgil Crane; John Fillmore married Venna Wilson; Lenora Anna married Charles Waugh; Thelma Daisy married Ralph Hamilton; Ruth Helen married Merle Pike; Roy Earl married Sue Wallace; the last two children being twins. All were born at the rural home.

On October 1, 1947, Cloyd bought a small home in Ashland and a month later moved from their rural home of 45 years.

Daisy died of cancer August 15, 1949 and Cloyd died May 3, 1966 after a long illness.

Submitted by Venna Vallentine

JOHN AND VENNA VALLENTINE

John Fillmore Vallentine, son of Cloyd and Daisy Vallentine, was born April 6, 1906, in the Lexington community and died March 14, 1979. Venna Eletha Irene Wilson was born February 28, 1910, in Harper County, Oklahoma, to John C. and Mabel Wilson.

John and Venna first met in Ashland but became better acquainted while attending Northwest State College in Alva, Oklahoma. After John's graduation (B.A., 1929), they were married and returned to Lexington to live.

John's first job was teaching at the Denny School (District 41). In 1930, he entered farming and after the end of school in 1931, he made farming his full time occupation. He bought his own farm in 1936. Then in 1969 John purchased land which had been owned by his father and originally homesteaded by his grandfather. His major crop was wheat but beef cattle production was also important.



John and Venna Vallentine

John's leadership role in agricultural production gained him recognition from several organizations: the Kansas Master Farmer Award in 1952 given by Kansas State Extension Service, and the annual Bankers Award in 1955 given by the Soil Conservation Service. Venna was also honored with Kansas Master Farm Homemaker Award given by the Extension Service in 1952.

The Vallentines were both active in 4-H leadership. Venna re-

ceived a pin for 15 years of service.

During their 50 years as members in Kansas Farm Bureau, John served as county president and later as a leader at state level. He received the Leader of the Year Award in the Southwest District in 1959. Venna acted as representative to the State Women's Committee for 19 years. Both attended and enjoys many state and national Farm Bureau meetings and tours.

With an interest in history, John and Venna became charter members of the Clark County Historical Society and Venna is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. John's hobby was antique collecting and many of his items are in the Pioneer Museum in Ashland.

The Vallentines have long been active in church work, starting in the old Lexington Methodist Church, helping build the Lexington Church of God and later supporting the Ashland Church of God.

In 1978, they moved to Ashland.

Their children are John Franklin and Carol Ruth Davis.

Submitted by Carol Vallentine Davis

JOHN FRANKLIN AND BONNIE BLANCHE CLAWSON VALLENTINE

John Franklin (mostly known as Frank in Clark County but as John F. elsewhere) and Bonnie Blanche, both natives of Clark County, met at Ashland High School. He was born in Lexington August 1, 1931, the son of John Fillmore and Venna Eletha Irene (Wilson) Vallentine, was raised in the Lexington community, and attended Dist. U2 School. She was born in Ashland, December 24, 1932, the daughter of George and Letha Ida (Bentley) Clawson, was raised near Acres, but later on a farm in the Ashland suburbs, and attended Ashland Grade School.



Bonnie and John F. Vallentine, 1983

After tying the marital knot one hot summer day (August 10, 1950), the newlyweds attended Kansas State University. From there John continued through college at Utah State University (M.S. degree) and Texas A&M University (Ph.D. degree). With a hitch in the Air Force and faculty positions at Utah State University and University of Nebraska along the way, the Vallentines arrived at Brigham Young University in 1968.

The family now resides in Springville, Utah, where John is a professor of range science at Brigham Young University in nearby Provo. He also is a professional genealogist and local historian, has authored several books on range and ranch management and family history and considers Lexington history a specialty. Bonnie is a practicing housewife and grandmother. They have three children: Dixie Lee (Davis), Cindy (Richins) and John, all married and living in Utah, along with six grandchildren, Melody, Adam, Danny, Ryan, Lacy and Dusty.

Submitted by John F. Vallentine

JOHN MAJOR AND MARY JANE STANDLEY VALLENTINE

John Major Vallentine was born to John C. and Elizabeth

Rentchler Vallentine on October 22, 1856 at Concord, Illinois. He married Mary Jane (Jennie) Standley, daughter of Richard and Rachel Ausmus Standley on December 26, 1878 at her parents' farm near Concord. Jennie was born October 18, 1860, between Concord and Jacksonville, Illinois.

Major and Jennie came to Clark County in 1885 and were among the early pioneer families of the Lexington community. Major was a farmer-stockman, butcher and carpenter. This couple contributed much to the development of Clark County.

They had seven children, the first three born at Concord, Illinois, and the others in Lexington Township: Pearl Irene, born February 20, 1880, married Richard Mackey, died January 15, 1981 at Ashland; John Cloyd, born June 12, 1881, married Daisy Fox, died May 3, 1966 at Ashland; Grace Elton, born November 29, 1883, married (a) Edward Forpahl and (b) Lawrence Williams, died June 24, 1982 at Clearwater, Kansas; Guy Standley,



The John Major Vallentine family. Standing: Bertha, Guy and Edna. Seated: Jennie, Grace, Roy (on ground), Cloyd and Major. About 1898. Missing is oldest daughter Pearl.

born October 19, 1885, married Bertha Bush, died April 21, 1962 at Temple City, California; Edna May, born October 9, 1887, married Shelby Foncannon, died September 25, 1967 at Ashland; Bertha Elmina, born October 9, 1889, married Grover Ellison, died June 10, 1983 at Protection; and Roy Edward, born September 19, 1891, married Nora Sizemore, died February 19, 1949, at Stockton, California.

After seventeen years on their Lexington farm the Vallentines made their home in Ashland. Major died June 21, 1930 and Jennie on June 28, 1938. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery. See memorial pages for a more complete history.

Submitted by Dr. John Franklin Vallentine, adapted by Gloria Howell

J.A. VAN DEUSEN FAMILY

Jessie Arlie Van Deusen was born December 28, 1901, in Hickory County, Missouri to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Deusen. Bessie Quick was a twin born February 11, 1899 at McKeen, Illinois. They were married November 21, 1922 at Buffalo, Oklahoma and lived west of Laverne, Oklahoma with Bessie's grandmother Condit.

They came to Clark County in 1935 and bought the place (which is now his home) from L.C. Felkins in 1936. Arlie worked as a farmhand, ranchhand, and harvester. He also hauled sand, first with a team of horses, and later by pickup. He always scooped each load by hand and I would have challenged anyone to keep up with him.

Arlie and Bessie had no children, but their nieces and nephews loved to go to their house. Uncle Arlie was always ready for a

romp and scuffle. Now great and great-great-nieces and nephews come to visit.

Bessie lost her eyesight and was in the Ashland Nursing Home a number of years before her death October 31, 1972.

Arlie has two sisters. Lenora Emma Felkins, Coldwater, Kansas, and Goldie Ethel Felkins, who was born in the Osage Nation on the Indian Reservation on December 10, 1905.

Submitted by Bessie Lee Bliss

THOMAS H. VAN DEUSEN FAMILY

Thomas H. Van Deusen was born in Illinois on October 6, 1946 and married Mary Sievert March 12, 1901 at her parents' home. Mary was born in Hickory County, Missouri, August 11, 1876.

Since her mother, Lenora Houck, died when she was just three weeks old, Mary had to survive on boiled potato water. Her father, Johann Sievert, came to the United States from Germany and became a naturalized citizen in 1957 in Minnesota. Mary's step-mother, Ellen, was Tom's aunt.

The Van Deusens had three children, Jessie Arlie, Lenora Emma and Goldie Ethel. They lived in the Osage nation and the Cherokee strip before coming to the Oklahoma panhandle where they met the Ed Felkins family. Lenora and Goldie married brothers, Lemro and Ross, of that family.



Lenora, Mary Van Deusen, Arlie Van Deusen, Goldie and Tom Van Deusen

In 1932, they moved to Clark County and lived with Lemro and Lenora before moving to Ashland. In February, 1938, Tom passed away.

Mary loved to knit, crochet, embroider, make quilts and cook. At age 93 she moved to her daughter's home until Lenora's health failed. She then lived at Fountain View Villa. Many friends helped her celebrate her 100th birthday and Lenora's and Lemro's 50th anniversary on August 11, 1976. She enjoyed that day and spoke of the party often.

Mary died October 11, 1976 and is buried beside Tom at the Englewood cemetery.

