

Antonio and Amarillo, Texas, with a tour of duty to the Philippines, Viet Nam, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida and Thailand. When stationed at MacDill AFB, Jerry met Minnie Sue Caruso.



Jerry and Greg Weikal, 1980

They were married on December 8, 1968, in Tampa, Florida. One son, Jerry Gregory Weikal, 11, was born August 9, 1971. Submitted by Helen Weikal

LARRY ROBERT WEIKAL FAMILY

Larry Robert (Bob) Weikal and Karla Jean Jordan were married on December 1, 1967 at the home of Dennis Weikal in Ashland. They have four children, Lori, Brian, Michelle and Christopher.

Bob was born in Abilene, Texas on January 6, 1945, moving with his parents to Ashland in 1947. He attended Nancy Closson's kindergarten class, then all 12 years of school in Ashland.



Bob and Karla Weikal, 1967

He was one of the first class (1963) to graduate from the new high school. He enlisted in the Navy A.F. on June 6, 1963 with basic training at San Diego, California and Kingsville, Texas. He served 4 years as Naval Air Supply Material Clerk with a tour of duty at Naha, Okinawa.

Karla Jean was born at Wellington, Kansas on September 25, 1947, the oldest of four children to Ralph and Mary Kerns Jordan. Karla moved to Ashland with her family in the early '60's and graduated from AHS in 1966.

Bob and Karla, along with their family, live on North Clipper. Bob is employed with U.P.G.

Submitted by Helen Weikal

URIAH DENNISON WEIKAL, JR., ESTHER AND JOANN

Dennis was born October 9, 1900 in Clark County, Liberty



Esther Mary (Jilek), U.D. (Dennis) Weikal, Jr. and Mary Joann, 1937

Township, area on the ranch homesteaded by his father, U.D. Weikal, Sr. in 1881. Den's father was the first man in Clark County to use barbed wire and to serve as Sunday School superintendent at the first church organized in that area. Den attended a rural one-room school through eighth grade. He developed skills as a carpenter and house builder, working in Cincinnati with an uncle when he married Esther Jilek, July, 1927.

Esther Mary Jilek was born June 10, 1907, Cincinnati, Ohio, to John Otto Jilek, Sr. and Jeanette Anna Bjalon (Ferdos) Jilek. Esther was the fifth of ten children, three having died before reaching age two. Mr. Jilek was an architect and civil engineer, could read, write and speak seven languages. He and Anna immigrated to the United States from France, early to mid 1880's. Both became naturalized citizens before their first child, John Otto, Jr., was born.

Den and Esther came to Kansas in 1928 where they lived and worked at the Weikal ranch, moved to Bucklin in the early 1930's and later made their home in Ashland in approximately 1937.

Their only child, daughter Joann, was delivered by Dr. Ivan R. Burket, on October 12, 1934, Ashland, Kansas.

Esther married Clarence C. (Tex) Parker, February, 1950 at Amarillo, Texas. They were in custom harvesting, trucking and mining, later settling in Albuquerque, New Mexico with an egg ranch. Cancer claimed Tex, September of 1969. Esther, known to her family and friends as Peggy, went home with the Lord September, 1978, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Submitted by Joann Goodnight

FRANK AND SHALAH MULL WELTY

Shalah Mull was born in Ashland, July 12, 1930, the daughter of Henry Austin and Ruth Clark Mull. She attended Ashland schools, graduating in 1948 with a class of 20. She graduated from Washburn University, majoring in English and history.

It was there that she met Henry Franklin Welty, son of Henry Harrison and Ruth Marsh Welty. He was born in Topeka, August 16, 1929. He graduated from Topeka High School, then went to Washburn where he majored in business administration.

They were married August 26, 1950, in Ashland and returned to Topeka for their final year at the university. Frank served in the Army from 1951-1953, most of that time in Korea. Shalah returned to Ashland and taught fifth grade for one year.

When Frank returned from Korea they moved to Boulder, Colorado. They spent four years in Kansas City where Frank attended dental school and then returned to Boulder where he practiced dentistry for 25 years.

Shalah attended Denver University where she earned an MA degree in Librarianship. She has been employed by the Boulder Valley School since 1967.

Their daughter, Chandra, was born in Boulder, May 6, 1955,



Devin and Frank Welty, Shalah and Chandra, 1981

married John Roller Morris II, June 18, 1983 and now lives in Bozeman, Montana. Devin Franklin was born January 17, 1957 in Kansas City, Missouri, and married Gina Gay Smith, July 11, 1981, and lives in Gainesville, Florida.

Both Frank and Shalah have participated in volunteer and civic activities in Boulder. They enjoy living in the mountains and all the activities made possible there. The favorite family gathering place has for many years been the cabin near Estes Park.

Submitted by Shalah Mull Welty

GEORGIA WENTWORTH

Born November, 1922, to Jesse and Mary Wentworth, Georgia grew up in Ashland, attending the Baptist Sunday School and graduating from grade and high school. She remembers the "dust bowl" of the '30's when the dust was so heavy, school was dismissed. Other memories include the campground located where the water tower now stands. Many people stopped and purchased produce from local residents.

Reared in the depression years, she remembers that dad worked for 25 cents an hour; mother raised chickens; they sold eggs, milk and butter to supplement their income.

There are pleasant thoughts of playing in the snow in winter and watching "shooting stars" in the summer.



Georgia Wentworth

Georgia recalls her first year of school where she learned writing, phonics and figures from Mrs. Gwendolyn Baker. Business subjects taught by Gladys Van Ordstrand in high school have served Georgia in good stead. After graduating from business college in Wichita, she worked at the *Wichita Beacon* for three years. Since May, 1944, she has worked in offices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Topeka (1944-1946), in the publishing house, Mountain View, California (1947-1963), where her most enjoyable work was typing manuscripts on various subjects; next in Denver (1963-1967); and in San Jose, California (1967-1984). The conference has just built a new office in Clovis, where Georgia is now located.

She thinks of Ashland as "home" and enjoys coming back for visits. The family look forward to the time when Jesus will return and we will be reunited with our loved ones who are now sleeping.

Submitted by Georgia Wentworth

JAMES W. WENTWORTH

June 14, 1925, a son was born to Jesse and Mary Wentworth, Ashland. James Thomas grew up there, attending grade and high school. He remembers leaving the old grade school and moving into the present building in 1938.

After graduation, Jim worked with Bud Roberts grocery as a meat cutter. In 1948, he attended college near Nashville, Tennessee and met a student nurse, Mary Bottoms. They were married in June, 1949. He graduated from an accounting course in 1950 and she received her R.N. in 1951.

Jim worked in the business office of the school for two years.

Their son, Jonathan, was born here. The next three years found the family in Battle Creek, Michigan, where Jim was a cost accountant at Post Cereals Division of General Foods.

They moved back to Tennessee in 1955 and Jim joined a CPA firm in Springfield. He became a certified public accountant.

Jim and son, Jon, also a CPA, own and operate the CPA firm. Jim is a past president of the Springfield Rotary Club. Jon is treasurer of Kiwanis International there.

James and Mary have four children: Jon and wife, Sheryl, have a daughter, who is three, and twins (a boy and a girl), born August, 1983. Nancy has a BS degree in Early Childhood Education; Gary is a construction worker; and Beth is a R.N. Beth and husband, David Scott, reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Grandma Wentworth enjoyed having the children and grandchildren coming to visit her.

Submitted by Jim Wentworth

JESSE WENTWORTH

Born in Illinois, Jesse Wentworth came to Ashland in 1907, to work for his uncle, Bundell Wright, in the Wright Hardware Store. Jesse helped build the old Ashland High School and planted the trees south of the school. Afterward he worked as gardener and landscaper for the J.C. Berryman family. Well-kept lawns with attractive flowers and shrubs were a tribute to his hard work and tender care.

Mary E. Grumbles came to Ashland from San Saba, Texas, in 1914, to visit her sister, Amanda Roberts, who operated a restaurant on the corner where the Baptist Church now stands. Here she met Jesse and they were married Christmas Eve, 1915.



Jesse and Mary Wentworth

by Judge McNickle at his home. They lived in a cottage in southwest Ashland, where their children, Alta Irene, Georgia, James, and Mary Belle, grew up; and all of them graduated from the Ashland schools.

At present Alta Irene is retired and lives in Greeley, Colorado; Georgia works as a secretary in Fresno, California; James married Mary Bottoms, whom he met in college and he and his son Jon operate a CPA office in Springfield, Tennessee. Mary Belle is married to Floyd Hurd and lives in Bryant Pond, Maine. She works as a practical nurse and secretary in a nursing home.

Jesse retired in 1947 and died in 1963, age 83. Mary, age 94, lived in Elm Grove Apartments until her death April 26, 1984. One of her greatest joys was seeing her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the two latest being twins born in August, 1983.

Submitted by Georgia Wentworth

ARLOW WESNER FAMILY

Arlow and Faye Wesner were operators of Wesners Furniture from 1947-75. After Arlow's death, Faye and Frank operated the store until 1982 when it was sold to McPhail Interiors.

Arlow Wesner was born August 21, 1910, on the family farm southwest of Ashland, the son of Frank and Clara Daniels Wesner. Arlow attended country school 1-8, Ashland High School and

Wichita Business College. He was engaged with his father in the implement and furniture business, and operated the family homeplace near Ashland. He served in the army during World War II including a 13-month tour of Germany. While visiting in France, he became interested in the "white cattle," Charolais.

Faye Loomis Wesner, daughter of Willard and Gladys Aldred Loomis, was born August 23, 1920 in Harper County, Oklahoma. Faye attended grades 1-12 in Buffalo, Oklahoma, and National School of Business at Oklahoma City. They were married June 8,



Arlow, Faye and Frank Wesner, 1960

1943 at Hugo, Oklahoma, where Arlow was stationed in the Army. They returned to Ashland in 1945. In 1947, they bought the furniture and implement business from the Frank Wesner Estate. Their hobbies were fishing and camping.

The Wesners have one child, Frank. He was born January 24, 1955. Frank attended grades 1-12 in the Ashland schools and Garden City Community Junior College. Frank and his Daddy were in the Charolais cattle business until Arlow's death in 1975. Frank returned home after graduating to operate the family farm and breed registered, purebred Charolais cattle. He is employed by Jim Cox Farms. Frank's hobbies are hunting, fishing and water skiing.

Submitted by Faye Wesner

JACK WHITFIELD FAMILY

Jack was born in Craborchard, Nebraska, one of four children of William and Etta Whitfield. The family moved to Peru, Nebraska, when Jack was two years old and it was there that he graduated from high school.

Upon moving to Omaha he met and married Doris Spurling in 1955 and they had two children, Steven and Jean. He was employed by Northern Natural Gas and in 1957 was transferred to Laverne, Oklahoma. In January of 1959, Doris died. Jack was transferred to Ashland in August of the same year.

Wanda was born in Eldorado, Oklahoma and was one of three children of Joe and Waneta Ross. They moved to Chicago in 1937 where she graduated from high school. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1953 and she was employed in the Personnel Office of the John A. Brown Co. She married Herbert Seabourn in Cairo, Egypt in 1954 and they had three children, Brad, Cynthia and son Travis, Dianna, Jean and Wanda, 1980.

Jack Whitfield family. Standing: Brad, Steven and Jack. Sitting: Cynthia and son Travis, Dianna, Jean and Wanda, 1980.



thia and Dianna. They were living in Laverne, Oklahoma when Herb was killed in a trucking accident in 1960.

Jack and Wanda were married in 1963 in Oklahoma City uniting the five children, ages two to seven, into one family. They have all graduated from Ashland High School and are all married and all have children.

Brad graduated from K.S.U. and is working on an agriculture research project in Manhattan. He married Patricia Winter in 1982 and has two sons, Ryan, age 10 and Travis, age 7.

Steven graduated from K.U. with a degree in internal medicine and is a second year Resident at K.U. Medical Center. He married Joyce Generali in 1982 and they have an infant daughter, Jessica, who is one month old.

Cynthia married Kim Brown in 1975 and lives near Gate, Oklahoma, where Kim farms and operates a dairy. They have a four year old son, Travis.

Jean married Dan Klimiuk in 1980 and they have a three year old son, Joshua. They live in Omaha where they own and operate a vacuum cleaner business.

Dianna married Joe Blanchard in 1982 and they have a one year old son, Joseph. Joe is employed by the Kansas Air National Guard in Wichita and Dianna attends Wichita State University where she is studying vocal music.

Wanda has been employed with U.S.D. 220 for nine years as a cook and Jack is in his twenty-ninth year with Northern Natural Gas.

Submitted by Jack and Wanda Whitfield

ROBERT AND JENNIE WHITFORD

Robert and Jennie Whitford have been residents of Ashland since 1951. They own their home at 207 East Fourth.

Robert was born in Marion, Kansas where he received his schooling and later engaged in farming. When he came to Ashland, he was employed by the Clark Co. Highway Department and worked in that capacity for twenty years.

Jennie was born in Clark County, received her schooling in the West Lexington Grade School, Ashland High School and Wichita University. She taught in the two Lexington schools for seven years. She moved to Ashland and served as Clark County Welfare Director for twenty-two years.



Jennie and Robert Whitford

The Whitfords had a desire to vacation in all the states of the U.S.A. So far they have visited interesting and historical places in the forty-eight original states, Washington, D.C., Canada and Mexico.

They have a son and wife, Merle and Ruth Pike, two grandchildren, Greg Pike and Kay Bates, and five great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Kirsten and Clinton David Pike, Brandon and Breanna Bates.

The Whitfords are affiliated with the Ashland Church of God.
Submitted by Jennie Whitford

DONNA AND EDDIE WIBRIGHT

Henry Edgar (Eddie) Wibright was born at Ft. Cobb, Okla-

homa on December 3, 1912, one of the large family of Frank and Almira O'Conner Wibright. The Wibright family came to Ashland around 1918. Eddie attended Ashland schools, graduating in 1930. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was wounded in action, taken prisoner by the German forces, and liberated by the Allies in France. Following 13 months of hospitalization due to his injuries, he returned to Ashland in 1945 with his wife, Donna. Eddie was elected Sheriff of Clark County in 1945, succeeding Lon Ford, and served as Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Clark County for 23 years, until he retired in 1969. Eddie died January 12 1971.

Sheriff Eddie Wibright (right) accepting a first place Kansas Traffic Safety award for Clark County from a State Highway Commissioner - 1961.



Donna Marie Largent Wibright, born June 30, 1925, at Ft. Collins, Colorado, grew up in Lamar, Colorado, one of six children of Malcolm and Viola Blecha Largent. She married Eddie Wibright April 18, 1943. Donna was elected Sheriff of Clark County in 1945, succeeding her husband. She is the only woman sheriff ever elected in Clark County and was the youngest sheriff ever to hold office here. Following Eddie's death, Donna was employed by Ashland District Hospital and is currently the dietary supervisor for both Ashland District Hospital and Fountain View Villa.



Sheriff Donna Wibright, 1956, accepting a first place Kansas Traffic Safety award for Clark County from the State Highway Commissioner.

The Wibrights raised their family at the sheriff's quarters in Ashland. They were the first family to occupy the county sheriff's quarters, where they lived for 20 years. Their three daughters are Donna Dee Brunholtz, Ashland, Kansas; Connie Lee Newport, Shawnee, Kansas and Eddy Ann Wibright, St. John, Kansas.

Submitted by Eddy Wibright family

EDDY ANN WIBRIGHT

Eddy Ann Wibright, the youngest of three daughters of Eddie and Donna Wibright, was born July 8, 1953, in Ashland. She attended Ashland schools for 12 years and graduated in the Class of 1971.

She received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a dual major in English and psychology from Emporia State University in 1974. After teaching language arts in the Greensburg, Kansas high school for three years, Eddy returned to Emporia State University to continue her education. In 1979 she received a Masters of Library Science degree from ESU.

She began teaching high school English in St. John, Kansas in August of 1979 and will return to St. John to begin her sixth term of teaching there in August of 1984.