Submitted by Bessie Lee Bliss

CALVIN BOONE VANDEVEER FAMILY

On March 23, 1915, Calvin Vandever drove his horses, Doll and Bell, down the muddy road south of the railroad tracks to his new farm. He and his wife, Mary Ann, daughter Kathryn, and sons, George and Harry, passed the Hensley farm. Paul Hensley watched the wagon pass by and realized that the new family had arrived in town, but he didn't know then that he would later marry Kathryn.

"Cal" was born June 9, 1870, in Pana, Illinois, son of Aaron and Kathryn Vandever. Mary Ann was born in Roscrea, Ireland, November 22, 1879, the eldest daughter of James and Anna Brooks. She came to America in 1898 to the home of her uncle



Calvin and Mary Ann Vandeveer (right), Kathryn, daughter, husband Paul Hensley (left) and Barbara and Eleanor, granddaughters.

and aunt, John and Emma Hannah, of Lyons, Kansas. Cal and Mary Ann met at the Frank Martins, where Mary Ann was a maid. They were married January 30, 1901. Their children were all born in Hutchinson: Kathryn Louise, September 23, 1902; George Franklin, January 28, 1904; and Harry Brooks, April 16, 1907.

In Hutchinson, Cal was a clerk in the law office of his brother George Vandeveer and brother-in-law, Frank Martin. He passed the bar exam, but, because of ill health, he had to leave the law office. He then worked outside in an orchard owned by the Martins. From 1912 to 1915, the family lived in Pueblo, Colorado, where Cal was a salesman for the Fitz Manufacturing Company and they then moved to Ashland.

After a few years on the farm in Ashland, Cal became a land inspector for the Warren Mortgage Company. This extra job was necessary to support the family. Mary Ann and the children managed the farm.

Cal established the Clark County Farm Bureau on July 4, 1919 and was its first president. He organized the first fair. Farm animals lined the main street of Ashland and were judged by a representative from Kansas State University of Manhattan.



Harry Brooks Vandeveer, Kathryn Vandeveer Hensley, George Franklin Vandeveer, children of Calvin and Mary Ann Vandeveer.

Mary Ann was active in the Farm Bureau Extension Club and taught lessons in gardening. As a girl in Ireland, she learned to do fancy handiwork and embroidery and was a fine seamstress.

In 1929, Cal and Mary Ann retired from the farm and moved to the northwest edge of Ashland. They operated a plant nursery on the small acreage there. During World War II, Cal was employed as a mathematician for the Air Force in Garden City.

Calvin died August 20, 1951, and Mary Ann died November 21, 1951. Kathryn and George are still Ashland residents and Harry lives in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. All three children have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, which is a tribute to the love and devotion of the family.

Submitted by Barbara Hensley Berry

GEORGE VANDEVEER FAMILY

George F. Vandeveer, born January 28, 1904, Hutchinson, Kansas, the second of three children of Calvin Vandeveer, Pana, Illinois, and Mary Brooks, Roscrea County, Tipperary, Ireland. The family lived in Pueblo, Colorado 2½ years before moving to a farm in Clark County March, 1915. He attended the Sunnyvale School and Ashland High School.

He married Nora L. Hoy, Buffalo, Oklahoma, July 24, 1929 at Alva, Oklahoma. Her parents were Charles L. and Martha Kilmer Hoy. Nora was born September 6, 1908 in a sod house on the farm her father homesteaded in 1904 near Willard, Oklahoma, Harper County. She attended Frontier School and graduated from Buffalo High School in 1928. Nora taught the Pioneer School the term of 1928-29. After their wedding trip to Pueblo, Colorado and Pike's Peak, they farmed east of Ashland 3 years.



George Vandeveer family. Twila, Verla, Loretta, Louise, George K., Leland, Nora, George, July, 1979

Their wheat being hailed out, they moved thirteen miles to farm the Robert Nunemacher, Sr. land in Vesta Township. George served on Fairview School Board and some of their children attended there until the bus route to Ashland schools. George was employed by Bud Smee Motors, working in many capacities. They moved to Ashland in 1965 and George was Noxious Weed Director of Clark County, 1967-1972, as assistant Director 1972-82. They are members of the Church of Christ.

Their children are: Twila Croucher, Topeka; Verla Spurlock, Golden, Colorado; Loretta Hemmen, San Antonio, Texas; Louise Spring, Lone Jack, Mo.; George Keith, Olathe, Colorado; and Leland, Indianapolis, Indiana. There are 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

George and Nora's families hosted their 50th wedding anniversary, July, 1979, and plan to be here together July, 1984, for their 55th anniversary.

Submitted by Twila Croucher

LELAND C. VANDEVEER FAMILY

Leland Calvin Vanderveer was born September 24, 1948, in Ashland, Kansas, the 6th child of George and Nora Vanderveer. He attended grades 1-12 at Ashland, graduating in 1966. He then enrolled at the Midwestern School of Evangelism in Ottumwa, Iowa, and on June 6, 1969, married Merna Joy Petersen of Tilden, Nebraska, a college sweetheart. That year they began full time evangelism with the Gateway Singers. Leland received his degree in 1970 and they continued singing until 1972 when they moved to Indiana.

Leland is now employed at General Motors, directs the Mt. Gilead Church Choir and manages the Vanderveer Singers.

The Vanderveers were blessed with three daughters. Pamela, Michelle and Charity Joy. Pam, 13, is an 8th grader and enjoys advanced Vocal Ensemble, Girl Scouts, Church Youth Group

and piano.

Michelle, 10, is a 4th grader and likes piano, Brownie Scouts and softball.



Standing: Michelle, Charity, Leland. Sitting: Pam and Merna

Charity, age 3, is enrolled in pre-school and enjoys her Cabbage Patch doll and life in general.

The family now lives in Indianapolis and is active at Mt. Gilead Church of Christ and singing gospel music in concert and revivals.

Submitted by Leland Vanderveer

LAUREL (KLINGER) AND ROBERT VARTABEDIAN

Laurel Cauthers Klinger-Vartabedian, daughter of Dwight and Catherine (Cauthers) Klinger, was born December 9, 1950 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She attended school in Ashland, received her BSW in social work from the University of Kansas in 1972, her MA in speech communication from Wichita State University and her doctorate in communication from the University of Oklahoma in 1981. From 1974 to 1977 she was a social worker for the State of Kansas. For the past five years she has taught part-time on the university level while completing her education. Currently, she is a full-time member of the faculty at Wichita State University.

Robert Anthony Vartabedian, son of Robert and Nancy Vartabedian, was born August 27, 1952, in Fresno, California. He completed his elementary, secondary and college education in Fresno and came to Wichita in 1977 to pursue his MA degree. He received his doctorate in communication from the University of Oklahoma in 1981, at which time he was a faculty member at East Central Oklahoma State University in Ada, Oklahoma. Presently, he is Director of Forensics at Wichita State University. He is a member of the National Board of Trustees of the American Forensics Association.

Bob and Laurel were married in the Presbyterian Church in Ashland on May 20, 1978. Their first child, Robert Cauthers (Robbie) was born September 5, 1979 in Norman, Oklahoma. Their daughter, Sarah Ellen, arrived August 27, 1982 in Wichita, Kansas.

Although the Vartabedians reside in Wichita, they are proud to be a part of the legacy of Ashland and Clark County.

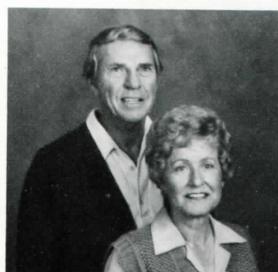
Submitted by Laurel C. Klinger-Vartabedian

LORRAINE AND LLOYD VINCENT

Lloyd and Lorraine Dome Vincent both lived and attended schools in Clark County until 1946. Lorraine Dome, daughter of Dora and George Dome, lived south of Sitka. She attended grade school in Sitka and graduated from Ashland High School in 1940. She was secretary at the Clark County Farm Bureau office for five years.

Lloyd, son of Ralph and Elizabeth Vincent, graduated from

Englewood High School in 1935 and attended Southwestern College in Winfield. He was a State Trooper from 1942 until 1959 and was also in the Military Service in the South Pacific for two years during that time. In 1959, he changed to the United Postal Service and served in management positions in Wichita and San Francisco until his retirement.



Lloyd and Lorraine Vincent, 1983

Lloyd and Lorraine were married during World War II. Their children are Kaye Bock of St. Louis, Mo., who is a Social Psychologist with a Methodist Home for disturbed children. Steven, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice. David is a graduate of the school of Luthiery and is employed at the Wichita Violin Shop.

Upon retirement in 1980, Lloyd and Lorraine returned to the Midwest to make their home in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Their hobbies are bridge, golf, reading and traveling. They enjoy their five grandchildren and are active in St. Bernard Catholic Church.

Submitted by Lorraine Vincent

RALPH AND ELIZABETH VINCENT

Ralph Vincent and Elizabeth Walker were married April 20, 1910 in her parent's home at Alden, Kansas. Both Ralph and Elizabeth were Rice County natives and attended Alden schools. They made their home on his mother's farm, as Ralph had farmed the homestead since his father's illness and death.

Two girls and a boy were born to them. In 1917, they bought land in Clark County near Englewood. Their trek followed Elizabeth's brother and parents, all moving within eighteen months.

Ralph and Elizabeth were active in their new community. They were loyal Methodist church members where Ralph served as a Trustee and Elizabeth taught classes, played the piano and



Elizabeth and Ralph Vincent
50th wedding anniversary

sang in the choir. She also served as president of the Ladies Aid and the Missionary Society. They attended school functions, Farm Bureau and County Republican organizations.

Their children graduated from Englewood High School. Fern Rinehart returned after college and taught in the Englewood schools. Faye LaMunyon and her husband retired in Buffalo, Oklahoma, after owning Western Auto for over 25 years. Lloyd Vincent retired in Bella Vista, Arkansas, after being Safety Director of Post Offices in the San Francisco Region.

They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1960 with an Open House in their daughter's, the Rinehart, home. In 1970, they observed their sixtieth anniversary with a family

dinner at the Hardesty House. Both died in 1973, just four months apart.

Submitted by Fern Rinehart

DOROTHY WORKMAN WAGNER

Dorothy J. Wagner is the seventh child of Ashland's pioneer doctor, Dr. William J. Workman. Dorothy was born in Ashland in 1918, when Dr. Workman, with his fourth wife, Florence, and two-year-old daughter, Wilma, returned to Ashland from Denver to "raise wheat." She attended the country school and graduated from Ashland High School. She moved to Boulder, Colorado, with her sister and mother in 1935, so the sisters could enter the University of Colorado. In Boulder, Wilma married John Grimes and they have one daughter, Suanne Reade. They live in Deming, N.M. Dorothy married Dr. Harold Edwards and they had three daughters and one son. They are Janyce Lauren Andrie, Denver; Martha J. Karnopp, Aurora, Colorado; Nancy A. Brunskill, Laramie, Wyoming; and William J. Edwards, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Dr. Edwards died in 1967. Dorothy is now married to Charles W. Wagner and they are retired living in Wyoming and Sun City, Arizona. They have seven grandchildren.

Submitted by Dorothy Wagner

PAUL R. WAGNER FAMILY

Paul, Gloria and Kevin Wagner came to Ashland, Kansas, July, 1977, where Paul pastors the First Church of God.

Paul was born at Akron, Colorado. Gloria (Ikast) was born at Arlington, South Dakota. They were married at Brookings, South Dakota, August 28, 1947.

Gloria graduated from Nettleton Commercial College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and attended Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana.

Paul graduated from Anderson College and from Anderson Theological Seminary in 1956. He also attended Indiana University. He has pastored all 26 years in Kansas. His pastorates have been in Hill City, Chanute, Palco and McPherson before coming to Ashland.

Kevin attended his junior and senior years in Ashland. He graduated in 1979. He graduated from Colby Community College in 1981 and attended W.S.C. He is employed as a radio announcer and production worker in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Wagners have two daughters. Marcia was born in 1951. She graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1973. She has been an elementary teacher at Smith Center, Kansas ever since.

Standing: Daughter Marcia, son Kevin, son-in-law Larry Prichard and daughter Alesia Prichard. Seated: Jeremy Prichard, Gloria and Paul and Ariane Prichard.



Alesia was born in 1954. She graduated from Bryant Institute. She is a dental assistant in Wichita. Her husband, Larry Prichard, is a junior high teacher and coach in Wichita. They have two children: Jeremy, 4 years old and Ariane, 3 years old.

Besides the church related responsibilities, Paul is a Kiwanian and Gloria is in E.H.U. She is also a part-time secretary.

Submitted by Gloria Wagner

DAVID WAITS FAMILY

David Allan Waits was born September 6, 1953, in Woodward, Oklahoma to Jesse and Ruth Ann Waits. He attended grades 1-9 at Buffalo, Oklahoma. He began his sophomore year at Ashland High School when his parents bought Grimes Homegas, and finished high school there in 1971. After graduation, he attended Bethany Nazarene College, Central State University, and Oklahoma State University. On May 25, 1974, he married Dana Gaye Goodnight in Ashland, Kansas. The daughter of Olis and Shirley Goodnight, she was born March 14, 1955 in Meade, Kansas. She



David, Dana, Matt and Mark Waits, 1983

attended grade school in Englewood and junior and senior highs in Ashland. After graduation in 1973, she attended Fort Hays State University and Oklahoma State University. After their marriage, they moved to the Lexington area to farm and ranch. Their children are Matthew David, born May 10, 1977, and Mark Allan, born March 22, 1979.

In August, 1982, they moved to Bucklin, Kansas where David is employed by Bucklin Tractor and Implement Co. as a tractor and implement salesman. Dana works at Cossell Realty. The Waits family is active in the Free Methodist Church. David is a member of the Lions Club and a City Councilman.

Submitted by Dana Waits

JESSE L. WAITS FAMILY

Jesse L. Waits, born February 3, 1931 at Woodward, Oklahoma, was first child of Montra and Elsie Nixon Waits. He attended first grade at a country school near the family farm. Both grandfathers homesteaded in Harper County, Oklahoma. The family moved to Woodward (1938) where he graduated in 1949. He graduated from Oklahoma State (1957) with a B.S. degree. He earned an M.S. from O.S.U. and taught vocational agriculture for 11 years in Oklahoma.

Ruth Ann Burton, daughter of Claud L. and Marjorie Doyle Burton, born December 17, 1934, at Erick, Oklahoma, grew up in parsonages in Oklahoma. She met Jess at Woodward, Oklahoma where her father was pastor of the Nazarene Church. They were married August 21, 1951.

Three children were born to Jess and Ann Waits: David Allan, born September 6, 1953, at Woodward, Oklahoma, graduated from Ashland High (1971). He attended college three years and

married Dana Gaye Goodnight in 1974. They moved to the Lexington community farm. David managed the farming and cattle operation owned by his father. They have two sons: Matthew (1977) and Mark (1979). The family moved to Bucklin in 1982.

Dana Suzanne, born January 12, 1957 at Stillwater, Oklahoma, attended grades 6-12 at Ashland, graduating in 1975. She graduated from Bethany Nazarene College with a degree in music. She married Robert S. Smith. They have two sons, Chase (1981) and Chad (1983).

Jonathan Lee, born October 3, 1962 at Woodward, Oklahoma, attended grade school in Ashland and graduated from Cimarron High (1981). He married Tami Jones; they are students at Bethany Nazarene College.

In 1968 Jesse Waits bought the George M. Grimes L.P. business in Ashland. The family moved to Ashland and lived at 10th and Cedar until moving to Cimarron, Kansas in 1977. In 1982 they sold the business and moved to the Lexington community farm.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Waits

NATHAN J. AND MARY JANE ROUS WALDEN

Nathan J. Walden was born July 2, 1847, in Switzerland County, Indiana. He was the son of Solomon and Betty Cotton Walden.

On June 9, 1868, he was united in marriage with Mary Jane Rous, daughter of Captain Percy Rous and Mary Cole Rous, in Switzerland County, Indiana. She was born August 21, 1844, in Switzerland County, Indiana.

To this union were born four children: John R., Percy E., Betty B., and Effie P.

The family came to Winfield in April, 1884. In September, 1884, he came to Clark County and located a claim about 6 miles southwest of Ashland, the W½ NE¼ and W½ SE¼ of Section 32, Township 33 South, Range 23 West. He returned to Winfield and on October 27 loaded up his family and possessions, and on November 3, 1884, they camped on their claim, having taken 7 days to make the trip with a team and wagon. The next day he went to Clark City and bought lumber for a house, 12' x 18', which he and his friends built.

After the Ashland townsite had been platted, the Ashland Town Company gave Mr. Walden one lot and he bought another on which he built his blacksmith shop. He continued to live on his claim and either walked or rode horseback to work nearly every day.