Eddy Ann Wibright, 1983

Eddy has also taught college level classes, worked in child day care and pre-school teaching and served as the instructor for the Summer Reading Program at Ashland Library.

Submitted by Eddy A. Wibright

RICHARD AND MONICA WILKINSON AND FAMILY

Monica Wilkinson is the daughter of Raymond and Ruth McMillion, Ashland, Kansas. Richard K. Wilkinson is the son of the late Jean Wilkinson, Middletown, Ohio and Woody Wilkinson, now of Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Both Rich and Monica attended Kansas State University, where Rich received a Master's Degree. Monica worked as a dental assistant, but as their family grew, they realized she was more valuable at home as wife and mother.

Their children are teenagers, Kris and Darcy, and young Nicholas and Chance Jordan. Their home is at 2103 Fairway Drive, Dodge City. Rich, retired from 13 years as coach and teacher, is now with Franklin Insurance Company.



The Wilkinson family. Seated: Rich Wilkinson, Monica Wilkinson, Chance Jordan, Nicholas. Standing: Darcy and Kris.

Monica is a busy homemaker, serving as school room mother, and involved with Beta Sigma Phi service sorority and other community projects.

Both Rich and Monica are active at Dodge City First Christian Church. Both love Colorado skiing, as do Kris and Darcy. Kris is involved with school wrestling and baseball. He spends the summers on the farm at Ashland with his McMillion grandparents.

Darcy is a member of the Gymnastic Team. Five-year-old Nicholas is in pre-school and baby Chance is not yet a year old.

Submitted by Ruth McMillion

BARBARA STEPHENS WILLARD

Barbara Ruth Stephens was born on May 3, 1920 to John E. and Mary Douglass Stephens in Ashland. Barbara attended both Lexington and Ashland Grade School, graduated from Ashland High School in 1938. She attended the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing and graduated in 1943, after which she joined the Army Air Corps as a registered nurse, serving in India and the

USA. After her discharge, Barbara moved to Coldwater and worked as a registered nurse. While in Coldwater she met Victor Eugene Willard, son of Eugene and Mable Zimmerman Willard.

Victor (Skeet) was born February 26, 1920 in Kansas City, Mo., and moved to Coldwater in 1929. During World War II, he was a bombardier in the South Pacific. In Ashland, Kansas, on March 25, 1951, Victor and Barbara were married. In 1952, they started the Variety Store in Coldwater and later one in Greensburg.

On May 16, 1954, Susan Kendall came into the world followed by a brother, James Douglass, on November 20, 1955, thus completing the Willard family.

Skeet passed away on March 13, 1974. Barbara continued to operate the store until 1975, when she returned to nursing and moved to Topeka. In 1978, Barbara attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, graduating with a degree in Medical Records Administration, on Mother's Day, 1980, two weeks after her 60th birthday. She returned to Topeka, continuing her career in the medical field, until her death on March 16, 1984.

Submitted by Susan K. Willard

W.A. AND EFFIE BOICE WILLARD

W.A. "Bill" Willard was born in Bucklin, Kansas in 1889 to Samuel and Lenora Willard. He spent his childhood with his parents and two sisters, Mabel and Verona, on their farm in the area then known as Sodvill on the Ford/Clark County line. He later moved into Bucklin and worked as a mechanic and car salesman for a dealership. He met and married Effie Boice in 1914. Effie had moved to Bucklin with her parents, Hollis and Edith Boice, in 1913 from Cheshire, Ohio, after the 1913 flood wiped out their farm and home. Effie and Bill's first child, Edith Lenora, passed away at the age of six weeks. Their second child, Phyllis, was born in 1919.

In September, 1928, the family moved to Ashland and Dad took over the Chevrolet dealership. Soon to follow were the dust bowl and depression days. Like so many others, Effie was an expert at making-do with very little. Especially memorable were her mouth-watering hamhock, beans and cornbread, to me still a delicious dish, depression or not. I recall Sunday, April 14,



Bill Willard, 1943



Effie Willard, 1943

1935, the day the first dust storm hit. Mom came to the "picture show" and dragged my friends and me home because the first terrifying dust cloud was approaching town. It was a common belief that day that it was "the end of the world." Of course many more storms followed.

Dad and Mom were both active in community affairs and the Presbyterian Church. Dad was a member of IOOF and Mom belonged to the Rebekahs. Dad served as Mayor or councilman for 15 years. At the time of Dad's death in 1950, he was serving his third term as Mayor. In their retirement years, Dad and Mom's favorite outdoor sport was fishing - many an afternoon or evening you could find them near a pond, sitting content with their fishing poles, waiting for the "big one."

Mom's main interests were her home, friends, helping her neighbors and working in her flower gardens. She maintained her hobbies and home until failing health forced her to give up the things she loved. She died March 10, 1984, at Fountain View Villa.

Submitted by Phyllis Smith

CARL WILLIAMS FAMILY

Carl Williams was the Clark County Agricultural Extension Agent from July, 1935 to June, 1941. He was born August 14, 1908, at Haven, Kansas, the son of Ralph Williams and Bertha Peckham Williams. He attended the Haven schools through high school, spent one semester at Wichita University, and was graduated from Kansas State University in 1932 with a degree in agriculture. Before coming to Ashland, he taught vocational agriculture at Mullinville Rural High School, Mullinville, Kansas, and served as County Farm Advisor for the Kansas Homestead Rehabilitation Corporation in Sherman and Wallace Counties.

In Ashland, he met Ruby Irene Linn, the daughter of Jess M. Linn and Mabel Stewart Linn. She was born July 31, 1915, in Ashland. She attended the Ashland schools and graduated in the class of 1933. She was employed as cashier and bookkeeper in the business office of the telephone company owned by the Western Power and Light Company of Kansas City, Kansas. They were married March 6, 1936, in Dodge City, Kansas, by Rev. Gordon Thompson.

In June, 1941, Carl accepted a position in the Kansas State Office of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency (now Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) in Manhattan, Kansas. His position as Program Specialist placed him in charge of allotment programs and soil conservation practices for the state.



Carl Williams, as president of Alpha Gamma Rho, 1943

Carl served his country in World War II from February 14, 1944 to March 1, 1946, serving as Staff Sgt., U.S. Army Headquarters Detachment, Camp Pickett, Virginia, and Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Carl Williams died June 23, 1964, in Manhattan, Kansas, only a few months short of having served 30 years with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Ashland; First Presbyterian Church, the Elks Lodge, Soil Conservation Society of America, the National Association of Government Employees, Life Underwriter's Association and the American Legion, Manhattan.

The Williams' children are: Lewis Carl, born January 3, 1939 in Ashland, lives in Westminster, Colorado; Linda Kay, born September 2, 1940, in Ashland, lives in Manhattan, and is the wife of Professor Charles L. Burton; Christine Louise, born November 8, 1948, in Manhattan, lives in Broomfield, Colorado, and is the wife of LeRoy Alan Waite.

Ruby remains active in the Manhattan community. She is currently serving a three-year term as Regent of Polly Ogden Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a past Regent of Elizabeth Knapp Chapter, Daughters of the American Colo-

nists, and served as a state officer for six years, Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; a Life member of the Riley County Historical Society. She is serving the Riley County Genealogical Society as a volunteer genealogist, census microfilm secretary, and part time librarian at the Society's Library in Manhattan.

Submitted by Ruby Williams

GENE WILLIAMS FAMILY

The family of Gene and Joann (Messer) Williams lives in Oklahoma City. They have three children. Two of them are away in college and one will be entering high school in the fall.

Gene was born in Oklahoma City in 1935, and has lived here most of his life. Gene attended Putnam City schools, and Oklahoma University. He has been in sales work. For the last twelve years he has been a manager for Whirlpool/R.C.A. distributor for the State of Oklahoma. He has offices in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Joann is an Ashland girl, the daughter of J.D. and Gladys Messer. She attended school in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 1959. She attended Midwest Christian College in Oklahoma City, and met Gene while she lived in Oklahoma City. Joann is a homemaker.



The Gene Williams family in 1976. Joann, Gene, Bruce, Angela, David

David was born January 12, 1963 and is now a junior at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. David is studying for the ministry. Recently, he has taken a position of youth minister in a church in Midwest City, Oklahoma, part-time.

Angela was born February 9, 1965. Angela is a freshman at Southwestern Oklahoma State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Angela is a social sciences major. She plans to teach high school.

Bruce is fifteen years old. He will enter high school this fall. Bruce enjoys soccer and softball. He does woodwork.

Submitted by Joann Williams

R.L. WILLIAMSON FAMILY

R.L. Williamson was born May 3, 1925, in Purvis, Mississippi. He was the youngest of nine children born to T.L. and Rosa Lee Williamson. He received his schooling in Purvis, Mississippi. He was drafted into the Navy in 1943 and was stationed in Dahlgren, Virginia and was discharged in 1946. In 1949, he joined the National Guard in Purvis and his unit was called into active duty in 1951. Upon his discharge from the service, he came to Kansas in 1953.

Martha Jane Pentz, daughter of John Lester and Mamie Hughes Pentz, was born January 16, 1936 in the Lexington community.

She attended school in Ashland, graduated in the class of 1954.

They have two children: Marla Kae, born November 7, 1957 and Carla Jean, born March 9, 1961.

Marla attended the Ashland schools and was graduated in 1975. After graduation, she attended Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for one year then transferred to Wesley School of Nursing in Wichita where she received her R.N. diploma in 1978.

Carla attended and graduated from the Ashland schools in 1979. After graduating she was employed by Fountain View Villa.

The family attends the First Church of God. They currently own and operate the Ashland City Cleaners.

Submitted by Martha Williamson

ANNA JEAN (PIKE) WILSON FAMILY

Living in the house where she was born, Anna Jean has come "full circle." She attended Ashland schools with the exception of her sophomore year spent in Attica, was active in music, drama, and placed second in shorthand in State Scholarship Contest. She graduated in May, 1942, moved to Los Angeles, California, and worked as a secretary until enrolling in Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, for the 1943 fall quarter. There she was secretary to the Chairman of the Department of Literature and Language.

She and George Turner Wilson, Jr., were married in the Ashland Methodist Church, January 2, 1944. She worked in a bank in Mineral Wells, Texas, while he was stationed at Camp Walters.



Georgeann and Anna Jean Wilson, Christmas, 1959

When he left for overseas duty with the U.S. Army, Anna Jean returned to Ashland and worked at the Stockgrowers State Bank until his return in August, 1946. Their daughter, Georgeann, was born June 21, 1947; a second daughter was stillborn in June, 1948. In 1950, she began working for Grimes Homegas and Appliances and later earned her private pilot's license. G.T. and Anna Jean were divorced in 1952.

In January, 1956, she and Georgeann moved to Hays where she enrolled in college and worked as membership secretary for the Methodist Church. She completed a BS in Business Administration in August, 1958 and an MA in Business Education at Colo-

Georgeann Wilson and William Charles Lang, Jr. (Bill), following their marriage November 24, 1968 at the First United Methodist Church, Pratt, Kansas. They now live in Indianapolis, Indiana.



rado State, Greeley, in July, 1961. She taught 3 years at Hodge-
man County High School (Jetmore), 4 years at Pratt High, 12
years at Pratt Community College, and is currently completing
her seventh year at Ashland High. She has done advanced gradu-
ate work at five universities in Kansas and at Purdue University,
Indiana. She is a member of three honor societies and five busi-
ness and educational organizations.

Anna Jean was baptized into the Methodist Church, serving
faithfully in many capacities, including Lay Witness Missions in
Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Georgeann attended grade school in Ashland, Hays, and Jet-
more; graduated from Pratt High in 1965; attended Southwestern
College, Winfield for two years and graduated from ESU, Em-
poria, in 1969.

Submitted by Anna Jean Wilson

CHARLES B. AND MARGARET JUDITH TOMLIN WILSON

Charles Bacon Wilson was born to John and Susanna Wilson,
September 25, 1831 at Cape May, New Jersey. His grandfather,
Robert Willson, son of William and Isabella Willson was born in
County Antrim, Ireland in the Congregation of Kilrough, June
6, 1766 and left his father's home May 20, 1792 bound for
America, landing in Wilmington, Delaware, August 28, 1792.
He was of Scotch Presbyterian, Scotch and Scotch Irish ancestry.
He married Naomi Bishop in Cumberland County, New Jersey,
November 14, 1798.

Seven children were born to this union: Naomi, Isabella,
Rachel, Sarah, Margaret, Robert Willson, Jr. and John, born
June 13, 1809. John changed the spelling of the name to Wilson.
John married Susanna Sutton McCarty, September 25, 1830.
They had eight children: Charles Bacon (born September 25,
1831), Joseph R., Eliza Ann, Samuel P., Henrietta L., Stacy M.,
John Wilson, Jr., and Isabella P.



Charles Bacon Wilson



Margaret Judith Tomlin Wilson

Charles Bacon married Margaret Judith Tomlin (born to Mat-
thew and Hannah Tomlin, May 10, 1835), January 21, 1858.
They lived in Cape May, New Jersey and in addition to farming,
Charles was a carpenter. A physical ailment rendered him unable
for military service in the Civil War. They left New Jersey and
moved to Menard County, Illinois. He was the only one of his
family to leave New Jersey.

Eleven children were born to this union. John, Willie, Hannah
T., Matthew Tomlin (August 24, 1864), Margaret Lieulla, Susan,
Charles E., Mariah R., Isabel, John H. and Stacy. Many children
died in those years in their first year or so of life with mem-
branous croup. Those living to come to Harper County, Kansas
by train in 1882 were Matthew, Margaret Lieulla, Susan, Charles
E. and Isabel. When his son, Matthew Tomlin, came to Clark
County, they came to prove his claim as Matthew was not old
enough. The entire family lived on this claim. Mr. Wilson en-
gaged in farming with his sons and doing carpenter work in the
community. He built the barn at the late Howard Randall farm.

He died on December 23, 1894 and Mrs. Wilson died November
15, 1901. They were Presbyterians. They are buried in Highland
Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Marjorie Lowry

CHARLES BACON AND ALICE FAITH WILSON

Charles Bacon Wilson, son of Matthew Tomlin Wilson and
Cora Rebecca McMinimy Wilson, was born on the family home-
stead August 3, 1894. He was named for his grandfather. He at-
tended the lower grades in a country school near Sitka and
roomed with the Lackey family in Ashland for the upper grades.
He grew to manhood and was engaged in farming and ranching
with his father. He married Alice Faith Cook, born April 12,
1900, daughter of John and Dulcie Cook, March 21, 1921. They
built a house on some of the family land. To this union were
born: Charles B. (stillborn March 21, 1922), Ruth Louise (May
15, 1926), Richard Lewis (March 3, 1929) and James Edward
(September 7, 1951).



Front: Ruth Eckert, Alice Wilson. Back: James, Richard, Charles Wilson

Charles was foreman of Lonker's Ranch for a few years.
Later the family moved to Joplin, Mo. where he worked as a
welder. During World War II he lived in Salina, working as a
welder, and during this time the family moved to Towanda, Kan-
sas. He came back to Ashland and worked for Howell's Black-
smith Shop for a few years, later opening his own welding and
blacksmithing business in Ashland. In later years he worked as a
mechanic and welder for Clark County. He was good at tanning
hides and could do all kinds of leather work, making beautiful
quirts. He made some artful sculptures of iron of early-day
steers, ropers, lawmen, bucking bronses, Indians, saddles and
other work that he could do with a welding torch. He did this as
a hobby for a number of years. One of his grandsons, Charles
Wilson, has since taken up this form of art.

Charlie, or "Uncle Duff," is a very kind, patient man, with
many friends and acquaintances. He will be 90 years old this
year. He has survived his brother and sister, Stacy and Cora, and
is the oldest living member of the Wilson family.

Submitted by Marjorie Lowry

WILSON-PACK FAMILY

The Wilson-Pack sketch begins in April, 1906, at Tacoma,
Washington, when John Claudus Wilson of Rosston, Oklahoma,
married Mabel Pack of Fresno, California. However, following
the birth of their first child, they returned to the prairies of the
Great Plains where they resided near Rosston, Oklahoma and
Ashland the remainder of their lives.