The Ashland Town Company gave Mr. Walden two residence lots and he bought two more on the corner of Maple Avenue and 10th Street; and before he made final proof on his claim, he had a 16' by 24' house built, planted a garden and the family moved to Ashland in 1885. This house was the fourth house built in Ashland.

Mr. Walden was on the City Council, also Mayor, and a member of the school board for several years. In 1891, he was elected County Commissioner on the Democrat ticket and served for four years.

In 1896, Mr. Walden sold his blacksmith shop and bought several quarters of land, leased more and engaged in the cattle business.

He was a charter member of the Layfield Odd Fellow Lodge and a member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Walden was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland and also a member of the first club organized, the Em-

broidery Club.

Mr. Walden died May 3, 1906, and Mrs. Walden died January 11, 1912. They were both buried in Highland Cemetery.

Submitted by Sidney and Mary Ellen Dorsey

GEORGE W. AND MARY E. WALKER

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and son Harley came to Clark County in March, 1917, from Rice County. Their son, Elmer, and family moved in 1916 and daughter, Elizabeth Vincent, and family and Frank Walker and family made their family's migration to Clark County complete in 1918.

George and Mary were born in Indiana and Pennsylvania respectively and met and married when both lived in Sedan County. They moved to Rice County where they raised their family.

George, Mary, and Harley lived east of Englewood, recently known as the Rinehart farm, and the others all bought land northwest of Englewood and settled there. George also bought a quarter there. This land is now owned by Harry Walker.



George and Mary Walker, 1922

In 1920, the Walker's oldest daughter, Alberta Knowlton, passed away and their granddaughter, Doris, came to live with them.

One of George's loves was music. As long as he lived he led singing at the church. He and his three sons formed a quartet and they were accompanied by a grandson, Myrl Walker, or their daughter, Elizabeth Vincent. All the immediate family have passed away except the youngest son, Harley Walker, who now lives in Hobbs, New Mexico, and still enjoys singing.

In 1918, the Walkers moved to Englewood and leased their land to one of the sons. George worked for the county driving a team of mules hitched to a grader or drag. He was proud of the culverts he had helped build.

In October, 1922, George died suddenly after emergency surgery performed in their home on the kitchen table. Mary continued to live there until her death in 1949.

Submitted by Doris Knapp and Fern Rinehart

VAL WALKER FAMILY

Val D. Walker was born July 3, 1911 in Alden, Kansas. He moved to Englewood, Kansas, with his parents, Elmer and Florence Walker, in 1916. He attended the Englewood schools, graduating in 1929. After attending Ft. Hays State College for 1½ years, he returned to the home farm northwest of Englewood.

Josephine Marian Burr was born August 15, 1908 to William and Georgia Burr in Galena, Kansas. She attended Galena schools, graduating in 1926. She attended Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas three years and one summer. She taught high school music two years in Mullinville, and grade and high school music two years in Englewood, where she met Val. They were married July 20, 1932, in Galena.

Their four children were born in the Ashland Hospital. Martha Sue, born September 20, 1937, married Kenneth Kibbe, Randall,

Kansas; children, Jay, Lisa, and Kale, home, Houston, Texas.

Dale Burr, born November 11, 1940 (died January 2, 1984) married Nadine Larrick, Ashland; children, Doug and Joe; home, Wahoo, Nebraska.

Harry Owen, born October 16, 1942, married Joyce Lindsey, Stockton, Kansas; children, Rick, Teri and Stan; home, farm northwest of Englewood.



Val Walker family in 1978. Back: Dale, Harry and Jerry. Front: Sue, Val, Jo and Chuck.

Jerry Allen, born October 16, 1942, married Sharen Bohall, Englewood; children, Jolea and Darby; home, Montrose, Colorado.

In 1960, a nephew, Frank (Chuck) Layman, 14 years of age, came to live with Val and Jo. He graduated from Englewood High School, married Julia Isenbart, Englewood; children, Jill and Valerie; home, Silver Lake, Kansas.

Val retired from farming in 1978. He and Jo moved to Ashland in 1981, after 40 years on the farm. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 20, 1982, with all their family at home.

Submitted by Val Walker

ZEARL AND MADA WALKER

In 1977 Zearl and Mada Walker moved to Ashland after purchasing the local department store.

Zearl Dwain Walker, third son of Floyd and Lillian Fletcher Walker, was born in Butler, Oklahoma. He grew up on the family farm and ranch near Butler. Zearl received his bachelor's degree from Southwestern State University at Weatherford, Oklahoma, graduating with majors in English and Elementary Education and a minor in French. He did his graduate work at Fort Hays State and Emporia State Universities.

Mada Norene Cronin was born in Garden City, Kansas to Floyd and Thelma Rundell Cronin. Mada's father was a farmer-stockman and her mother taught in elementary schools. They reared Mada, her four brothers and sister on their farm five miles south of Pierceville. Mada graduated from Fort Hays State University with emphasis on home economics, psychology and library administration.

Zearl and Mada began their married life in Johnson, Kansas, where they met during their first year of teaching.

In 1966 the Walkers moved to Protection where they lived for eleven years before moving to Ashland. There Mada taught eight



Zearl and Mada Walker, 1983

years in the high school and Zearl taught in the junior high school for fifteen years, during the last part serving as assistant principal. In addition to their teaching duties, they also had a thriving business in interior design and custom drapery. Zearl spent several summers renovating houses for re-sale.

The Walkers are active members of the United Methodist Church. Mada has worked in Pride and served as president of Ashland Chamber of Commerce. They were both involved in the building of the Ashland Library with Mada being a board member and Zearl serving on the building committee. Mada is presently president of the Library Board and Zearl is a member of the Ashland City Council.

Submitted by Mada Walker

CHARLES AUGUSTINE WALLINGFORD

Charles Augustine Wallingford was born in Tolesboro, Kentucky, October 15, 1871, next to the oldest of ten children of Webster Napoleon and Mary Keren (Pugh) Wallingford.

In October, 1884, the family left Tolesboro, on the steamboat LaBelle, for Cincinnati, Ohio. From Cincinnati, they went by train to Winfield, Kansas, where they spent the winter with Charles' grandfather, Samuel B. Pugh.

In January, 1885, Webster Wallingford, with Samuel and John Pugh, left Winfield by covered wagon for Western Kansas to stake out their claims and build houses for their families. The Webster Wallingford claim was located twelve miles southwest of Ashland, on land that is now part of the Roy Duvall farm.

The first home was a 14' by 16' shanty, which was later pulled over a basement. This served adequately during the blizzard of 1886. As crop failures grew more frequent, and the needs of the growing family became greater, they moved to Ashland in the fall of 1890, to the house that yet stands at 705 Highland.

In 1899, Charles started a grain and feed business just south of the home, at the corner of Eighth and Highland, where the Stein dental office now stands. As the business grew, Charles took his brothers into what became Wallingford Brothers. They engaged in farming and cattle raising. Charles operated a Dodge car agency on the opposite corner of the same intersection. Early in the 1900's, Charles, as the senior member of the firm, was a prominent figure in the export of wheat and caneseed to European markets through their offices in Wichita, Galveston, New Orleans and New York. They also dealt in broomcorn, which was freighted to Ashland from a wide area in the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles. Charles took an active part in civic affairs. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, was mayor of Ashland, and served on the schoolboard.



Charles Augustine and Mabel Finrock Wallingford

In later years, Wallingford Brothers dissolved and some of the brothers went into business for themselves in other cities. Charles remained, and for many years operated grain elevators at Ashland, Sitka and Acres, Kansas, and Buffalo, Oklahoma. He per-

sonally managed the business until poor health forced him from active management in 1954. His death followed on August 15, 1955, at age 83. The business continued under family management until 1976, when it was sold.

Charles was married June 11, 1902 to Mary Louise Wright, who died February 24, 1914. They had no children, but they adopted Harold and Mildred Mayse, brother and sister, nephew and niece of Mary Wright.

April 16, 1916, Charles married Ruth Naomi Keller in Wichita. They had three children, Mary (Mrs. L.B. Root), born May 14, 1917; Betty Ruth (Mrs. Clyde Sowers), born February 15, 1919; and Nancy Patricia (Mrs. Merle Closson), born February 11, 1920. In February, 1920, Ruth became gravely ill with influenza and other complications. Miss Mable Finrock, a nurse, was brought out from Wichita to care for Mrs. Wallingford, but she died February 13, 1920, two days after giving birth to Nancy.