John Claudus, known as Curley throughout his life, was born
July 30, 1880, at Feesburg, Ohio, to James Marion and Mary
Mahalia Morries. Mabel Pack was born near Dodge City, Kansas,
May 29, 1887, to Robert Lee, Table Rock, West Virginia, and

Emily Catherine Wood, Mt. Pulaska, Illinois.

James Marion Wilson was an overseer on a cotton and tobacco plantation near Feesburg, until 1898 when he moved the family to Oklahoma, homesteading on land near Rosston, Oklahoma, in 1902. Curley came to Oklahoma with his parents and claimed up 160 acres adjoining his father's, then purchased additional land as it became available.



Curley and Mabel Wilson

While their children were in high school, Curley purchased a home in Ashland where they lived for five years. In 1930, they built a modern home on the Oklahoma land where they continued to live until their deaths.

Along with wheat, milo and alfalfa, Curley raised fine white-face cattle. At the time of his early death, he owned 20 head of two-year-old heifers he was holding for replacement stock.

Their children were: Thelma, who married Tillman Floyd, Ashland; Claudus, who married Gwendolyn Edwards; Venna, who married John Vallentine, Ashland; Lola, who married Everette Baker, Ashland and Genevieve, who married H.G. Wilmot, Rosston, Oklahoma.

Submitted by Venna Vallentine

LEVI AND ETTA WILSON

Levi Wilson came from Mingo, Virginia in 1870 and made a claim near Mulvane, Kansas. After the grasshoppers ruined crops, he returned to Virginia and brought back his parents, three sisters and a brother. He got a job with Chicago Lumber Co. and put the first lumber yard in Mulvane. He met Mary Etta Straw from Riverdale. They married and built the first house in Mulvane. Levi was active in the Presbyterian Church, helping organize churches in Mulvane and Derby. He continued this interest all his life.



Top to bottom:

Anna Wilson
Irene Ainsworth (Smith)
Anna Taylor (Peterson)
Emma Wallingford
Daisy Taylor Forman

From Anthony he ran in the opening of the Cherokee Strip, and lived in Manchester, Oklahoma, where his children were educated. Children were: Nina, 1880, who died as a child; Roy, 1883; Anna, 1886; Faye, 1888; and Wilbur, 1892.

He moved his family to the Lexington area in 1905. The house had the telephone board in it and the family operated it. Levi built a house in Ashland in 1908, continued farming and ran a leather shop repairing shoes, harness, etc.

Faye married George Ely. She and Anna had been teaching

school, Faye the Zane School and Anna, the Tilley School. Roy farmed. He married Mabel Miller. They later moved to Hugoton. They had ten children, including two sets of twins. The dust storms caused him to move to eastern Kansas. Roy passed away in 1946 in Douglas, Kansas.

Anna served as County Clerk and County Treasurer for many years, retiring in 1951 and then cooked in Ashland Hospital. She moved to Mulvane and died in 1982, burial in Ashland Cemetery.

Wilbur served in World War I, farmed for awhile, then was International Harvester parts man. He married Clara Brown in 1935 and lived in St. John, Kansas, dying January 14, 1974.

Levi died May 21, 1919 and Etta died February 25, 1935.

Submitted by Margaret E. Conklin

MATTHEW LINCOLN AND IRENE KING WILSON

Matthew Lincoln Wilson was born June 22, 1921, in Ashland, Kansas. He was one of five children of Stacy and Grace Wilson, and a grandson of Matthew Tomlin Wilson, who came to Clark County in 1884 from Illinois and homesteaded on the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 33, Range 21. Matthew L. Wilson and his family now live on that same land, which has been in the Wilson family for 100 years.

Matt graduated from Ashland High School in 1939, and has been farming and ranching ever since. He married Irene King in 1943. Irene is the daughter of Roy and Violet King. She was born on December 21, 1925, and attended Englewood Grade School and Ashland High School, graduating in 1943.



Matthew L. and Irene Wilson with children, Bill Wilson and Dorothy Stegman, 1983

The Wilson's children are Dorothy and Bill. Dorothy was born December 16, 1944, graduated from Ashland High School and received education degrees from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, and Wichita State University. She is now living and teaching in Wichita, Kansas. Bill, born April 10, 1948, graduated from Ashland High School and received a degree in industrial arts from Fort Hays College. He taught school for five years and presently runs his own construction company in Ashland.

Matt and Irene are members of the Presbyterian Church. Matt is a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and Past District Deputy and belongs to the Scottish Rite. Irene is a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star.

Submitted by Mrs. Matt Wilson

MATTHEW TOMLIN AND CORA REBECCA McMINIMY WILSON

Matthew Tomlin Wilson was born to Charles Bacon and Margaret Judith Tomlin Wilson at Cape May, New Jersey, August 24, 1864. When a small child, his parents moved to Menard County, Illinois. In 1882, the family came to Harper County,

Kansas by railroad. He worked for two years as a farmer near Freeport. On a July day in 1884, he and his cousin, Lincoln H. Hilyard, driving a team and wagon from Harper County, reached the hills east of Sitka. They saw a valley with prairie hay waist high with a creek running through it and lined with cottonwoods. Matt decided this was the spot he was seeking and after camping overnight, located his claim. Since he was not yet 21, his father proved up the claim and the entire family moved on it. Their house was a soddy, an old store building, and a schoolhouse joined together. Matt worked out at whatever he could find, breaking sod, bone hauling, and freighting from Medicine Lodge, Greensburg and Dodge City. The trail from Greensburg crossed their land east of their home. He would leave home on horseback about sundown and reach Dodge City at daybreak and herd cattle to Theis ranch in Englewood. On January 1, 1890, he married Cora Rebecca McMinimy, daughter of William W. and Mary Burgess McMinimy. Cora was born May 25, 1869 in Benton County, Arkansas. They had three children, William Stacy, born October 15, 1890; Cora, born July 22, 1892 and Charles Bacon, born August 3, 1894.



Cora Rebecca Wilson and
Matthew Tomlin Wilson

Times became very hard and many people left the country, some walking away and others in wagons, leaving furniture in their houses that they could not take with them. When the land sold for taxes after several years, Matt bought as much as he could. Money was scarce and the hardships were many. Matt worked at whatever he could find and Cora kept things going at home. He and his brother, Charles, fenced a pasture from their place north two miles and east to within two miles of Protection. No one lived on that land until Ben Zane married and built a house on the land.

Matt served on township and school boards, was County Assessor for a number of years, stockholder and vice president of Sitka State Bank, besides tending to his farming interests. He was a member of Masonic Lodge and IOOF, Protection, Kansas. He was a loving father and grandfather and had a great love of the land. Cora belonged to the Christian Church at Protection and the Rebekahs. She passed away in 1943 and Matt in 1945. They are buried by his parents, Charles Bacon and Margaret Tomlin Wilson, in Highland Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas. A grandson, Matthew Lincoln Wilson, now lives on the homestead. It has been in the family 100 years this year of 1984.

Submitted by Marjorie Lowry

WILLIAM AND KITTY WILSON

William and Kitty Wilson came to Ashland as elementary teachers in August, 1926. William (Bill) was to be the Principal of the elementary school for the year 1926-27.

William Wilson was born at Trenton, Nebraska, December 22, 1893. The family lived at Agra, Kansas, where he, his two sisters and one brother grew up. They attended grade school and high school there. Later he attended Kansas University and Hays State College, majoring in elementary education. He was principal at

Ashland until he became ill and passed away April 4, 1959.

He loved to work with young students and enjoyed sports and art work. He particularly liked painting scenery for high school plays and elementary school operettas.



Bill and Kitty Wilson

Kitty Ellis, daughter of Jay and Sadie Ellis, was born at Liberal, Kansas. The Ellis family lived at Meade where she and her sister grew up, attending elementary and high school there. She attended college at State Teachers College, Kansas University and Hays State College, majoring in elementary education. At Hays she met Bill and they were married in June, 1926.

Kitty started teaching the fourth grade in Ashland for the year 1927-28 and continued for 43 years, retiring in 1970. She is a member of P.E.O.

Submitted by Kitty Wilson

WILLIAM STACY AND GRACE HILYARD WILSON

William Stacy Wilson was born October 15, 1890, the first child of Matthew Tomlin Wilson and Cora Rebecca McMinimy Wilson, at the family homestead. He was named for a great uncle, Dr. Stacy Wilson, of Bridgeton, New Jersey. He grew to manhood on the family homestead and on February 24, 1914 he married Grace Hilyard, daughter of Lincoln and Henrietta Lee Hilyard, of Cumberland, Iowa. They made their home on the family land.

To them were born: Marjorie Lee, January 29, 1915; Helen Rosalie, July 8, 1917; Matthew Lincoln, June 22, 1921; Susie, September 7, 1925 - died September 14, 1925; and Grace Charlotte, February 7, 1933.



Grace and Stacy Wilson

Stacy was a farmer and rancher all his life and had a great love of family, the land and his community. He lived his entire life on the family estate. He was a good judge of cattle and a good farmer. In his lifetime he saw many changes in farming from horses to modern day farming. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Wilson preceded him in death on May 2, 1947. He passed away July 3, 1968, leaving four of his children and one sister, Mrs. Cora Seacat, and one brother, Charles Bacon Wilson, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are buried at Highland Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Marjorie Lowry

JOE WINTER

Joseph Ellsworth Winter, from Washington, Pennsylvania, went to Texas in 1888. He worked and drove cattle from Abilene

to Dodge City, Kansas.

In 1893 Joe came to Kansas and worked at Edgar and Campbell ranches.

Maud Ingram Lemons, with 5-year-old Ailene and 3-year-old Lottie, came from Illinois to Ashland in 1903. She was welcomed by her parents, Hosea and Lu Ingram, and sisters, Anna and Charles McCasland, Flora and Harry Hudson, and Sibyl and Philip Randall. Maud lived and worked in the Bare home, east of Ashland. Ailene and Lottie attended school with the Bare children. Arthur Zimmerman was the teacher. Joe and Maud became acquainted. He visited her with a borrowed horse and buggy.



Lottie Lemons, Maud Winter, Josephine Winter, Ailene Lemons, Joe Winter - dog "Old Pointer" - November, 1911 - the Joe Winter home.

They were married in Wichita in 1908. He was a 47-year-old bachelor cowboy and she a 30-year-old widow with two little girls. They built their home and farmed and ranched south of Ashland on Clark Creek and Cimarron River. Josephine, David and Dean were born and raised there. They and two older girls went through the Ashland Schools. They are always happy and proud to claim Ashland as their "home town." Joe died in 1934 and Maud in 1940. Ailene Englund and Lottie Trock are also deceased.

In 1984 these are living: David and Verge LaMunyon Winter, Wichita, Kansas; Dean and Lynn Burrows Winter, St. Louis, Missouri; and Josephine and Oliver Schmidt, Overland Park, Kansas.

Submitted by Josephine Schmidt

CLYDE WISE, JR. FAMILY

Margaret Marie Graff, daughter of Charles Wesley and Bernice Odean (Haskell) Graff, married Clyde Wise, Jr. For the past 20 years they have made their home in Loveland, Colorado. They are the parents of two children: Marita, who lives in Greeley, Colorado, and is employed by the State of Colorado; and Alan, who lives with his wife, Cindy, in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Maynard Ferguson band. Clyde has been employed by Ford Motor all of his adult life and is currently service manager of the Ford dealership in Greeley. Margaret is employed by Garfield County Clerk's office, where she has worked for a number of years.

Submitted by Darren Graff

MARSHALL J. WISEHART FAMILY

Marshall J. Wisehart (1889-1969), born at Newtown, Missouri. In 1911, he married Millie T. Moore, daughter of Jacob and Helen Moore, long-time residents of Clark County. Millie (1894-1976) was born at Willow Springs, Missouri. One son was born to the family, Willis C. Wisehart, June 2, 1912. In 1913, the family

moved to Alberta, Canada, homesteading about 100 miles west of Edmonton. In 1923, they returned to Kansas, joining in partnership with Jacob Moore in farming and living on the farm about 10 miles west of Ashland, on what was known as the "York Place."

Willis attended grade school in the Fairview School in the community. After finishing grade school, Willis attended Ashland High School, graduating in 1930. In 1929, the Wiseharts purchased a farm 3 miles northwest of Ashland, built a home there and continued in farming activities until 1946 when they moved into Ashland where they lived until the time of their death.



Millie and Marshall J. Wisehart
55th Wedding Anniversary, 1966



Willis and Sylvia Wisehart, 1983

Willis graduated from Southwestern College in 1939. He entered the Methodist ministry. He was pastor of the Richfield (Kansas) Methodist Church 1933-34 where he met and later married Sylvia Morgan (1937). He graduated from the Iliff School of Theology (Denver) in 1945. In addition to serving as student pastor while in school, he served the Iuka and Geneseo Methodist Churches in Kansas and in Colorado at Walsh, Center, Wray, Julesburg and Burlington. He retired from the active ministry in 1976, moving to Ashland. In 1978, they moved to Longmont, Colorado. Their three sons, Roger, Rex and Dean, live in the Denver-Longmont area.

Submitted by Willis Wisehart

CLAIR E. WOODARD FAMILY

Clair and Christine Woodard reside in White, South Dakota, where Clair is Postmaster.

Clair Eugene Woodard was born January 5, 1912, in White, South Dakota, the son of Roy and Alice Woodard. He graduated from White High School and attended South Dakota State University one year. He farmed and did carpentry and road construction work before serving in the Army from 1942 to 1945. He was in the restaurant business one year and owned and operated a highway construction company from 1947 to 1954. He was appointed postmaster in 1954.

Christine Sue Yeoman was born September 29, 1926, in Kaw City, Oklahoma, one of eight children of Lee and Gladys Yeoman. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1944 and Northwestern State College in Alva, Oklahoma in 1948. She

Lee and Gladys Yeoman and children in 1958. Back row: Lee, Frank, Bob, Bill and J. Lew. Front: Gladys, Ruth (Mrs. G.A. La Plante), Florence (Mrs. A.G. Dorsey), Ramona (Mrs. Dale Smith) and Christine (Mrs. Clair Woodard).



taught school until 1959, beginning in Ashland High School in 1948-49. She has lived in White since her marriage to Clair on July 4, 1954.

The Woodards have three sons. Robert, born May 1, 1959, graduated from Augustana College in 1981, taught music two years, is now employed in Kansas City, Missouri, where his wife, Jenee, is attending St. Paul's Seminary of Theology.



The Clair Woodard family in 1979. Back: Clair, Ronald and Robert. Front: Christine and Richard.

Ronald, born August 30, 1960, graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1982, is teaching music in Las Animas, Colorado.

Richard, born July 2, 1965, is a freshman at South Dakota State University, majoring in computer science.

The Woodards are members of the United Methodist Church, American Legion and Auxiliary, the Order of the Eastern Star, and other community organizations. Clair was Grand Master of Masons in South Dakota in 1975, Grand Commander in 1983, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1984, and is active in many other Masonic organizations.

Submitted by Christine Woodard

ELEANOR F. WOODBURY

Eleanor F. Woodbury, eldest of the three children of Hugh D. and Florence Broadie Foncannon, was born on January 13, 1917; graduated A.H.S. in 1934 and Kansas State in 1938; married Harry Woodbury of Abilene, Kansas (also a K-State graduate) on February 18, 1939. Their son, Timothy, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, July 2, 1940.

Timothy and Eleanor returned to Ashland and lived with her parents for the 3½ years Harry served overseas during World War II. After Harry's return, the Woodburys re-established home in St. Louis County, Missouri.



Harry Woodbury, Eleanor F. Woodbury and Evelyn F. Hirschler, 1982

From 1956 to 1967, Eleanor was executive secretary of the Kirkwood, Mo. Chamber of Commerce, resigning when Harry was transferred to Springfield, Mo., to help organize the divisional headquarters office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. After the Woodbury's return to St. Louis in 1969, Eleanor worked as a statician in the corporate headquarters of the May Department Stores Company for the next ten years.