Miss Finrock stayed on to care for the children, but after two years, decided to return to her family home in Virginia. Charles realized that was not what he wanted, so he boarded the next train, meeting her in St. Joseph, Missouri, where they were married June 12, 1922.

Mabel was an extremely capable business woman, a fine homemaker, a very loving and caring mother, a wonderful helpmate through good times and bad. One of her hobbies was raising flowers which grew into a thriving business. Like everything she touched, she made something beautiful of it, whether it was sewing, cooking, raising flowers or homemaking. Mabel died June 2, 1975, at age 91.

Both Charles and Mabel were self-educated. Charles finished the fifth grade, but they both read widely, and there were few subjects they could not discuss intelligently. Both were true Christians in every sense of the word. They lived the Ten Commandments. One of their favorite Bible verses was "What doth the Lord require of thee but to love mercy, to do justly and to walk humbly with thy God." They did just that.

Submitted by Nancy Closson and Mary Root

EARLE G. WALLINGFORD FAMILY

Earle was the ninth child of W.N. and Mary Karen Wallingford, and their first born in Kansas. He was born on a homestead west of Ashland.

In 1890, the family moved to Ashland and Earle grew to manhood there. After attending Southwestern College at Winfield, he went to work for his brother, Charles, in the grain-feed-and coal business. He married Maude Fuller of Garnett, Kansas in 1912. They had two children: Mary Nolene in 1913 and Earle, Jr. in 1915.

In 1922, Earle and family moved to Kansas City where he became a member of the Board of Trade. He was actively engaged in the grain business until his death in 1953.

First grade class, Ashland, Kansas in 1921.



He became well known, well liked and respected by his peers for his knowledge of his trade. This was confirmed by the *Kansas City Star* in his eulogy.

He is survived by his wife, Maude, and daughter, Nolene Neal, of Kingswood Manor, Kansas City, and his son, Earle, Jr. of Olathe, Kansas, who graduated from K.U. and U.M.K.C. Law School. He married Claire Louise Connelly of Caney, Kansas in 1939. They have four sons and ten grandchildren. Earle, Jr. was in the grain and other businesses until health problems required semi-retirement in the middle seventies. He now spends half his time in Olathe and the other half in Southwest Florida.

Submitted by Earle G. Wallingford, Jr.

ELMER AND MYRTLE HANKINS WALLINGFORD

In 1883, Webster Napoleon Wallingford and his wife, Mary K., moved their family from Kentucky to Winfield, Kansas by railroad. After spending the winter there, they purchased two covered wagons and in 1884 moved to the Ashland area, where they settled on a claim. Elmer was 9 years old at this time. When he was in the fifth grade, he and his older brother, Charles, quit school to herd sheep and support the family.

Myrtle Hankins came to Ashland from her home in Illinois to visit her sister, Della, the wife of Homer Gleckler, the Metho-



This picture was taken on the steps of the Elmer Wallingford home in 1934 just before the family left Ashland. Front row: Eldon, Keith, Paul, C.A. (Deb), Myrtle and Elmer. Back: Ralph, Opal, Mona and Marguerite.

dist minister. While there, she became acquainted with Elmer Wallingford. After her return to Illinois, Elmer wrote to her asking that she meet him in Kansas City, the purpose, marriage.

They were married in 1901 and established their home in Ashland, where they raised their family of five boys and three girls, Ralph, Eldon, Marguerite, Charles A. (Deb), Opal, Mona, Paul and Keith.

Elmer was active in farming and in the early years was associated with his brother Charles in the grain, coal and feed business.

Submitted by Paul Wallingford

HERBERT MARK WALLINGFORD

Herbert Mark Wallingford was born October 31, 1903 in Ashland, Kansas, to Mark and Lillian Wallingford. His mother's maiden name was Brown. He had two younger sisters. Lucille died in 1983. Helen died of polio in 1933 in Los Angeles.

He attended Ashland schools and Kansas State University. On June 7, 1924, he married Edna Pearl Abell at the bride's home in Ashland. He and Edna lived in Ashland until the birth of their only child Janice Lee, April 17, 1925. They moved to Dodge City, but discouraged by the drought and duststorms, moved to California.

The Wallingfords settled in Santa Ana, a retirement area, near the Harold Grimes family, formerly of Ashland. Here, people

were raising oranges for pleasure. This changed during World War II, when Marines and the Army Air Corp were stationed there. Santa Ana is in Orange County, the wealthiest county in the United States. Janice graduated from Stanford University with a nursing degree. She married and quickly gave Herbert four grandchildren. Two of these grandchildren have given him three great-grandchildren. All live locally except for Sarah Wilson Busby, who resides in Santa Barbara.



Herbert Mark Wallingford

Herbert has been active in Kiwanis, Masonic Lodge and Presbyterian Church. He was a stockbroker for E.F. Hutton, until his retirement after a stroke in 1983. His wife Edna passed away in December, 1982, with cancer.

He lives at the family home in Santa Ana with his daughter Janice. Please visit them when in the area.

Submitted by Janice Lee Wallingford

SAMUEL PUGH WALLINGFORD

Samuel Pugh Wallingford was born in Kentucky on August 10, 1884, shortly before the family moved to Kansas. He attended school in Ashland, then taught in northern Clark County for \$35 a month. While he was still in school he worked running the town herd for \$1 per month per cow. He earned more than his father did who was working in Ben Stephen's store. He also worked for the farmers and cattlemen when he was 15 for 50 cents a day working from sunup to sundown. One winter he clerked in the general store and sold eggs at 5 cents a dozen, frying-size chickens at 15 cents, each, or two for 25 cents, overalls were 35 cents a pair, and shoes were \$2 to \$2.50 a pair. His first "store-bought" suit was purchased after he was able to save \$12.

He worked his way through Southwestern College at Winfield by doing janitor work at the college and singing with the college male quartet. He had often said, "My early training in these times of hardship I count on now as one of my richest blessings, and a heritage that cannot be equalled in our present generation."

He married Miss Gertrude Messenger, a music teacher at Southwestern. They had two children, Frederick Messenger and Molly Katrina (Ettlinger) of Pomona, New York. Fred lost his life at the beginning of World War II.

Sam was President of the Sam P. Wallingford Grain Corporation in Wichita. He was known for his many philanthropies. His ability as a fund raiser was known far and wide. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and belonged to many civic organizations, often serving on their boards. Especially was he interested in the YMCA and the Salvation Army. He died on November 17, 1968.

All of Webster Napoleon Wallingford's family are now deceased. If they were still alive one cannot help but wonder what tales they could tell for the "Ashland History Book."

Submitted by Mary W. Root

WEBSTER NAPOLEON WALLINGFORD

It was in October, 1884, that Webster Napoleon Wallingford,

his wife, Mary Keren (Pugh), and their six children, Charles, Martha (Matti), Elmer, Mark, Ella and Sam, left Tollesboro, Kentucky, to begin their long trip to Winfield, Kansas, first by boat to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then by train to Winfield, Kansas. Webster had heard that Kansas was known as the Golden West, the Land of Opportunity. He had fought in the Civil War, and was considered to be a gentleman of means for that time (he had \$10,000 in cash, a general store and he owned slaves although he had fought to free the slaves). The Confederates called such Southerners "Cheap Black Republicans" and they were not too popular with most of their neighbors.

When they arrived in Winfield, Webster left his family there for the winter and after purchasing a covered wagon and a team of mules, he and two relatives moved on west to prove up claims twelve miles southwest of Ashland. He built a four-room house with a basement under one end which was used as a bedroom. His income from a pension was approximately \$19 a month. He freighted with his team of mules from Ashland to Englewood, and hauled lumber from Dodge City to Ashland. The family gathered Buffalo bones which he hauled to Dodge City and sold for \$8 a ton.



Webster Napoleon Wallingford

Two more children (Earle and Emma) were born in Clark County. As the children finished school, they supplemented the family income by teaching in the schools of Clark County.

According to a letter written by Sam Wallingford, Charles was the "real human dynamo" which kept the family going. He did a great deal of hunting for wild game for food. He worked in a brick yard in Ashland for 50 cents a day. All of the money he earned went for the family's support. They lived largely on salt pork, beans, flour and the game Charles brought in from his hunting expeditions. The family moved to Ashland in 1890.

Sometime before the turn of the century, Charles, along with his brothers, opened the Wallingford Brothers Grain and Feed Company. In its most prosperous days the company had offices in Wichita, Kansas City and Galveston. It was a very successful business, but, as with many others in the Crash of 1929, things became very difficult, and with the huge dust storms which plagued the area during the '30's, life again was quite a struggle for everyone.