In 1980, both Eleanor and Harry retired. At the time of his

retirement, Harry had worked for Southwestern Bell for 46½ years. Since retirement, Eleanor and Harry continue to pursue their mutual interests in music, art and antiques. St. Louis is an area rich in all three categories.

Submitted by Eleanor F. Woodbury

GERALD AND ROBIN WOOLWINE

Gerald Woolwine, son of Bob and Gladys Woolwine, was born June 5, 1958 in Dodge City, Kansas. He attended Dodge City High School, graduating in 1976, and attended Wichita State University, graduating in 1980 and graduating from Washburn Law School in 1983. Gerald has one sister, Kim, and one brother, Devertt. Gerald married Robin Spradlin, daughter of James and Sharon Spradlin, July 3, 1982 in Dodge City.

Robin graduated from Dodge City Community College in 1981. She was born October 31, 1962 in Dodge City. She has one sister, Rita Spradlin Havercroft.

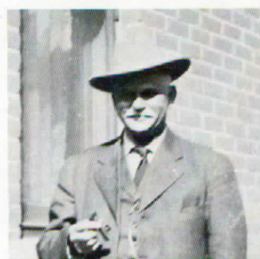
Gerald and Robin moved to Ashland in 1984, where Gerald is working for Robert M. Baker and Robin is working at the Citizens State Bank.

Submitted by Gerald and Robin Woolwine

DR. WILLIAM J. WORKMAN

Dr. William J. Workman, born 1852, came to Ashland in 1885. He was a physician, druggist, inventor, explorer, hunter, fisherman, artist, and lover of nature. Among his best known discoveries was the manufacture of concrete and plaster from native gypsum and its use for poured cement walls. Also, through experimentation in agriculture he introduced new crops for the farms and new methods of insect control.

He was married four times and had seven children. Two daughters, Grace, born 1886, of his second marriage, and Dorothy, born 1918, of his fourth marriage, were born in Ashland.



Doc Workman

Many descendants of his oldest daughter, Jennie VanAusdall, have attended Ashland schools and still reside in the community.

Dr. Workman left Ashland and opened his medical practice in Denver in 1903. He married Florence J. Mount in 1915 and returned to Ashland in 1918. They had two daughters, Wilma, born 1916, in Denver, and Dorothy J. Both girls graduated from Ashland High School and then attended University of Colorado.

Dorothy is a professional artist and is now married to Charles Wagner. They are retired and live in Sun City, Arizona and Wyoming.

Submitted by Dorothy Wagner

ARTHUR AND LUCY WORRELL

Arthur Worrell, my grandfather, was born in Decatur County, Iowa the last day of 1857. He was the sixth of thirteen children of John Worrell, Pennsylvania, 1816, and Rhoda Storey, New York, 1824. John was a bound-boy in Indiana before his marriage to Rhoda in 1842. In 1848, they migrated west, first to Iowa, and then to Nebraska Territory in 1866.

In 1882, Arthur, looking for a farm of his own, ventured south

to the burgeoning Anthony, Kansas area. In 1884, he came to Clark County and took up a homestead about three miles west of Ashland on the SE ¼ of Section 4, T33, R23. He farmed there alone for three seasons and then went back to Anthony and married my grandmother, Lucy.

Lucy George was born on a farm north of Springfield, Missouri in 1865, the fifth of eleven children of Samuel George and Margaret Smith, both born in 1838 in eastern Tennessee. In 1883, Lucy's family moved to Anthony, Kansas where Samuel found work as a carpenter and Lucy first met her future husband. She married Arthur January 3, 1888 and shortly thereafter, leaving her comfortable in-town home, she accompanied him back to his homestead where he had constructed a sod shanty. I have always wondered if they were living in it when the legendary blizzard of '88 engulfed the land.



Arthur Worrell, about 1930



Lucy Worrell, about 1925

Their first child, Roy, my father, was born in this sod home in 1891, as was his brother Millard in 1893. Their third child, Samuel, was born in 1900 about six miles south of Ashland. The last child was Vida, born in 1905 in the "castle" east of town.

All the children grew up around and in Ashland. Millard served in World War I and lived in Texas, Florida and Alaska. He died in Houston in 1964. Samuel lived for a while in Oklahoma in the 1920's, then moved back to Ashland and finally to California in the late 1930's where he was killed in a car wreck in 1956. Arthur, Lucy and Vida left Ashland for Oklahoma in 1922. Only Arthur would return. Vida died in 1980 after teaching school in Oklahoma and California for 48 years.

My father worked in an Ashland lumberyard for several years before transferring to Oklahoma in 1913. In January of 1912, he first met my mother, Helen Wagner, of Abilene, who taught primary at Ashland that semester. They were married in 1915 and raised four boys. Dad died in 1934. Grandmother Lucy, suffering from a broken hip, succumbed three weeks later.

Arthur, long crippled by arthritis, returned to Ashland where his last home was the Jarvis rest house. He died there November 3, 1940. He is buried beside Lucy at Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Submitted by David Worrell

ARTHUR AND RUTH WURTH

Arthur Ernest Wurth was born of German parents in Bath, New York. He attended Haverling Academy and Chase Technical Institute of Cleveland, Ohio, coming to Clark County in 1920, where he acquired a 2200 acre ranch.

In the 1930's, in conjunction with the Kansas Agricultural College, he became the first to successfully re-seed bare sod. The first co-operative in Ashland, The Ashland Oil Company, was established during his term as president of the Clark County Farm Bureau. In 1952, he moved to Wichita and became a broker with the Chester and Hunter Real Estate Company, where he remained until retirement, 25 years later.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine, Wichita

Realtors Association, Wichita Knife and Fork Club and included in "Who's Who in Greater Wichita" (1962). Arthur and Ruth Reynolds were married in 1924, and had one daughter, Virginia, who lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Gordon Muesing. There are two grandchildren, John Carl II and Leslie Elizabeth.

Joshua and Matilda Reynolds, parents of Ruth Dodd Reynolds, migrated from Casey County, Kentucky to Missouri in the 1880's, and later settled in the Lexington community on the Potter Ranch on Bluff Creek. Ruth graduated from Ashland High School and attended Kansas State Normal at Emporia before teaching eight years. In the 1920's, she and Arthur became active in the Farm Bureau extension programs. Along with Mrs. U.G. Leslie, she organized many Farm Bureau units, and conducted the first 4-H club meeting in Clark County in the Bear Creek vicinity.

In 1937, she became active in the Woman's Field Army (first cancer education program for women), which later became the American Cancer Society. For 20 years she distributed educational material and arranged meetings with doctors. She was active in Wesley Hospital Women's Association for more than 20 years, organizing the volunteer program known as "The Ladies in Pink."

Ruth and Arthur were faithful members of the Methodist Church during the 54 years of their marriage. Arthur died in Indianapolis in 1978, the Wurths having moved there to be near their daughter in 1977. Ruth continues to reside in Indianapolis.

Submitted by Ruth Wurth

JAMES KERMIT WYATT FAMILY

The family of J.K. (Dutch) and Virginia Wyatt began with the marriage August 29, 1939 of Kermit Wyatt of Ashland to Virginia Cook of Ford, Kansas. Dutch was a farmer at the time of their marriage, and Virginia was then operating a beauty shop at Ford, having previously taught for several years in Ford County rural schools.

After their marriage, they lived at the Wyatt place approximately ½ mile north of Ashland, where Mr. and Mrs. Milt Wyatt and family members had lived for many years. Their children, all born while they lived at that place, are: James Kent, born December 13, 1941; Peggy Gene Wyatt, born August 17, 1944; Virginia Ann, born August 20, 1946; Sharon Gale, born May 14, 1949; and Debra Faye, born September 20, 1951.

Kermit Wyatt died due to a heart attack on September 17, 1953 at the age of 46. After his death, the family was able to



Kermit Wyatt

Kermit and Virginia Wyatt and family, 1952. Peggy, Dutch holding Sharon, Jim, Virginia holding Debra, Virginia Ann.



stay on the farm for several years. However, the farm was sold in 1958, and soon Virginia Wyatt and children moved to a home in Ashland where the children attended Ashland schools.

At present (1984), Jim and Joyce Musgrove Wyatt, who were married in June, 1980, live at Ashland, with their family, Felix, Jason and Jolie Anne. Sharon, who is a teacher in Ashland schools, and her husband, Steve Osborn, who were married January 9, 1971, live in Ashland with their children, Brooke and Ike. Debra, who was married to Ben Dome, January 11, 1971, and their family, Trent, April, Angela, and Jacob, also live in Ashland. Virginia Ann married Von Miller of Plains on August 5, 1967. They now live near Longmont, Colorado with their children, Shari and Danny. Peggy died in 1965 of multiple sclerosis, after having lived and worked in Denver for 2 years and having attended part of a year at Midwestern School of Evangelism at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Virginia who had worked in the Clark County Road Department office for 20 years, retired in January, 1977 and is now living in Ashland.

Submitted by Virginia Wyatt

MILTON AUGUSTUS WYATT FAMILY

In 1882 a young man named Milton A. Wyatt, born 1859, in Edgar County, Illinois, decided to go West and grow up with the country. He was the second of 13 children born to the family of James and Eliza Manning Wyatt. He migrated to Osage City where he resided until 1887 when he moved to Herington, Kansas, where he engaged in the livestock business. He also ran a livery stable and a meat market. About this time the Rock Island Railroad was being built through Kansas and Oklahoma and Mr. Wyatt obtained a contract to furnish meat to a construction gang on the Oklahoma line. Later he staked a claim when the Cherokee Strip opened.

On being informed that there was a Wyatt family living near Hope, Kansas, he went over to get acquainted. He became enamored with their second daughter, Fannie Eugenia, born 1870, who was one of this family of eight children. She was a lovely brown-eyed girl and they soon made marriage plans. Her father and mother, William A. and Lucretia Fry Wyatt, looked up their genealogy to ascertain if there was any immediate relationship and finding none, gave their consent. Milt and Fannie were wed April 12, 1892 in her home at Hope. Her youngest sister, who was about six at the time, misunderstood them calling him "Milt" and thought they said Milk Wyatt. Since she admired him so very much, she thought milk wasn't good enough and called him "Cream" Wyatt. The fact that their Mother's maiden name was the same as her married name caused trouble for all of their five sons and five daughters whenever they had occasion to put her maiden name on a legal paper.

All ten of their children were born in Herington or on a nearby farm. As Milt saw his children growing up, he decided he preferred his sons to be farmers instead of railroaders, so in the spring of 1917, he made arrangements to move to western Kansas to a farm in the Bluff Creek area with a post office at Lexington. They moved that Fall, Porter Seacat was owner.

Their oldest daughter, Velma Castilla, born 1894, married in 1918 to LeVerne Douglas, born 1882, son of George W. and Louise Mickel Douglas. Vern was a switchman on the Rock Island Railroad. He enlisted in World War I, "the War to end all Wars" and soon was on his way to France. Velma came out west and taught school in the Bucklin area. After the war they lived in

Herington until Vern's death in 1943. They are the parents of Jack V. Douglas, Ashland, Kansas, born 1924. Velma moved to Ashland in 1945 to care for Mother Fannie until her death.

The Waytt family moved to a farm north of Ashland in 1923 later buying the T.P. Murphy farm closer to town where they moved in 1926.

Milt and Fannie's eldest son, Leonard Arthur, born 1893, married Barbara Williams, a girl from Iowa, who was working in Wichita. They lived a few years north of Protection, Kansas, before moving to the P.G. Abell farm north of Ashland, where they farmed and lived the rest of their lives. Leonard died in 1975; his wife preceded him in death in 1958. They had no children but 23 Wyatt nieces and nephews fondly recall times spent with their Unk and Aunt Bobby.

Lucretia, the second daughter, born 1895, married William Chester Woten in 1917. He was a painter. They had three daughters, Cleo May died in infancy; Doris Lorraine, born 1923 and Fannie Lou, born 1928. They stayed in Herington for awhile then moved to Dodge City and later to Hays where Chet died in 1937. Lou got work in Garden City and moved there with her girls where she died in 1980.

William Milton Wyatt, born 1897, graduated from Herington High School in 1917 where he played on the football team. He enlisted in the U.S. Army the summer of 1918 and was sent to Camp Fort Riley where he contracted the Spanish Flu and passed away in an improvised hospital in the Armory at Lawrence, Kansas, November 4, 1918, seven days before the Armistice. He was buried in Highland Cemetery at Ashland. The town of Herington named a street "Wyatt Street" in Milton's memory.



Top row: Melvin C. Wyatt, Leonard A. Wyatt, Milton A. Wyatt (father), Ralph D. Wyatt, James Kermit Wyatt. Second row: Delphine Wyatt Harden, Cleo Wyatt Nordman, Fannie E. Wyatt (mother), Helen Wyatt Brown, Lucretia Wyatt Woten, Velma Wyatt Douglas.

Next in line in the Wyatt family was Delphine, born 1899, who soon after the family moved to Lexington, became acquainted with the handsome son of the C.E. Harden family who lived on the next section. He was Clarence J. Harden, born 1895, and he soon let it be known that he had marriage on his mind with the cute little Wyatt girl and they were wed March 27, 1920. Their children are: C.J. Harden, Jr., born 1921; Beverly, born 1925; and Maureen, born 1929. They lived in or near Protection, Kansas most of their married life, where Delphine continues to live. Clarence was a farmer and ran cattle until his death in 1977.

Ralph Denzil Wyatt, sixth child, was born in 1901. He and his brother, Milton, were buddies and Milton called himself "Pete" and Ralph took the nickname of "Fuller" after cartoon characters of that time. The names stayed with them a long time.

Ralph gave all of his teachers a hard time, I've been told. He, however, learned from his Dad to be a good judge of cattle and bought and sold cattle and farmed. Ralph went back to Herington for his wife, Jessie Ballantyne, born 1906, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ballantyne, whom he married March 17, 1925. They had two little girls, Betty Jean, born 1926, and Barbara Irene, born 1927, died 1983. Four years later in 1931, another girl, Carol Nell, came to brighten their lives followed by a son, Ralph Denzil, Jr., born 1933. Fourteen years later the stork favored them with another son, Michael Leonard, born 1947. Jessie and family live in Anthony, Kansas, where the Ralph Wyatt family moved in 1949. Ralph died in 1957.

Melvin Wyatt, fourth son, born 1905, wouldn't let his big brother get ahead of him. In 1924, he married Irene Ballantyne, born 1909, a sister of Jessie Ballantyne, Ralph's wife. They had one daughter, Mary Ruth, born 1930, when they lived south of Ashland on a farm. They later bought the farm near Sitka where they now reside.

James Kermit Wyatt, last son of Milt and Fannie Wyatt, born 1907, had the nickname of "Dutch" and many people only knew him by that name. On August 29, 1939, he and Virginia M. Cook, born 1912, embarked on the sea of matrimony. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook of Ford, Kansas. They had one son, James Kent Wyatt, born 1941. From then on it was all girls for the J.K. Wyatt family, as four darling girls arrived on the scene. Margaret Eugenia (Peggy), born 1944, died 1965; Virginia Ann, born 1946; Sharon Gale, born 1949; Debra Faye, born 1951. They lived in Ashland where Virginia still lives; Kermit died in 1953.

Two girls then came to even up the Milt Wyatt family. Cleo Adelaide, born 1911, grew up in Ashland, but met her husband, Henry S. Nordman, born 1910, a former Goodland, Kansas boy, in Salina where she went to take a beauty course. They married in 1939 in Salina. Their family are Karl Milton, born 1940; Velma Lynn, born 1941; Sandra Kaye, born 1947; Cleo Ann, born 1949. The summer of 1948 they moved to New Mexico, living first at Raton, then moving to Springer where Henry was a building contractor and Cleo ran the Sunnyside Grocery. Cleo passed away in 1979. Her family still live there.