Submitted by Mary W. Root

JAMES WASHBURN FAMILY

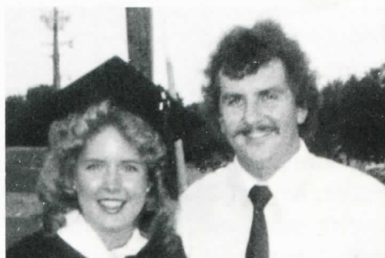
Elizabeth Ann Carter, daughter of Lonnie and Floretta Carter, was born May 10, 1961, in Clovis, New Mexico, and moved to Ashland with her family in 1972 where she attended the sixth grade in Mrs. Fern Reinhart's class. She completed grades 6-12 in the Ashland school system, graduating in 1979, whereupon she enrolled at Southwestern University in Weatherford, Oklahoma with an academic scholarship. She majored in elementary education and graduated from Southwestern in July, 1983.

During Elizabeth's college years, she met her husband, James Lenard Washburn. James was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma on March 14, 1959 to Jim and Barbara Washburn. James majored

in accounting with a minor in finance at Southwestern and graduated in May, 1982.

James and Elizabeth were married in Midland, Texas on July 19, 1982. James was employed by Breckenridge & Parker, C.P.A. firm. A move back to Oklahoma was necessary for Elizabeth to finish her bachelor's degree at Weatherford, Oklahoma. James went to work for the Oklahoma State Auditor's office.

Elizabeth and Jimmy Washburn,
1983



Since completing her degree, Elizabeth is working for the Velma-Alma Elementary School in Velma, Oklahoma, teaching the fifth grade. The couple moved to Duncan, Oklahoma where they now reside and are expecting their first child in July.

Submitted by Elizabeth Washburn

FRANZ AND ANNA SCHECK WASINGER

Franz and Anna came to the United States with their families from Herzog, Russia, on the ship S.S. Mosel, passenger numbers 562 and 141, in 1876. The Wasinger family homesteaded land 3½ miles north of Victoria, Kansas. The Schecks homesteaded land 3 miles north of Walker, Kansas.

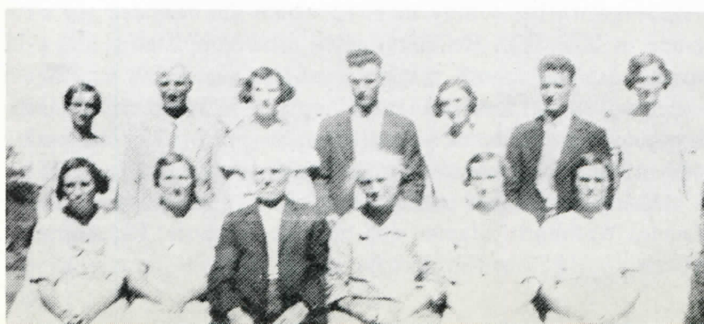
Franz and Anna were married on November 29, 1889, in St. Fedelis Church in Victoria, Kansas. They began farming on land located 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Victoria, Kansas. To this union were born 13 children: Joseph, Frank, Anna, Euphrosina, Ida, Adolphina, Ottilia, John, Catherine, Adelheide, Willibald, Agidia, and Frank. Frank, son number two, was killed by lightning in 1903 and Frank, the youngest, died in childbirth.

Anna and Franz
Wasinger



In 1916, they sold their land in Ellis County and purchased 640 acres 3 miles north of Sitka, Kansas. They retired and moved to a residence in Sitka, Kansas, in 1934. They turned the farming interest over to their son, Bill Wasinger, which is presently owned

Franz and Anna Wasinger family, 1933. Front: Adolphina Stegman, Euphrosina Graf, Frank Wasinger, Anna (Scheck) Wasinger, Anna Windholz, Ida Haberkorn. Back: Katie Breit, Joseph F. Wasinger, Agidia Wasinger, Bill Wasinger, Tillie Edwards, John Wasinger and Alice Breit.



by Mr. Bill Dome. In 1980, the house in Sitka was the only residence structure still standing on the west side of Highway 183. It was the original structure of the "Old Weigh Station," which burned in 1981.

After the death of Franz on November 5, 1938, Joe and Alice Briet moved in with Anna, affectionately called "Grandma" by all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren. Before her death on September 22, 1955, a 5 generation picture was made.

Franz and Anna were both members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church of Sitka, Kansas, and both are buried at St. Joseph Cemetery at Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Myrel J. Rich

FRANK AND KATHERINE SCHREINER WASINGER

Frank Wasinger and Katherine Schreiner Wasinger were married in the St. Mary's Catholic Church at Sitka, Kansas, April 30, 1934.

Frank was born November 22, 1907 at Victoria, Kansas. His parents were Peter J. Wasinger and Ann Copp Wasinger. They moved from Victoria to Clark County in 1916. There were nine children in the family. Frank attended school in Victoria and the Sitka area. He was a farmer until he retired and moved to Ashland in 1976.



Katherine and Frank Wasinger, 1980

Katherine Schreiner Wasinger was born at St. Peter, Kansas, April 5, 1912. Her parents were Frank Schreiner and Philomena Dreiling Schreiner. Katherine attended school at St. Peter, Tribune and Gorham, Kansas.

Frank and Katherine have two children, Richard Wasinger was born November 22, 1932 at Sitka. He attended school at Sitka and Ashland. He is now farming the home place after his parents retired.

Carolyn Wasinger was born March 13, 1952 at Dodge City. She attended school at Ashland and Hutchinson. She now lives in Hutchinson and is employed by International Homes.

Submitted by Mrs. Frank Wasinger

OTIS WATSON FAMILY

Otis and Aladine Watson have lived at Ashland most of their lives. Both were born at Ashland and attended Ashland schools. Otis was born August 14, 1925 and Aladine was born October 24, 1928. They were united in marriage at Protection, Kansas on June 30, 1946.

Otis served 31 months in U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Philippine Islands.

Otis and Aladine are both employed by USD No. 220. They have combined total of 37 years, working as custodian and cook.

The Watson children were all born at Ashland and attended Ashland schools. Melvin was born August 3, 1948. He served 4 years in U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Hancock during the Viet-

nam conflict. He lives at Ensign, Kansas with wife, Linda, and two sons, Rocky and Travis. Ronald was born June 28, 1951. After high school he attended Northwest Kansas Area Vo-Tech school for 2 years in communication technology. He lives at Spearville, Kansas with wife, Mary Jo, and three children, Jenni-



Otis Watson family, 1970. Otis, Aladine, Janeice, Ronald and Melvin fer, Curtis and Mitchel. Janeice was born February 23, 1954 and after high school attended 4 years at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas. She lives at Frankfort, Kansas with her husband, Paul Cullimore, and son, Zachary.

Otis and Aladine are motorcycle enthusiasts, having toured many miles by cycle. They plan to tour now on their three-wheeled cycle which Otis designed and built himself.

Submitted by Aladine Watson

DON WATTS FAMILY

Don Watts was born March 25, 1938 in Selman, Oklahoma. He graduated from Buffalo High School in 1957. His hobbies are woodworking, welding and working with horses.

Margaret Logan was born May 11, 1942 in Ashland, Kansas. She grew up in Buffalo, Oklahoma where she attended grades 1-11. She went back to school in 1978 and received her diploma. She enjoys crafts of all kinds and sewing.

Margaret and Don were married June 11, 1959 in Buffalo, Oklahoma and their children are Darletta, Debbie, Dennis, and Danette.

Darletta was born November 15, 1959 in Mooreland, Oklahoma. She attended grades 2-12 in Ashland, graduating in 1978. She is employed at Fountain View Villa.

Debbie was born December 18, 1962 in Buffalo, Oklahoma. She attended school in Ashland graduating with the Class of 1981. She married Jay Trahern in August, 1982. Jay is an A.H.S. graduate. He is employed with Mishlers Service Center, while Debbie is employed at the Ashland Co-op.

Dennis was born February 6, 1964 in Buffalo, Oklahoma. Dennis received his education in the Ashland school system. Dennis married Lynn Mason in July, 1983. Lynn is the daughter

The Watts family in 1984. Dennis, Lynn, Debbie, Jay. Seated: Don, Margaret, Darletta, Danette.



of Pat and Mary Jo Mason. Dennis' main interest is horses.

Danette was an after thought, she was born January 9, 1982 in Coldwater, Kansas. She loves horses and being outside.