Helen May, last child, born 1913, married Russell E. Brown, born 1908, son of Sam and Mattie Brown, Ashland. They were married in Herington and have lived most of their married life in Ashland where Russ has worked as a pharmacist, keeping his Kansas Pharmacy license from 1933-1982. He later worked as a farmer-stockman, buying part of the Potter Ranch which he sold in 1974 when he retired. Their family are Russell Curtis, born 1940; Cathleen, born 1942; and Samuel Milton, born 1946.

Milton A. Wyatt passed away in 1939 and his wife, Fannie Eugenia Wyatt, died in 1953.

Submitted by Helen Wyatt Brown

RANDY WYCKOFF FAMILY

Randy and Barbara Wyckoff live on a farm 13 miles southwest of Wellington, Kansas.

Barbara is the second daughter of Lonnie and Floretta Carter of Ashland. She was born November, 1959, in Clovis, New Mexico. In the summer of 1972, the Carter family moved to Ashland. Barbara started the seventh grade in the Fall. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1978 and then moved to Wellington. She worked for Plessey Aero Precision, Inc. for three years, making aircraft parts.

Randy is the son of Marvin and Dorothy Wyckoff of rural Wellington. He was born January, 1953, in Wellington. He attended 1-7 grades in a small two room country school in Perth, Kansas. After the seventh grade, the school closed and he finished his schooling in Wellington. Randy graduated in 1971 and went on to college at Wichita State University. After completing two years of college, he began farming with his parents.



Barbara and Randy Wyckoff, July 25, 1980

Randy and Barbara met during harvest in 1979. They were married in July, 1980 at the Fern Grotto Gardens in Kauai, Hawaii. They have two sons, Garret, born November, 1981 and Chad, born December, 1983.

Randy raises wheat, milo and cattle. He is also a carpenter during the winter months. He is a licensed pilot, a certified scuba diver, a bowler and bow hunter.

Barbara stopped working to raise her family and help with the farm. She is also a certified diver and bowler.

Submitted by Barbara Wyckoff

FRANK YORK

Frank Hamilton York was born October 10, 1881 in Anthony, Kansas, the son of John Walter and Melvina Figg York. When he was 12, the family moved to the New Eden neighborhood of Comanche County.

When No Man's Land in the Oklahoma Panhandle opened for settlement, Frank filed on and proved a quarter section in what is now Beaver County. While on the claim, he corresponded with Cora Edith Johnson who had come to the New Eden community in 1902 with her parents, Isaiah Boynton and Sarah Lovelace Johnson. Cora was born February 28, 1883 in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters that had first closed with "Yours with Esteem" changed to "From your lonesome boy in Oklahoma," and Frank and Cora were married November 14, 1906.



Frank Hamilton York family, about 1942. Back: Russell Raymond York, Doris Pauline, Sibyl Jeanette, Frances Melvina, John Boynton. Front: Ruth Esther, Frank Hamilton York, Cora Edith Johnson, Mildred Lucille.

They settled on a farm in the Sitka community. Frank broke out the sod behind the walking plow, including 160 acres at the homeplace and 300 acres at the Yeager place north of Ashland.

In the fall of 1912, the Yorks, with small daughters, Frances and Mildred, moved into the granary while their new house was being built. This was to be the family home for 49 years.

The teachers for the Pleasant Valley School, located in their pasture, boarded at the York home until the little school was consolidated with the Sitka District.

Frank and Cora were active in the growth of the community. They were charter members of the Sitka Methodist Church and later transferred to the Methodist Church in Ashland. Frank served for many years on the Sitka School Board and Cora took the annual school census. Frank served as Clark County Commissioner and was a member of the Ashland Masonic Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. York believed in the possibilities of this western land. Throughout the years, with good management and family diligence, they acquired extensive land interests in the county. Some of the years were hard, especially those of the depression and the dust bowl; however, in retrospect, all seem to remember the good times. The annual New Year's Eve oyster supper was a social highlight of the neighborhood.

Frank and Cora had seven children: Frances Melvina, Mildred Lucille, John Boynton, Russell Raymond, Doris Pauline, Esther Ruth and Sibyl Jeanette.

Mrs. York died August 19, 1955. In 1961, Mr. York moved to Ashland where he lived until his death on October 25, 1966.

Submitted by Ruth York and Doris Dove

JOHN AND CLARICE YORK

John Baynton York was born March 18, 1913 at the home of his parents, Frank and Cora (Johnson) York, southeast of Ashland. He went to grade school in the Sitka area and graduated from Ashland High School.

On May 25, 1936, he married Clarice Hadley at the Methodist parsonage in Sitka.

Clarice was born November 7, 1912, at the home of her parents, Gurney and Edith (Swafford) Hadley, in the Prairie Vale neighborhood northwest of Coldwater. She attended grade school at the New Home School and graduated from high school at Friends Haviland Academy in Haviland. She taught at the Salt Fork school south of Coldwater and taught music and first and second grades at Sitka for two years.



Clarice and John York, 1976

John and Clarice moved to their farm south of Sitka and lived there until 1967, when they moved to Ashland.

They have three children, Kenneth Hadley, of Ashland; Kathryn Schuster of Winfield; and Rachel Kumpf of Overland Park, Kansas. Four grandchildren, David and Laurian Workman, Winfield; Kena York Jackson of Hays, and Dedra York, Ashland.

John and Clarice were active in the Sitka Methodist Church and then in the Ashland United Methodist Church serving on various boards. Clarice has played the organ approximately 35 years.

John was elected County Commissioner in 1954 and served until 1970. He was also on the first board of the Clark County Soil Conservation District. He is now representing Clark County on the Arrowhead West Board in Dodge City and the Iroquois Center for Human Development in Greensburg.

Submitted by Clarice York

KENNETH YORK FAMILY

Kenneth Hadley York, son of John and Clarice York, was born October 23, 1937, in Ashland. He attended schools in Sitka and Ashland, graduating in 1956. He went to Southwestern College at Winfield, before entering the Army Reserve in 1957.

Beverly Ann Koch, daughter of Fred and Imogene Koch, was born April 21, 1936 in Sterling, Kansas. After attending the first three grades at Rozel, she moved with her family to Alden, graduating in 1954. She received an associate of arts degree from Hutchinson Junior College and a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from Fort Hays State College. After teaching three years at Jetmore, she moved to Ashland in 1961. Kenneth and Beverly were married November 17, 1962. They have two daughters.



John York family in 1976. Families, left to right: Kenneth and Beverly York, Dedra and Kena, Rachel and Ernest Kumpf, Kathryn and Larry Schuster, Laurian and David Workman. Front: Clarice and John.

Kena Lynn was born August 9, 1963. She graduated from Ashland High School with the Class of 1981, and is now attending Fort Hays State University, majoring in early childhood education. Kena and Darren Lee Jackson, son of Dan and Nancy Jackson, of Coldwater, were married August 5, 1983.

Dedra Yvonne was born May 21, 1966. She is a senior, graduating with the Class of 1984 and works at The Old Weigh Station restaurant in Sitka.

Kenneth ranches and farms with his father and enjoys driving the school bus for students going to activities. Beverly has been teaching home economics the past 14 years. The family are active members of the United Methodist Church and have taken a part in the 4-H program for many years.

Submitted by Beverly York

RUSSELL R. AND MARJORIE ELLEN CHRISTMAN YORK

Russell R. York, class of 1934, Ashland High School, grew up in the Sitka community, rural Clark County. After graduating from Southwestern College, Winfield, with a business degree, he went into farming and ranching. He married Marjorie Ellen Christman, class of 1933, Ashland High School, in 1940. She had attended Oklahoma University and Southwestern College.

Marjorie worked as a secretary for OPA, ASCS, W.G. Carson Real Estate and Abstracting, and the law firm of Price & Coss-



Russell and Marjorie York

man; served as secretary to State Representative W.H. Shattuck while he was in the State Legislature.

Marjorie and Russell have raised two sons, Robert and Frank, and daughter, Jane, who have each followed their own careers. There are five grandchildren. Robert's interests have been in farming and ranching. Frank is vice-president of the Stockgrowers State Bank, Ashland. Jane lives in Vail, Colorado with her husband Richard Hart, a District Judge in the Colorado Mountain Region.

Russell has been active in community affairs, serving on the Ashland Recreation Commission, Ashland City Council, and Ashland Cooperative Exchange Board for 28 years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and has always been interested and helpful in the affairs and activities of his children. Marjorie has been active in Order of Eastern Star, Extension Club work, Twentieth Century Club, P.E.O. and Circle of Friends Study Club. They are members of the Baptist Church and raised their children in Sunday School and church activities.

Russell is the fourth of seven children of Frank and Cora York, rural Sitka. Marjorie is the second of four children of Harry and Gertrude Christman of rural Ashland.

Submitted by Marjorie York

RUTH YORK

I was born August 10, 1919 to Frank and Cora York of the Sitka community. After graduating from Ashland High School and attending Southwestern College, I taught one term in 1939 in the Bare country school on the county line. Later, I graduated from the Wichita Business College and worked for Cessna Aircraft. During World War II, I served on the Red Cross staff assigned to the 231st General Hospital in both the European and Pacific theaters and spent a year in Japan during the occupation.



Ruth York, Venice, 1978

After returning from overseas, I worked on Capitol Hill for U.S. Senator Clyde Reed and later for Congressman Clifford Hope of the 6th District of Kansas.

In 1951, I moved to Houston, Texas, and was secretary to the President of San Jacinto Oil and Gas Company. For the last twenty years, I have managed the office of Radford Byerly, an oil and gas attorney. I look forward to retirement this year.

I have traveled extensively and also enjoy golf and bridge.

Submitted by Ruth York

WALTER FRANK AND MARY LOU YORK

Frank and Mary York were married April 29, 1983. Mary is a registered nurse and Frank is Vice-President of the Stockgrowers State Bank and a farmer and rancher.

The youngest of three children, Frank is the son of Russell and Marjorie York of Ashland. He was born July 7, 1949 in Ashland. After attending Kansas State University, Frank received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Colorado. He helped his sister Jane in her Cheese Shop in Vail, Colorado from 1971-1976. In 1976, he returned to Ashland to take employment with the Stockgrowers State Bank. He retained his "Bachelor's

Degree" until he married Mary Lou Finkeldei.

Mary is the youngest of four children belonging to Joe and Evelyn Finkeldei of Fowler, Kansas. She was born October 16, 1955. Mary received her R.N. Degree from Dodge City Community College in 1982. She had been a clinical nurse for Dr.



Mary and Frank York
Wedding Day, April, 1983

Michael Milford in Dodge City, worked with Trinity Home Health Association and was Director of Nursing at Fountain View Villa in Ashland before taking employment with Dr. Mark Dion.

The Yorks have served on Ashland's Centennial Steering Committee. Frank is a past president of the Ashland Kiwanis Club and has served on the Ashland District Hospital Board for four years, being chairman for three.

They share many interests such as skiing, tennis, golf and scuba diving. Mary enjoys summer softball.

Submitted by Frank York

JERRY YOUNG FAMILY

Jerry Dean Young was born August 24, 1935 in Ashland, Kansas, one of a large family of Ora F. and Bertha Young. He attended grades 1-7 in Protection, and 8-12 in Coldwater, graduating in 1955. He went to the Navy in 1956. He came over to Ashland after the service doing carpenter work, later started working for Don Baker. Then, in 1965, they started their own business.

Kay Preisner, daughter of Joe and Marjorie Preisner, was born March 16, 1941. She went twelve years of school in Ashland and graduated in 1959. She went to Salt City Business College in Hutchinson, Kansas. In January, 1961, she went to work at the Stockgrowers State Bank. She worked there until January, 1965.

They were married November 26, 1964 in Ashland, Kansas.

The Young children are Francis Joe, born July 27, 1965. He is going to mechanical school at Pratt College at Pratt, Kansas. He likes golfing and fishing. Karla Jean, born July 7, 1966 is a senior and is going to cosmetology school at Dodge City, Kansas. Her hobby is painting. Sandra Kay, born August 30, 1967, is a sophomore in high school. She likes tennis and basketball. Rodney Dean, born July 4, 1969, is an eighth grader. His hobbies are football, basketball, track, baseball, golf and fishing. Cheryl JoAnn was born November 24, 1977. She is in kindergarten this year.

Submitted by Kay Young

DARLENE BOWLING—TONY YUNKER

Both Doll and Tony are native Clark County residents. Tony is the son of Peter J. and Anna Hensley Yunker. Tony was born March 21, 1918 in northern Clark County. He attended Bloom School and one year of college in Dodge City.

Doll is the daughter of Ben and Iva Sawyers Bowling. She was born August 31, 1929 in Lexington community and attended Centerville School the first five years and completed her education in Ashland schools.

Tony served from April, 1942 through October, 1945 in World War II with the First Cavalry Division, serving in the South Pacific and Philippines.

Tony and Doll were in ranching the first ten years of marriage and since have been in business for themselves, first in Minneola with the T & R Trading Post, presently running Tony's Boot and Saddle Shop in Dodge City. They specialize in boot and shoe repair and hours of conversation, philosophy and history. Tony is also a rodeo photographer.



Dawna and Duane Barnes, Lynn Cooper, Doll Yunker, Shelley Cooper, Tony Yunker, Ty, Jeni, Gwen and Galen Rankin, Susan and Danny Yunker. Not picture, Jason Yunker. 1981.

The Yunker children are: Lynn Cooper, owns Gateway Grooming in Dodge City, Kansas; Gwen (Mrs. Galen Rankin) is employed by Minneola Nursing Home in Minneola, Kansas; Dan is employed by Collingwood Grain in Dodge City, and Dawna (Mrs. Duane Barnes) is employed by K N Energy in Lakin, Kansas. Doll and Tony have four grandchildren, Shelley Cooper, Jeni and Ty Rankin and Jason Yunker.

Submitted by Doll Yunker

HOMER H. ZANE FAMILY

Homer H. Zane, son of W.L. and Elvina Zane, was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 18, 1879 and passed away February 1, 1962 at Trinity Hospital, Dodge City.

Homer married Elizabeth Ethel Adlon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Adlon. She was born September 10, 1881 at Oskaloosa, Iowa and died March 1, 1954 at Trinity Hospital, Dodge City. Elizabeth (Betty) held office in OES Ashland in 1931 and 1932. She served as a nurse in this community caring for the sick, assisting in the delivery of babies. She was a member of the Rebekah and Order of Eastern Star lodges and the Bear Creek HDU. Mr. and Mrs. Zane celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Ashland June 3, 1952. They were married June 3, 1902 and lived in Clark County since 1905.

Homer H. Zane farm, 320 acres, 1914



Their children were Elvin, born September 14, 1904, Oskaloosa, Iowa, died September 9, 1974 at Fort Dodge, Kansas; Vedra, who married Wilbur Stuck; Merit, born September 15, 1907 and died July 5, 1908; Marion, born November 11, 1908 and died July 22, 1981 at Ideyld Park, Oregon; Ivan who was born in the barn before the house was built.



Back row: Vedra, Ivan, Elvin and Marion. Front: Elizabeth and Homer

When Mr. and Mrs. Zane moved to Ashland they lived in the Jim Ross Hotel which stood where the Baptist Church now stands. At that time Mr. Zane was a carpenter and contracted several nice homes and did other building. In 1909, they moved to their farm 5½ miles south of Ashland and lived there until 1949 when they moved back to Ashland because of Mr. Zane's health.

Submitted by Vedra Stuck

LEWIS FRANKLIN ZANE

Lewis Franklin Zane, son of Thomas Crawford and Freda Louise (Dauma) Zane, was born October 19, 1923, in Lexington neighborhood, Clark County, Kansas. He started his schooling in Granada, Colorado, then attended Coldwater, Sitka, Riverside School, Ashland grade and high school. Lewis became a truck driver for several years, driving for Lloyd Blakeley, Ashland, Caldwell Trucking, Pueblo, and Green Truckline, Fowler, Colorado, and Lane Myers of Protection. Lewis was called to service October 19, 1942, Co. E. 22nd Reg., 4th Division Infantry. Serving in France and Germany, he received a purple heart, went back to front line and received the Oakleaf Cluster and several other medals. He was an M.P. in England the rest of his tour of duty. He received his honorable discharge, February 25, 1946.



Lewis Franklin and Mary R. Zane, 1981

Lewis married Mary R. (Bond) Cunningham, January 8, 1973, at Plains, Kansas in the Friends Church, with her parents, Orvel Aquilla and Audrey Elizabeth (Marriott) Bond, as witnesses. We live on our farm southwest of Ashland, farming and raising cattle.

I (Mary) came to Clark County in June, 1944, worked for John and Flora Braden in the 5 and 10 cent Ben Franklin Store. I was cook in the old Ashland Hospital, at the time of Dr. Jerry McNickle's return from service, to set up his practice, in Ashland. I have lived on this farm since February, 1948.

Submitted by Mary R. Cunningham Zane

THOMAS CRAWFORD ZANE

Thomas Crawford Zane was born September 12, 1888, in a sod house about 5 miles northwest of the old town of Lexington, Clark County, Kansas. He was the son of Benejah and Ella (Cumings) Hoover Zane. Crawford married Freda L. Dauma (born October 11, 1894), May 14, 1916 at Protection, Kansas in the Clyde Pile home (Naomi McMinimy's parents.) Freda came with her parents to Protection in 1915. At the time of her marriage, she was a telephone operator. They moved on a farm $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the Stephen's Ranch. In 1927, they moved to Granada, Colorado. In 1931, they moved 4 miles east of Coldwater, Kansas, and moved to Ashland in 1934. They lived there until 1952,



The Thomas Crawford Zane family, 1961. Back row: Lewis, Thomas, Jr., Lulu, Frances, Benejah (Ben) and Eugene. Front: Charles, Thomas Crawford, Freda Louise and George William (Bill).

at which time they moved to Pueblo, Colorado, living there the rest of their lives. Freda passed away November 8, 1969. Crawford died January 13, 1982, burial for both was in Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Colorado.

Their children: Benejah Samuel, February 11, 1917, died April 21, 1979, buried Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Colorado; Thomas Crawford, Jr., October 2, 1918; Frances Louise, January 3, 1921; Lewis Franklin and Lulu Jennie, October 19, 1923; Eugene Elmer, January 1, 1926; Charles Marion, June 3, 1929; and George William, September 3, 1931. The first six children were born south of Stephens Ranch, Charles was born in Granada, Colorado, and George W., east of Coldwater, Kansas.

Submitted by Lewis F. Zane

W.L. ZANE

W.L. Zane made his home with his son, Homer, south of Ashland until his death March 10, 1923. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of the GAR. He was a member of the Masonic Order Wichita Consistory and a member of the local lodge of AF & AM No. 277.

Submitted by Mrs. Vedra Stuck

ARTHUR AND CLARK ZIMMERMAN FAMILIES

Arthur Milton, Clark Stewart and Chester Lee Zimmerman, sons of Milton and Mary Lou Zimmerman, grew up in Clark County. Ada Gertrude and Clara Elizabeth Swayze, daughters of William Hunt and Mary Frances Swayze, moved from Illinois when the girls were young ladies. The Zimmerman boys and the Swayze girls met at the Christian Church at choir practice. However, before the young people became acquainted, Mary Lou Zimmerman said to Mary Swayze, "Would you have any girls for my boys?" Arthur married Ada and Clark married Clara in a double wedding, June 10, 1910.

Clara and Clark lived in Abilene and Wellington, Kansas before moving to Needles, California. Eventually they moved to San

Juan Capistrano, where they lived until their deaths. Ada and Arthur lived in Ashland until 1943, at which time they moved to Berkeley, California. Arthur worked at the Kaiser Shipyards as a carpenter finishing the Captain's cabin on the Liberty boats. After the war, he resumed his piano tuning and repair business until his death in 1957. Ada passed away January 31, 1977.

Ada and Arthur had two daughters, Symeta Kuper and Mary Jean Henry, both residing in Berkeley. Clara and Clark had one son, Stewart, killed in World War II at Anzio Beachhead and one daughter, Dora Deane Conway, who lives in Sanger, California.

Submitted by Symeta Kuper

CHESTER AND LEEANNA MURPHY ZIMMERMAN

Chester Lee Zimmerman was born in Vesta Twp. of Clark County, Kansas on June 11, 1892 in a rock house his father built from the rocks from the prairie. He was the fifth of seven children born to Milton and Mary Lou (Scott) Zimmerman. He lived all his life in Clark County, taught school in Prairie View School, District No. 32, Sunny Side, District No. 79; Sitka Twp., Liberty School, District No. 61, all in Clark County.

In 1913, October 5, he married Sarah Leeanna Murphy. She was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania February 10, 1891, the first child of eight children born to Thomas Phillip and Allie Josephine (Richards) Murphy. They moved from Pennsylvania to Sterling, Kansas in the spring of 1900. In a covered wagon the family moved from Sterling, Kansas to Englewood, Kansas in 1907, and then in 1911 moved to their farm home in the northwest corner of Ashland.



Chester Lee and Sarah Leanna (Murphy) Zimmerman, 1944

To this union two daughters were born: Alice Pauline, May 9, 1916 and Josephine, August 5, 1920.

Chester continued farming until 1923 when he took employment in the Phebus Hardware. In 1928, he purchased the hardware store and renamed it Zimmerman Hardware and continued this business until 1948. After selling the store he worked in the business until 1973. He later serviced small appliances at his home.

Leeanna worked hard and strived for perfection in all that she did. She preceded him in death on July 8, 1963. Buried in Highland Cemetery in Ashland.

Chester was an active community man, working and supporting many civic organizations. They were members of the First Christian Church. He died Monday evening, August 15, 1983, at the age of 91. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Josephine Clark (daughter)

MILTON AND MARY LOU SCOTT ZIMMERMAN

Milton Zimmerman was born March 18, 1853 at Highspire, Pennsylvania (Dauphin Co.), oldest child of six children of George and Elizabeth Mech Zimmerman.

Mary Lou Scott was born September 16, 1858 at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee (Lawrence Co.), oldest child of six children of Granville P. and Leonora (Gibson) Scott.

Milton and Mary Lou were married January 19, 1881 at Ft.

Worth, Texas, moved to Winfield, Kansas in 1882. In April, 1885, they came to Clark County and took up residence (dugout) on their homestead southwest of Ashland on the SE¼ of 17-33-24 in Vesta Twp., which they called "Locust Grove."

To this union seven children were born, six boys and one girl. Three sons survived, Arthur, Clark and Chester, that grew to manhood.



Mary Lou (Scott) Zimmerman
early 1900's.

Mary Lou moved into town with her three sons around 1907-08 and lived on North Main Street, north of the Baptist Church. During 1908-1910 she operated the "Bon Ton Restaurant" (Lot 1, Block 39). In the early part of the 1920's, she started writing in the Clipper under the title of "Ramblers Ramblings" which centered mostly about old timers and family.

She passed away at her home in Ashland, 8:10 p.m. Wednesday evening, January 3, 1945 at the age of 86. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas.

Submitted by Josephine Clark (granddaughter)

WILLARD AND RUBY ZUEHLKE

Willard and Ruby Zuehlke moved to Ashland January 4, 1954. Both are native Kansans. Willard was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Zuehlke July 11, 1918, in the home of his grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Rush, Ness City, Kansas. His mother died a few days following his birth. Soon after graduation from Ness City High School, Willard volunteered for service in the United States Navy where he spent ten years.

Ruby was born November 30, 1919 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Smith, on a farm near Plainville. She is one of seven children. Following graduation from Codell High School, she found employment in Ness City where her brother was pastor of the First Baptist Church.



Willard and Ruby Zuehlke
1978

Willard and Ruby were married July 16, 1950 in Ness City. Willard worked in Wichita and Jetmore three years, then was employed by Northern Natural Gas for whom he worked 27 years before retiring in 1980. He continues to work part time in gas measurement, plays golf and spends much time in his shop working with shopsmith and lathe.

Ruby worked 14 years at Ashland Locker, 2½ years part time at Ashland Hospital and 8 years at Stockgrowers State Bank before retiring in 1982. She continues to work part time at the bank.

Willard and Ruby are active members of First Baptist Church.

Submitted by Ruby Zuehlke

STEIN DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. Cletus G. Stein began his practice of dentistry August 1, 1937, in the Burket Clinic Building at 7th and Highland, which was built by Dr. Ivan R. Burket and occupied by him and Dr. Harold O. Closson, M.D. The office consisted of a patient's reception room, a treatment room and a small laboratory. At the end of the Depression, money was in short supply, so barter was often used as payment with eggs, chickens, etc. being accepted where cash was not available. At Dr. Stein's death in 1960, an interim dentist, Dr. Michael Ptacek, was in the office for a short time.

In 1962, upon graduation from dental college, Dr. Stephen Stein moved into his father's dental office, added new equipment and converted the reception room into a second treatment room. The Wallingford lots on the corner of 8th and Highland were purchased in 1970 and the present dental office building at 202 W. 8th was opened in April, 1971. Dr. Stephen Stein, his wife, Jane, and several auxiliary personnel provided dental care there until July, 1982, when his brother, Dr. Richard J. Stein, began his dental practice.

1984 saw extensive remodeling, installation of new dental equipment, the addition of a fourth operatory and a second laboratory. The staff consists of a registered dental hygienist, a receptionist and two assistants.

Submitted by Mrs. C.G. Stein, Stephen and Jane Stein and Richard and Peggy Stein



Stein Dental
Clinic

A.P. Butcher built 1894, "The Gribble/Matthews House", 411 West 13th (Ivan Preisner)



ARCHITECTURE



A.J. Kinnear built 1886, "The McCasland House", 820 Cedar (vacant)



W.C. Dugan built 1890, W.N. Wallingford bought 1901, 705 Highland (Lorraine Moore)



Judge Kerns built 1892 "Roseland Fruit Farm" North Grant (now vacant)



S.S. Smith built 1906, 434 West 8th (Anna Jean Wilson)



Judge Francis C. Price built 1906, 610 West 8th, (Landon Haydock)



Mrs. Emma Barth Gabbert built 1907, 447 West 8th, (Glen Redfield)



Elmer Wallingford built 1909, 426 West 9th (Gladys Pike)



Frank M. Arnold built 1908, 905 Maple (Mrs. Mary Stephens)

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In Memoriam



PEARL GUY ABELL
1883-1974



JENNIE G. ABELL
1885-1949

Pearl G. Abell was a prominent member of the Clark County business community. He was a cattleman, with varied other interests including banking, and was a member of the state legislature. He was married to Jennie G. Taylor, daughter of an early day physician.

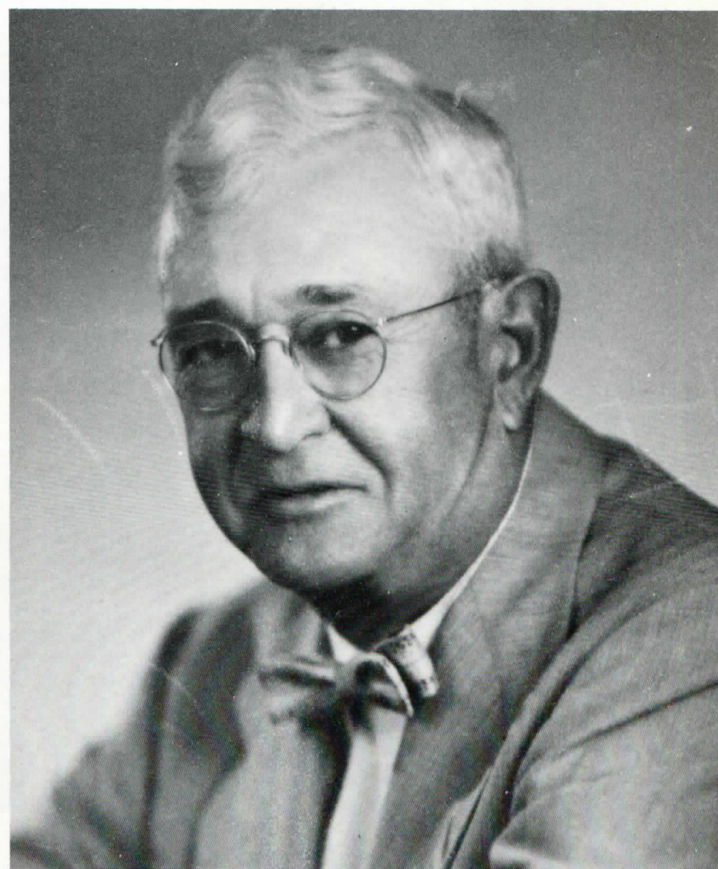
Mr. and Mrs. Abell had many charities, and over a period of forty years or more they gave financial assistance to a large number of young people attending college. Having no children, Mr. Abell decided to make area young people the chief beneficiaries of his estate. He created the Jennie G. and Pearl Abell Education Trust and left the major portion of his nearly two million dollar estate to the Trust, providing that the annual income should be used to help deserving Clark County students realize their ambitions to obtain a college education.

Submitted by Trustees of the Jennie G. and Pearl Abell Education Trust

Memorial



FRANK M. ARNOLD



FRANCIS H. ARNOLD

Frank M. Arnold came to Ashland in December, 1884. He was in the real estate and loan business in partnership with C.W. Carson under the name of Arnold & Carson. He obtained the first land of the present Arnold Ranch in November, 1888, and entered the ranching business in the fall of 1893, operating an area which ran down Bear Creek from about 3 miles south of Ashland to the Cimarron River. He used country across the line in Oklahoma as open range.

In 1904 he sold the ranch to The Buckeye Livestock, Land and Development Co., an Eastern combine. When the contract was not fulfilled, he regained possession in 1906. In 1910 the north part of the ranch was sold, which included most of the cultivated land. The headquarters were moved from a location on the bank of Bear Creek south of the Riverside Schoolhouse to the present location on Little Sand Creek. The Arnold Ranch has continuously been operated by the Arnold family to the present time.

Frank M. moved with his family to Emporia, Kansas in 1913, where he chartered and established the Commercial State Bank. The bank which later became The Commercial National Bank and Trust Company served the agricultural community and provided much needed support to farm and ranch customers.

In 1923, Francis H. moved his family to Emporia to become associated in the bank with his dad. During the hard times of the '30's", he helped many hard working ranchers keep their opera-

tions together when other lending organizations were forcing liquidation. Both Frank M. and Francis H. earned the respect and admiration of their associates for the manner in which they conducted their banking business.

In 1943, they sold the bank. Frank retired from business and Francis bought the Arnold Ranch from his father and moved from Emporia. He resided on the ranch until his death in 1983.

Frank M. Arnold was an organizer of the Kansas Livestock Association, and both he and Francis served as president of that organization. Frank was active in many parts of the Ashland community (including the first telephone company, and the first light plant.) Francis helped with fund raising for the Pioneer Museum in Ashland. They were both active in public affairs, always willing to help with community projects which they believed to be beneficial. Both Frank and Francis had a deep love for the range lands.

In the early days, extensive flood irrigation was practiced from dams constructed along Bear Creek. Frank M. had an alfalfa and farming operation and raised cattle and hogs. By the late '30's" nearly all the remaining broken ground was returned to grass, and a commercial Hereford cow operation has been utilized since 1950. The Arnold Ranch lies 11 miles south of Ashland utilizing the subirrigated saline flats along the Cimarron River, the sandhill areas north of, and some short and intermediate grass range on the south side of the river.