The Watts family moved to Ashland in 1967. Don was employed by James Bisel for one year, then went to work for the Clark County Highway Department where he worked for eleven years. He has worked for Oliver Shupe since 1979.

Submitted by Debbie Trahern

EDGAR AND MARY WATTS

For years, Edgar and Mary Watts moved frequently, following the work of his trade, that of harness maker. Finally though in July of 1916, the Watts, with their two children, Lucile, born April 23, 1902, in Yates Center, and Horace, born July 3, 1904, in the same town, moved to Ashland, Kansas, where Edgar worked at driving the ice wagon for the Culp brothers who were relatives of his. Lucile, now Mrs. Charles E. Greene, Jr., remembers the ice wagon as one with a low bed, drawn by a horse that was trained to stand while deliveries were made.

In 1918, Edgar bought the Gem Cafe which stood on the corner north of the present Jack and Jill store. He owned and operated this cafe at various times over the next twelve years, finally selling it for health reasons. There was no air conditioner, a coal stove was used to cook with winter and summer. During harvest, the cafe seldom closed before midnight. Lucile remembers of two times when a train brought 100 farm workers into Minneola out of Kansas City after midnight. The workers had had no evening meal; so, the Watts family opened the cafe, rousted the grocer and the butcher and fed the hungry hired hands.

The Watts had the first Ford sedan in Ashland, around 1919 or 1920. Lucile recalls her father also working at the McNickle Ford Agency as well as doing trucking for the Culp. His last employment lasted until cancer struck him six months before his death in August of 1950 at the age of 76 years.

Mary Watts was a dearly beloved grandmother and a seamstress much in demand. There were no ready-made clothes for women in local stores. Even when some were stocked, they generally had to be altered, noted Lucile, so Mary's skills were always much needed. She died in August of 1964. Also deceased is Horace Watts, who married Leda Mae Mitchell of Ashland in 1922. For 49 years, Horace was an insurance salesman in Pueblo, Colorado. His widow still resides there. Their only son, Paul Kent, lives in Denver.

Lucile Watts attended six schools before moving to Ashland in 1916. She began high school in the old high school (this was in the top story of the old grade school and consisted of a large study hall in which each class was segregated from the other, and three classrooms). Her class started with fifteen students but

Will Culp, Flora Culp and Edgar Watts



graduated 19 in 1920. She remembers there were three families with two or more members in her high school class. This was because farm families waited until the youngest child was of high school age and then sent them all at once, to board in town. During World War I many boys went to work on farms and never returned to finish their education, she recalls. She also remembers one particularly grave incident when she and several others in the school were expelled for dancing at a party held in the home of one of the students. To their disappointment, however, by one o'clock of the same day, their irate parents had succeeded in getting them reinstated. Lucile's class was the first sophomore class in the new high school (the one abandoned in 1966) and her daughter, Margaret, was in the last class to graduate from that building.

In 1922, Lucile married Pierre Pechin. Two children were born to them, Mary Joan, in Wichita in 1923, and Harold in Ashland in 1925, before their separation. Mary Joan is married to Lloyd Stewart of Pratt. They have three children and reside in Abilene, Texas. Harold, who passed away in May, 1968, married Lavonne Turner, a former Ashland Grade School vocal music teacher, formerly of Alva, Oklahoma. Lavonne still lives in Evansville, Indiana, as do several of their five children.

Submitted by Priscilla Greene

KEITH WAUGH FAMILY

Keith Waugh was born February 28, 1948 and lived the first 20 years of his life on a farm southwest of Ashland. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1966 and went to college for two years at Northwestern State College in Alva, Oklahoma. In December of 1968, Keith was inducted into the army and was stationed in Germany for 21 months of his tour. Upon his return home, Keith went back to college and graduated with a degree in Agri-Business. Soon after graduation he worked as a foreman on a ranch in Alva until being employed with the Haskell County ASCS, Sublette, Kansas, as office manager.

Caroline Lea Torrance, daughter of Hale and Lois Torrance, was born February 3, 1948. She was raised on a farm northwest of Buffalo, Oklahoma where she attended school, graduating in 1966. She majored in business at Northwest Oklahoma State University at Alva, Oklahoma, where she met Keith. They were married August 23, 1968. Caroline is now working as a legal secretary.

Keith and Caroline have three children, Brian Keith, Dawnelle Renee, and Dannette Lee. Brian was born June 21, 1970 in Stuttgart, Germany and was 9 months old when he returned to the United States with his parents. Dawnelle was born October 2, 1973 and Dannette was born November 6, 1974 in Alva, Oklahoma.

The Keith Waugh family is now at home on a small farm six miles east of Sublette, Kansas where they are actively involved in 4-H work with their children as well as their small sheep operation.

Submitted by Keith Waugh

MELVIN WAUGH FAMILY

Melvin Waugh was born February 8, 1910, Paruna, Oklahoma. He was the oldest son of Perry and Mabel (Wise) Waugh. He attended school at Willard, Oklahoma. In 1926 the family moved to Ashland.

Margaret L. Dielman was born March 23, 1913, Galva, Kansas. Her family moved to Ashland in 1914. She attended Sunny Vale

Country School and graduated from Ashland High in 1931. She graduated from the Dodge City Beauty School and opened the Belts Beauty Shop.

May 1, 1932 she married Melvin Waugh and moved to Buffalo, Oklahoma, for a short time, then moved to Rogers, Arkansas. There she opened a beauty shop in her home. Melvin worked at the Border Motor Company until 1943 when they moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he worked at the Douglas Aircraft until after the war was over, then moved back to Ashland and lived on her father's farm. Besides farming, Melvin did custom harvesting for a number of years until his health failed, then they moved into Ashland, 1975.



Back row: Duane, Keith and Carolyn. Front: Reta Mae, Melvin and Margaret.

They had four children, Reta Mae, born March 2, 1936; Carolyn, born September 13, 1937; Duane, born May 15, 1943; Keith, born February 28, 1948. Melvin and Margaret were active in the Methodist Church and 4-H Club work. They helped organize the Acres 4-H Club and were leaders for a number of years.

Melvin passed away April 5, 1977 after a long illness. Margaret continues to operate her shop, called Margaret's Beauty Nook.

All four of their children graduated from Ashland High.

Submitted by Margaret Dielman Waugh Knight

BOB WEBB FAMILY

Anna Crane Webb was born in Sitka Township, Clark County, March 7, 1915, to Raymond and Estella Fox Crane. Anna was the first child of ten children. Anna attended Sitka and Lexington schools. Besides raising a family, Anna worked at various stores in Ashland, the telephone office and Ashland District Hospital. Anna's hobbies are gardening, crafts and sewing.

February 27, 1933, Anna married Miller Ritter. Miller was a mechanic. To this union were born five children: Delores Jean, William Aaron, Wanda Marie, John Raymond and Warren Miller.



Anna and Bob Webb, 1974

Miller Perryman Ritter was born September 3, 1904 at Springfield, Mo. and died August 6, 1969.

Anna married Robert B. Webb September 16, 1955. Robert was born July 12, 1906 at Mobeetie, Texas. Their children are David Andrew and Donna JoAnn. Bob worked for Grimes Homegas and the City of Ashland.

Bob and Anna reside at 923 Maple Street and are members of The Church of God.

Submitted by Martha Crane

DAVID WEBB FAMILY

David and Linda Webb and their children, Steven, Jennifer and Patrick, now make their home in Cheyenne, Wyoming. David is employed as a criminal investigator for the U.S. Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Linda is employed as an elementary school teacher for the Laramie County school system.

David L. Webb was born on November 24, 1942 in Ashland, the son of Dave and Ruthelma Webb. He attended school in Ashland, graduating in 1960. David spent three years in the United States Marine Corps after graduation, and then took a job as a Federal Meat Inspector in Detroit, Michigan. David later took a position with the United States Secret Service as a uniformed officer and was stationed at the White House for five years. In 1974, he graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., and in 1975, he transferred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.



Dave, Linda, Steven, Jennifer
and Patrick, 1984

Linda Budensiek Webb was born on January 26, 1944 in Red Wing, Minnesota. Linda attended school in Mageppa, Minnesota and graduated in 1962. Linda attended Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, graduating in 1966 with a degree in elementary education. Linda has taught school in Michigan, Minnesota, Virginia and Wyoming.

Steven Webb was born in Red Wing, Minnesota, on July 7, 1970, and is now an eighth grader in McCormick Junior High in Cheyenne. Jennifer was born on April 26, 1972, and Patrick was born on July 18, 1977. All of the children are active in school events and all belong to AWANA groups.