Submitted by Phil Arnold

A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

In Memoriam



Walter C. Ashcraft

There are many kinds of great men. Most are recognized in one way or another, but some are apt to go unnoticed. One may associate with this unrecognized type of man day after day, year after year without fully realizing his qualities. These men work along doing the best they can to improve themselves, their families and their communities and the total of their lives may add up to more good and less harm than those recognized as great. Such a man was *Walter Ashcraft*. When Walter died, Kansas lost one of its best citizens. Walter never thought of himself as a great man, in fact, I doubt that he thought of himself much at all. His thoughts and his time were occupied with his business, his family and his community.

Walter was one of the first men I met when I went to Ashland as a young physician, and there were very few days in the fifteen years I practiced that I didn't go into his store. Gradually a deep friendship grew. My best relaxation came while sitting on a stool-like stepladder in the prescription room talking with Walter while he was busy filling prescriptions. He talked of his plans for a better store, and the present Ashcraft store was his aim fifteen years ago. His business was the center of his life and he felt that he could serve his community best by building for himself a business in which the community could have complete confidence and of which it could be proud.

Walter loved his family and his home. He liked to travel and was completely sold on the United States and he talked of his plans to see every part of it. We had planned to visit England and Scotland together within the next two years. He loved life and he put everything he had into living. He learned to fly a plane not so long ago and he was the picture of ease and relaxation while he was in the air. He once became slightly irked because I was so strained and tense while riding with him. He enjoyed swimming, fishing and hunting, but it was seldom that he let anything interfere with his business.

Walter was completely dependable, never changing from day to day. He was too busy with his own work to be jealous. He always tended to think the best of others and rarely did he criticize. He privately helped many people, some of whom never knew who had helped them. He was serious about his work but he had a nice sense of humor and a good laugh.

I am sure that Walter was a great man, and because he lived, life is just a little finer in Southwest Kansas. If there are prescription rooms in the hereafter, I would like again to sit on a stool and discuss the times with Walter C. Ashcraft.

Written by Dr. Harold O. Closson at the time of Walter C. Ashcraft's death.

Memorial



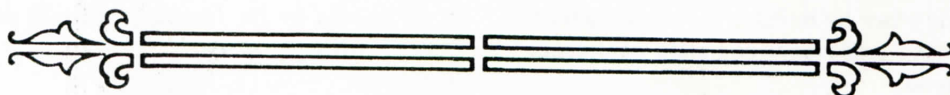
WILLIAM W. WILSON
1893-1959

For a quarter of a century Mr. Wilson was the very competent principal of the Ashland elementary school. His pupils, the patrons and all who knew him regarded him highly as a teacher and as a friend. He was firm but fair. He encouraged high scholastic standards, he was much interested in athletics and all the factors which help boys and girls to grow up to be wholesome and civic minded men and women. He made a very definite contribution to the welfare of the Ashland schools and community.



MRS. GWENDLYN F. BAKER
1895-1959

Mrs. Baker came to Ashland as teacher of the first grade in 1919 and continued in that position until May, 1959. She intended to teach one more year, but her illness and death intervened. She was an outstanding teacher whose skill in training beginning boys and girls was accepted by all who had any knowledge of her work. She moved among her pupils with dignity and ease and possessed the perfect touch in guiding them through the difficult days of their first year's work. She will be long and fondly remembered as a kind and competent first grade teacher and as a gracious lady.



In Memoriam

MR. AND MRS. JEROME WOODS BERRYMAN



Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Woods Berryman, 1935

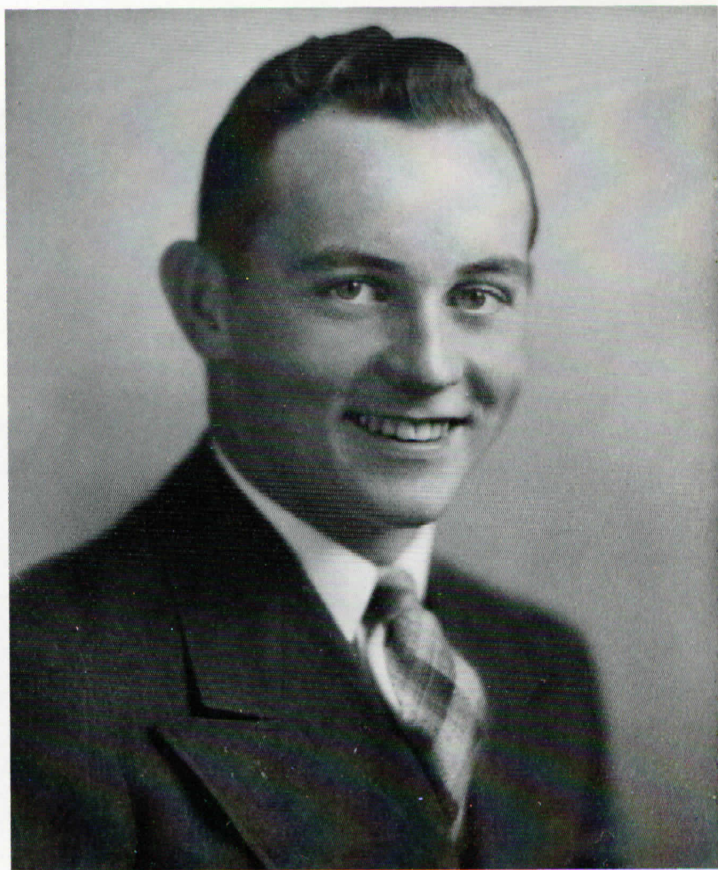


Memorial

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
HALLIE MARTHA AND ELMER R. BROADIE
AND
OUR BROTHER
RAYMOND BROADIE



Hallie Martha and Elmer R. Broadie



Raymond Broadie

Margaret Broadie Keller and Hallie Marie Leben

In Memoriam

MR. MELVILLE CLARK CAMPBELL

Born: September 6, 1849, Crete, Will County, Illinois
Died: October 12, 1932, Wichita, Kansas

Mr. Campbell was a Kansas cattleman from June, 1874, until his death in 1932. He founded the Campbell Ranch (now known as the Harper Ranch) in 1890. His portrait hangs in the Block and Bridle Club Portrait Gallery, Kansas State University, honored as an outstanding livestock producer.

MRS. SARAH ELLEN (SMITH) CAMPBELL

Born: September 8, 1859, Bonaparte, Van Buren County, Iowa
Died: December 7, 1962, Ashland, Kansas

Known by all as "Danny," she was a beloved member of the Ashland community from the time of her move from Wichita in 1938, until her death at the Ashland Hospital at the age of 103, in 1962.



Melville Clark Campbell



Memorial



Letitia and Dr. Ivan R. Burket

DR. IVAN R. AND LETITIA BURKET

Dr. Ivan R. Burket and Letitia Blakey Burket - a man of innate dignity and grace, a lady of compassion and quality, were a medical team that served this community longer than any other doctor.

Ivan Roy Burket, son of James and Augusta Fees Burket, was born on his father's homestead in Clark County, on June 24, 1888, and grew to manhood in Cowley and Jefferson counties. A graduate of the University of Kansas, he received a teaching fellowship at Harvard University and also attended medical school and received his M.D. degree from that distinguished university.

Letitia Blakey, daughter of Thomas F. and Mary Smith Blakey, was born in Pleasanton, Kansas on July 3, 1891. She attended the University of Kansas, where she became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and Boston City College, where she met Ivan.

Ivan and Letitia Burket were married June 16, 1916 in Pleasanton, Kansas and the Burkets spent their honeymoon purchasing medical supplies and equipment to set up a medical practice in Ashland.

Dr. Burket had previously enlisted as a surgeon with an Army medical unit organized by his professor of surgery and he served in France from May, 1918 until April, 1919, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Following his honorable discharge, the Burkets returned to Ashland where Dr. Burket established a practice with Dr. Paul Carson. He practiced under the most adverse conditions, instituting many new practices and procedures. A brilliant physician and surgeon, he first did a bone graft in Ashland in the early 1930's, long before such was done in most large medical centers.

Though he performed general surgery, he was also a highly skilled plastic surgeon.

He pioneered the first hospital in Ashland, a couple of beds on the second floor of a building on Main Street, and later established a more modern hospital in the Lackey boarding home immediately east of his office building. He was a leader in establishing a hospital in the Carson home and eventually in the establishment of the Ashland District Hospital. In 1929 he built a modern medical building as his own offices and installed, in that year, the first X-ray machine in Clark County.

From that first day in 1916 until her death on September 29, 1971, Letitia Burket worked with her husband as his surgical assistant, anesthetist, and office medical assistant. She was always his dearest friend and closest companion. She was a member of P.E.O. and one of the founders of the Ashland Library in 1920, and was active in other organizations as well.

Dr. Burket enjoyed a brilliant career in medicine. His medical competency was widely known and he was held in great esteem by all his colleagues. He was elected as a Fellow to the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. and Mrs. Burket had no children of their own, but they took interest in everyone else's children. They especially cherished the more than 1,000 babies he brought into the world, their "Burket babies."

Mrs. Burket assisted her husband for 55 years; Dr. Burket practiced actively for 61 years, until his death on December 8, 1977. They both literally devoted all of their adult lifetimes to serving this community.

Submitted by Charlotte Baker

In Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN CHRISTMAN AND J.O. JOHNSTON FAMILIES

1884-1984

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Usage Trust Lands

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

CERTIFICATE

No. 3337

Whereas *John Christman* of *Clark County, Kansas* has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at *Parsons City, Kansas* whereby it appears that Full Payment has been made by the said *John Christman* according

to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the acts supplemental thereto, for *the South half of the North West quarter, and the West half of the North East quarter, of Section Seventeen in Township thirty three, Range twenty two West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Kansas, containing one full and eighty acres*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said *John Christman*

Now know ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, Have given and granted, and by these presents Do give and grant, unto the said *John Christman* and to *his* heirs, the said Tract above described; To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, therunto belonging, unto the said *John Christman* and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, *Benjamin Harrison*, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *ninth* day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety two*, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and *eighty sixth*

By the President: *Benjamin Harrison*

By *E. H. Harrison*, Secretary.

D. C. Roberts, Recorder of the General Land Office.

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Jacob Christman, father of John Christman and other children, immigrated from Bavaria, Germany, in 1857 to America. He settled in Indiana and became a naturalized citizen the same year. John Christman migrated from Indiana to Clark County in 1884 and homesteaded $S\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17-33-22 on October 18, 1884. He gradually added more holdings. He and wife, Alice Turner, had two sons: Carl, 1884, and Harry B., 1887. Carl had no children. Harry B. and wife, Abbie Gertrude Johnston, had four children: Mildred L., Marjorie E., Donald and Harry B., Jr.

J.O. Johnston and wife, Mollie, migrated to Kansas in 1915 from Texas and purchased one-half section from John Christman, to the east of the original Christman homestead. They raised seven children: Alta, Carrie, Louella, Fred, Gertrude, Arthur and Carl.

The Christman and Johnston families were a founding part of the history and development of Clark County, Kansas.

Memorial



FLOYD NICHOLAS (RUSTY) COSSMAN, SR.
November 28, 1897 - August 23, 1952

An able lawyer whose reputation extended far beyond the boundaries of the county. He was thorough and careful in making his decisions, with the confidence of his clients. He had personal as well as judicial dignity.



Floyd Nicholas "Rusty" Cossman, Sr.



FLOYD NICHOLAS COSSMAN, JR.
June 8, 1933 - January 1, 1957

Nick was the third child of Frances Price and Floyd Nicholas Cossman, born June 8, 1933. He grew to manhood here, graduating from high school in 1951. He enrolled in Washburn University that fall and graduated with a B.A. degree in 1955. He intended to carry on the family tradition in the field of law when he was stricken with acute leukemia while a junior in the Washburn University Law School, and, after six months of treatment in the University of Kansas Medical Center, he returned to the family home one week before his death on January 1, 1957 at the Ashland Hospital.

He was a fine athlete, a stalwart on the local high school football team and was equally outstanding as a college football player. He was twice president of his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, served as president of the Student Council and was elected to the men's highest honorary society at Washburn, the basis of such election being leadership and character in all phases of college life.

Submitted by Mary Eleanor Cossman Haydock



Nick Cossman

VIRGIL AND JENNIE MAY CRANE

In Memoriam

Virgil and Jennie May were married May 5, 1922 in Dodge City. They lived and worked in the Lexington community, purchased a 400 acre farm in 1926. They rented their farm to Jennie's brother and moved to Ashland in 1949.

The following are excerpts from a retirement tribute written by Gertie Hughs and Leona Simmons in 1965.

"Virgil is an honest-to-goodness self-made man, whose life has been colorful, interesting and eventful. He was orphaned at age five and was sent to Texas to live with an uncle. When he was sixteen he moved to Clark County.

They purchased the farm entirely on credit and a good reputation. Soon came the depression and some hard years. They engaged in dairying and diversified farming, developing one of the finest purebred jersey dairy herds in Kansas.

During these years they were active in all social and civic aspects of the community. They helped develop the playground park near Lexington. Virgil played baseball and tennis. In the lean years the social life centered around the church activities, the school box suppers, and the square dances in Clifford Brittenham's barn where they danced to the music of the fiddles of Bill Jackson, Leo Jacobs, Harry McPhail, Ted Porter and Clifford Astle.

In 1934, he accepted a position on the ASCS County Committee and in 1944 he became a State Field Representative, working until 1965 when he retired."

Both had a special interest in ornamental plants and the beauty of their yard and greenhouse was a witness to this. Virgil had over 180 different specimens of cacti and many beautiful roses.

Both were active in the Clark County Historical Society. Virgil played a major role in obtaining and developing the Pioneer Museum. He served two years as president of the Historical Society. At home he repaired and refinished many of the exhibits and furnishings. They also donated many articles for exhibit.

Virgil was also a member of the American Legion and the VFW. Jennie was active in the ladies' programs of the Church of God, Garden Club, DAR, HDU and VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, sewing and spent many hours quilting with friends at home and in the church basement.

They were known by their grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other people as "Mama Crane and Daddy Virgil." Given in memory by:

*Irene Unruh, Tom and Judy
Nancy and Chuck Smith and sons
Roger and Sandy Unruh and sons
Guy and Peggy Crane, Kim Crane
Jim and Nancy Crane and daughter
Jodi and Butch Parker
Marven and Ellen McPhail
Ann and Mick McMurphy and family
V.C. and Sharon McPhail and family
Virginia and Tom Betschart and family
David and Sheryl McPhail and family
Bruce and Robin McPhail and family
Keith and Charlotte McPhail and family
Deana and Kenneth Leterle and sons
Janna and Matt Hunnicutt*

Submitted by Irene Unruh and Ellen McPhail



Jennie May and Virgil, 1927



Jennie May and friend, 1921



Farm home about 1923



Ashland home, 1955

Memorial

MARY JOANN CUNNINGHAM



Mary Joann Cunningham, 1981

Mary Joann Cunningham, daughter of Willie Lee and Mary R. (Bond) Cunningham, was born February 1, 1949, in Dodge City, Kansas, and left this life in the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, July 13, 1982. She was 33 years old.

Mary Joann attended the Ashland schools from kindergarten until her graduation in 1967. She was active in various activities of the school, participating in band, playing a bass clarinet and always having a solo in contests. Mary Joann was an outstanding student, graduating Summa Cum Laude and earned the P.G. Abell Scholarship as valedictorian of her class.

After graduation, she attended Friends University, Wichita, graduating with honors in 1971, with a B.S. in Mathematics and Science. She participated in various activities on campus and in the dormitory.

In the fall of 1971, she began teaching junior high math and science at the Derby Independent School District, at Derby, Kansas. Later she taught senior high math, especially enjoying teaching algebra. From the age of three, Mary Joann wanted to be a good school teacher. She had many hobbies, enjoying sewing, ceramics, all kinds of crafts, baking bread, bowling and many sports. She made most of her clothes throughout her life.

Mary Joann enjoyed traveling and had been to Washington, D.C., New York City, Baltimore, MD., Mexico City and Acapulco, San Padre, TX, Denver, CO, Seattle, WA, Vancouver, Canada and many other places. She remembered birthdays and special occasions of friends and family, often making a special gift for others.