The family is active in the Cheyenne Evangelical Free Church. The family also enjoys outdoor types of activities.

Submitted by David and Linda Webb

DAVID L. WEBB FAMILY

In 1939, Ruthelma Kuhns, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H.A. Kuhns, Wichita, Kansas, arrived in Ashland to work as a registered nurse. One year later she married David Luther Webb, son of Earl E. and Naomi Webb. He was a graduate of Ashland High School in the class of 1935. He worked for Home Lumber and Supply and later Ashland Oil Company. Their four boys were born in the Ashland Hospital and attended Ashland schools.

David Leslie, AHS class of 1960, lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming, with his wife, Linda, and their children, Steven, 13, Jennifer, 11, and Patrick, 6. Linda is a teacher and David is a government agent in the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Donald Dean, class of 1963, lives in Mission, Kansas with his wife, Elaine. Both are teachers in the Johnson County Parochial schools.

Rodger Keith and his wife, Gail, live in Winfield, Kansas where he is a Farm Bureau insurance agent and she is employed by the State of Kansas in social rehabilitation services.

Michael Ray and his wife, Janice, have a daughter, Kristen, 3, and are presently living in Liberal, Kansas.

Currently, Dave and Ruth are retired and living in Winfield, Kansas. He enjoys his hobbies of woodworking and fishing while she keeps busy with arts and crafts projects.

Submitted by Don Webb

DELBERT E. WEBB FAMILY

Delbert, one of five children of Naomi Leslie and Earl Webb, was born in Ashland in 1925. He is a grandson of the U.G. Leslies, an early 1900 pioneer resident. Del's father was born in Illinois, raised in McPherson, Kansas and purchased farm land south of Ashland about 1910.

Del attended Ashland schools, served in the Air Force through World War II and returned to Ashland where he married Maxine.

Maxine is the daughter of Lucille Hankins and John Swanson, a granddaughter of the O.A. Hankins and Alex Swansons, both early 1900 residents of Ashland. Maxine attended local schools and then attended college in Oklahoma and California.

The Webb's children are twins, Kay and Keith, born in Ashland in 1952. Kay has one son, Rob, who is 7 years old. She is a corporate officer of Countrywide Funding Corporation and lives in California. Keith and Margie have a 12-year old daughter, Michele. Keith is a Senior Loan Officer with Occidental Mortgage Company in California.

Del joined the Boeing Company in 1956 in Wichita, Kansas. The family was transferred to New Orleans in 1963 where they both worked on the space program. In 1966, they were transferred to Los Angeles where they currently reside.

Submitted by Mrs. Del Webb

EARL ERWIN WEBB FAMILY

Earl Erwin Webb was born September 8, 1888, at Normal, Illinois, one of ten children born to Eve Jane and Burton Worth Webb. In 1900, the family moved to McPherson, Kansas, where Earl attended school.

In 1909, Earl and brother, Guy, moved to the Bearcreek community south of Ashland, where they were engaged in farming. Earl married Naomi Leslie, daughter of the U.G. Leslies, on December 7, 1914, at Ashland, Kansas.

To this union five children were born as follows: Ruperta Ellen Webb, born November 7, 1915; David Luther Webb, born April 14, 1917; Harold Burton Webb, born August 20, 1923; Delbert Earl Webb, born February 15, 1925 and Vernon Keith Webb, born March 7, 1928.

The family lived on their farm south of Ashland, across the road from Riverside school, until 1929 when they moved into Ashland. Naomi Leslie Webb died July 1, 1930.

Earl continued to farm and raise his family and sending them



Naomi and Earl before
they were married

to school until he fell from a windmill and died a few days later on January 5, 1942.

Submitted by Vernon K. Webb

RODGER AND GAYLE WEBB

Rodger and Gayle reside in Winfield, Kansas, where Rodger is a Farm Bureau Insurance agent and Gayle is secretary for the Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Rodger Keith Webb was born October 12, 1951, in Ashland, Kansas, to David and Ruthelma Webb. He is the third of four boys. Rodger attended grades 1-6 in Ashland then moved to Leoti, Kansas. They were there for three years then moved to Winfield, Kansas. Rodger graduated from Winfield High School in 1969. He went on to attend Southwestern College in Winfield and received his degree in 1973. Rodger taught special education for three years before entering the insurance business.



Gayle and Rodger Webb, 1981

Gayle (Pritchett) Webb was born in Edmond, Oklahoma, on October 15, 1954. She was raised in the Oklahoma City area. Gayle moved to Winfield, Kansas her senior year of high school where she graduated in 1973. She received her secretarial degree from Cowley County Community College in 1975. Rodger and Gayle were married May 23, 1975.

Rodger and Gayle enjoy participating in all types of sports, i.e., softball, basketball, bowling, golfing, snow and water skiing. They attend the Nazarene Church and both hold several offices. Rodger and Gayle are both active in the Winfield community. Rodger is a Kiwanian and a member of the Winfield Police Reserves.

Submitted by Rodger Webb

VERNON AND GERALDINE WEBB

Vernon K. Webb was born March 7, 1928, at Ashland, Kansas. He is the fifth child born to Earl E. Webb and Naomi Leslie Webb who were both from pioneer Kansas families. Vernon has lived all of his life in Clark County. He lost his mother when he was two years old and his father when he was thirteen.

Vernon attended Ashland schools, graduating in 1946, and worked for local farmers until he acquired his own resources and went into farming and ranching on his own. He is still in ranching at this time.

Vernon married Geraldine Zimmerman Tucker, December 27, 1969, in the Ashland Methodist Church of which both are members. "Gerry" was born in Butler County, Kansas, one of four children born to Albert A. Zimmerman and Nellie Pierce Zimmerman who farmed most of their life in Butler County. Gerry



Geraldine and Vernon Webb

moved to Ashland in April, 1959, with her children (born before this marriage), Kay Blackmon DuBois, Michael J. Blackmon and Alan F. Tucker, who are all married and have children of their own, but live elsewhere.

Gerry was employed at Grimes Homegas, Inc., as Deputy City Clerk and Deputy County Clerk until she was elected to be County Clerk in 1976 and remained in that position until she retired in August, 1982.

Vernon and Gerry enjoy camping in their fifth wheel camper, fishing, playing golf, bridge clubs and visiting family and friends.

Submitted by Geraldine Webb

DENNIS AND HELEN WEIKAL

U.D. (Dennis) Weikal, Jr. and Helen L. Davidson were married October 8, 1949 at Greensburg, Kansas.

Dennis was born October 9, 1900 at the rural home in Liberty Township in Clark County, the seventh of eight children of Uriah Dennison Weikal, Sr. and Marietta Clover Pence. As a young man, Den went to Cincinnati, Ohio and worked as a carpenter for several years, returning in the early '30's to Bucklin. After a few years at the farm he and his first wife Esther moved to Bucklin where he operated a service station. In approximately 1937, they moved with their daughter Mary Joann to Ashland where Den managed the Standard Oil Service Station on the corner of 7th and Main. He returned to carpentry in the '50's, retiring in the '70's. After a short bout with cancer, Den died in August of 1979.



Dennis Weikal, 1945



Helen Weikal, 1948

Helen Louise Ranabargar was born November 20, 1925 at her grandparent's rural home in Allen County near Humboldt, Kansas. She came to Ashland in 1940 with her parents, the H.L. Ranabargars, and her sister Rita. Helen cooked at the Ashland Hospital from October, 1947 until December, 1953. She enrolled in the Wilcox Beauty School, Dodge City, Kansas, January, 1954. Upon graduation, she worked for Irene Davis in Ashland until opening her own shop April 1, 1955. Den constructed the shop in connection with their home at 1023 S. Main.

Helen's two sons from her former marriage to Richard Davidson, Larry Robert and Jerry Gregory, were adopted by Dennis in September, 1952. Both boys attended and graduated from Ashland schools, served in the Navy and Air Force respectively and have made Ashland their home with their families.

Helen remains busy with her 'Helen's Beauty Bar', six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Submitted by Helen L. Weikal

JERRY WEIKAL FAMILY

Jerry G. Weikal with his son Greg lives on East 4th in Ashland. Jerry is employed with the State Highway Department and Ashland Cable T.V.

Jerry was born in Ashland on September 6, 1947. He attended all 12 grades in the Ashland schools. Upon graduation in 1965, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Basic training was at San