Mary was a member of Acres 4-H Club during her growing up years. She was raised in the First Christian Church of Ashland, later joining the Northridge Friends Church in Wichita.

At the time of her death, she was on a trip to Seattle, WA, to visit an aunt. It was a trip Mary Joann had wanted to take for some time and she was very excited about going. It was a trip to relive a childhood vacation.

In 1977, she was chosen the "Outstanding Young Educator of the Year," and presented a plaque by the Derby Jaycess.

Submitted by Mary R. Cunningham Zane, mother

A former student has written:

"I first met Miss 'C' in 7th grade when I decided to try out for cheerleader. I hate to say it but, at first, I was a little scared of her. She seemed to be super strict; always making her students follow all the rules in the book. However, that was definitely a first impression. Once I got to know her, I realized she was irreplaceable. Not only was she a great cheerleading sponsor throughout my 7th and 8th grade years, but she proved to be an even better person where her teaching was concerned. I had her as my geometry teacher in 9th grade and couldn't have been more pleased with her performance. She made her students *want* to work hard instead of making them work hard. It wasn't until I went to college last year that I learned what valuable lessons she had taught me.

"Miss 'C' " was a wonderful lady; we had a lot of crazy times together. The word "Thanks" wouldn't be enough to express my feelings toward her."

In Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF THE G.O. DAKIN FAMILY

G.O. Dakin first came to Clark County in 1887. He returned in 1898, with his wife, Carrie (Fairclo), daughter Mary and son John. Dora and Paul were born while the Dakin family leased the Comstock Ranch where they lived for 22 years. In 1943, following the sale of the Dakin Ranch in Harper County, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Dakin returned once more to Ashland where they lived the remainder of their lives.

G.O. Dakin, 1866-1951

b. Topsfield, Maine, d. Ashland

Carrie Fairclo Dakin, 1874-1956

b. DeKalb, Illinois, d. Ashland

Mary Dakin Arnold, 1894-1966

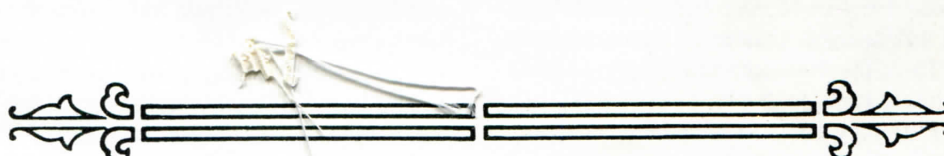
b. Arkansas City, KS, d. Ashland

John Dakin, 1896-1971

b. Arkansas City, KS, d. Ashland

Dora Dakin Nelson, 1900-1947

b. Ashland, d. Bartlesville, OK



Submitted in loving memory of my parents, sisters and
brother, by Paul Dakin

Memorial

ALEX FLOYD FAMILY



Alex and Minnie Floyd

Early in 1908, Alex Floyd traveled by train from Trenton, Missouri to Ashland, Kansas for the purpose of buying land for a home. He contacted real estate agent George P. Harvey, only to learn George was a first cousin of Minnie Floyd, the wife of Alex. Mr. Floyd purchased the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, T 33, R 21, which was owned by Lena B. Grimes. The consideration paid was \$1920.00. This unimproved quarter of grassland was four miles east of Sitka. In 1909, Alex and Minnie Floyd and two children, Lela and Tillman, came to Ashland via train. The family lived in the George P. Harvey home in Ashland until a one room house could be built on the land. Additional rooms were built later.

In 1911, they sold this land and bought a farm six miles north of Englewood, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Alex was engaged in farming and ranching, but from 1921 to 1925 he served as Clark County Treasurer. Minnie Floyd served as his deputy.

He and Minnie were active in the Fairview School. Both

served on the school board. Minnie, who was a pianist, played the organ there for their church services each Sunday. In later years, the Floyd family attended the Methodist Church in Ashland.

Minnie Floyd was a wonderful cook and homemaker. The Floyds were good friends and neighbors, a solid part of Fairview community. A detailed account of the Floyd Family history is listed in *Volume 5 of Early Clark County History*, Page 58.

Alex and Minnie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1947. Minnie passed away in August of 1953. Alex died in September, 1958.

Their daughter, Lela, died September, 1980, and son, Tillman, and wife, Dorothy, had one daughter, Janet. Dorothy passed away January, 1982. Janet, her husband, Randy Thompson, and children, Trevor and Teresa, live in Liberal, Kansas.

History of these families are found on other pages of this book.

Submitted by T.W. Floyd

In Memoriam

JORDAN AND MINNIE McMILLION



Minnie and Jordan McMillion

Daniel Jordan McMillion was the son of Robert McCoy McMillion of West Virginia; Robert a four-year Civil War veteran. Robert came to Cowley County, Kansas in 1871, traveling on horse back and with a pack horse. He took a claim 8 miles northwest of Winfield. Jordan grew up on a farm in the New Salem-Floral vicinities. As a young man, Jordan worked on farms and ranches. When he was 28 years of age, he went into farming for himself.

In 1907, Jordan decided to go West, and traveled via Santa Fe train to Ashland. He bought one half section of land six miles southwest of Ashland. Jordan returned to Winfield and in December, the next year, traveled via covered wagon to Clark County to take horses, mules and livestock. Mrs. McMillion and infant son, Raymond, traveled via train to join him in January.

Mr. McMillion was a successful farmer and cattleman. He served as Clark County Commissioner for 12 years. Minnie McMillion was known for her culinary art . . . good cooking. She was a fine homemaker and seamstress. Both Mr. and Mrs. McMillion were life-long members of the Christian Church. Mr. McMillion served as both Deacon and Elder. A complete story of the McMillions may be found on page 6, *Volume VI of Early Clark County History*.

Their heirs are: son, Raymond, his wife, Ruth Harvey McMillion, Ashland, Kansas. Their granddaughter, Monica McMillion Wilkinson, her husband, Richard K., and their children, Kris, Darcy, Nicholas and Chance Jordan of Dodge City.

Submitted by Ruth McMillion

Memorial

EDNA MAY VALLENTINE - SHELBY MANSON FONCANNON



Shelby Manson Foncannon and
Edna May Vallentine
Wedding picture, November, 1910

Edna May Vallentine, daughter of John Major Vallentine (1856) and wife Mary Jane Standley (1860) was born October 9, 1887 in Lexington Twp., Clark, Kansas; died September 25, 1967 at Bucklin, Ford, Kansas; buried September 29, 1967 at Highland Cemetery, Ashland, Clark, Kansas; married November 17, 1910 at Ashland to Shelby Manson Foncannon. He was son of Christopher Columbus Foncannon and wife Sarah Henderson, was born August 12, 1887 at St. Bernice, Perry, Indiana; died March 27, 1927 at Ashland; buried Highland Cemetery. Children all born in Ashland:

Lorene Oleta, born August 22, 1911, married (1) Glenwood Edward Rogers and (2) Gurnie Winklepleck. She died September 13, 1965. Daughter, born March 12, 1912, died March 12, 1912, buried Highland Cemetery. Marjory May, born April 8, 1921, married Richard Franklin Johnson.

Edna was the second child to be born on the Vallentine farm on Bluff Creek. She began school at the Morrison School on Bluff Creek and continued in the Ashland schools after her par-

ents moved to Ashland in 1902. On November 17, 1910, she was married in a double ceremony with her sister Bertha at the home of her parents to Shelby Manson (Schell) Foncannon.

Schell joined the Friends Church at Gate, Oklahoma in 1916 and remained a member until after coming to Ashland. He then transferred membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Edna belonged. He served as Sunday School Superintendent for 4 years beginning in March, 1923. His early death occurred in 1927 after 16½ years of married life. His funeral was held in the Ashland Methodist Episcopal Church. Schell was a carpenter.

After Schell's death, Edna continued residing in her home on South Main Street in Ashland. She entered politics and worked in the Clark County courthouse for 28 years beginning in 1929, staunchly adhering to the Republican Party. From 1929 to 1937 she was Register of Deeds, and from 1937 to 1957, she was County Treasurer. Funeral services were conducted for her in the chapel of Brown Mortuary, Ashland, on September 29, 1967.

Submitted by Dr. John Franklin Vallentine

In Memoriam

HENRY A. (LON) FORD, SR.



Lon Ford as Sheriff of Clark County

"In his book, Lon Ford relates the story of his life in an original fascinatingly detailed, narrative style. He grew up on horseback, learned the cowboy trade at an early age, and rode for some of the largest cattle syndicates of the High Plains area, in the last years of the open range era.

As a young man on his own, his travels carried him overseas to the Philippines in the Army and later to sea. Back in this country, he turned his hand to anything and everything--bartender, longshoreman, you name it. Later he returned to the Clark County area as a foreman on various ranches.

In later years, he is remembered by many citizens of this area as an outstanding sheriff of Clark County, Kansas. He was widely respected as an effective law enforcement officer.

To those who, like this writer, have some little experience in the ranching business, and some knowledge, and a greater love of its history on the High Plains, Lon Ford's life makes a truly remarkable tale, of a time now long gone . . ."

Adapted from Dan L. Shattuck's "Foreword" to
The Kid, by Lon Ford

Memorial



Millard F. and Edna M. Fox
Wedding picture

MILLARD FOX

Millard Fillmore Fox, Jr. was born May 13, 1887 in Lexington Twp., son of Millard Fillmore and Ida Mae Cook. He was married December 25, 1911 at Ashland to Henrietta Amilie Marie Nies, November 12, 1892 at Erlington, Kentucky, daughter of Henry Nies and Katherina Reich.

Millard was a farmer and stockman and resided in the Lexington Community. Millard and Edna had five children: Mildred Dolores, born October 8, 1912, died July 15, 1914; Francis Millard, born March 3, 1914, died December 4, 1978; Eldon Leroy, born December 16, 1916, died January 8, 1961; Henry Otis, born July 1, 1917 and Harold Warren, born December 26, 1920.

Millard and his family lived on the Old Nies Place, now the farm home of Lois Martin. In 1922, their home burned, many mementos and their possessions were lost in the fire. They built a new home after the fire, then later lived on the Ab Sneed place.

Their four sons served in the Armed Forces during World War II.

Harold remembers his father telling him of his home which was a sod house and his mother would sweep the dirt floors everyday.

After the death of her husband in 1944, Edna moved to Ashland and lived in town until her death, April 26, 1970.

I did not know Grandad Fox but many of his friends and relatives say he was a good, honest man. Grandma Fox enjoyed her grandchildren and always looked forward to their coming to visit her. She would always say when Harold's children came to see her that she had to have mashed potatoes and gravy. Millard and Bill always wanted to go to Grandma Fox's to get "coffee." She would put a little coffee in their cup of milk with some sugar and they thought that was great.



Francis Millard Fox

FRANCIS MILLARD FOX

Francis Millard Fox was born March 3, 1914 on a farm in Sitka Township to Edna Neis Fox and Millard Fillmore Fox. He was their second child. Francis grew up in Clark County and called Ashland his home throughout his life.

After graduation from Ashland High School, Francis entered Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas. The following summer he returned to Ashland and became the Clark County Bindweed Supervisor until entering the service as a Private in 1941. Francis was discharged in 1946. During his tenure of service he was with the 381st Infantry, 96th Division, in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. Francis attained the rank of Captain while serving in the Pacific Theatre and received two bronze stars.

When he returned to Ashland, he began farming and had a trucking business. For a while he was employed by the ASCS office.

On April 29, 1951, he married Josephine Parker at Belle Plaine, Kansas. Francis and Jo had two sons, Millard Giles and William Francis. He enjoyed having the boys go to the field with him and they have many fond memories of their Dad telling them stories. Francis always entertained his nieces and nephews with stories he would tell them. He was a good Dad and taught his sons many things. Francis continued farming and running cattle until he suffered a stroke on December 1, 1969. He spent much time in different hospitals and nursing homes until he passed away December 4, 1978.

Submitted by Jo Fox

IN MEMORIAM

SAMUEL P. AND EMMA BARTH GABBERT

Samuel P. and Emma Barth Gabbert homesteaded south of Acres, Clark County, in 1885. They had three children, Henry Barth Gabbert, Cora Gabbert Brown and Ada Gabbert Lostutter.



Samuel P. and Emma B. Gabbert family. First row: Bertha McCreery Gabbert, Ada Gabbert Lostutter. Second row: Samuel P. Gabbert, Cora Gabbert Brown, Emma Barth Gabbert. Third row: John A. Brown, Henry Barth Gabbert. About 1905.

Memorial

RALPH W. GARDINER
1889-1969



To make an accurate descriptive comment on him, however, would not be complete without examining his character. He was an unusual man. A man who was strongly shaped by his environment, yet that environment was influenced by his strong perseverance and determination. He was a strong, rugged, tough pioneer who believed in the land and sank his roots deep into it. His capacity for work was legend, but this capacity was attained not from his great physical strength but from his great mental determination to succeed even against great odds. The depression of the 1930's, hail storms, and dust storms hit him at a vulnerable time when he was expanding his ranch. During the war years, he sometimes did not have any help but his wife and children for fairly long periods of time. This did not destroy his determina-

tion but strengthened it.

If you would ask, "When in the life's cycle of a wheat plant does it die?" I would tell you that it does not die but merely changes form. It changes a single green shoot to a vigorously stooled many leaved plant, to a tall slender many headed golden grained mature plant. But that is not the end for there is still life in this plant that lives on for generations.

Ralph lives on in his children and his seven grandchildren whom he adored. His personification has changed form. It is growing and multiplying and will be felt for many generations. Personification of his faith will occur each year as calves are born and colts run and play. As long as his fellowman believes in his ability to challenge adversity and overcome, he lives.

(The above is a portion of the eulogy written by Henry Gardiner and delivered by Ralph's long time friend, W.H. Shattuck, at Ralph's funeral, December 6, 1969.)

In Memoriam

JESSE C. AND MELVILLE CAMPBELL HARPER



Jesse Clair Harper



Mrs. Melville Campbell Harper (Mrs. Jesse)

*Born December 10, 1883, DeKalb County, Illinois
Died July 31, 1961, Ashland, Kansas*

Mr. Harper graduated from the University of Chicago (1906), and became a coach at Alma College (Michigan, 1906-1909), Wabash College (Indiana, 1909-1913), Athletic Director and football coach at Notre Dame (Indiana, 1913-1918). He then lived on the Campbell-Harper Ranch from 1918 until his death in 1961, except for the years 1931-1933, when he returned to Notre Dame following the death of Knute Rockne, whom he had coached. He was honored by Notre Dame by "Jesse Harper Day" in 1958 and given the Helms Hall of Fame award, the Pioneer Award by the National Football Foundation Hall of fame. In 1962, Mr. Harper was honored by the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Born June 17, 1889, Wichita, Kansas, living in Sherman Oaks, California. Mrs. Harper was for thirty five years a member and secretary of the Clark County Historical Society, where she helped to compile *Notes on Early Clark County, Kansas*, six volumes, written in 1939-1970. She was one of the founders of the Kansas Genealogical Society Library in Dodge City, Kansas, and a member of the Dodge City Chapter, and Fort Supply Trail Chapter, D.A.R.

Submitted by James F. Harper and Katherine C. Harper

Memorial

GEORGE HARVEY FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey

George Harvey was the son of Charter Harvey and the grandson of John Charter Harvey of Wichita. John Charter, or "Squire Harvey," was Justice of the Peace in Illinois. In 1875, Squire Harvey sold 600 acres of good Illinois land, livestock and machinery for \$80,000 and moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he bought 1,300 acres of land. His farm was the present Wichita University site: he also owned the land where Friends University is now located.

George Harvey came to Clark County in 1906, when he purchased 800 acres south of Sitka, in the Cimarron River vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and little daughter Villa and son Richard moved into Ashland in 1908. George Harvey was in cattle, farming and real estate. He served on the City Council where he crusaded for sidewalks, street lights and a modern sewer system for Ashland. He helped organize the first Clark County Fair. Mrs. May Harvey was the first woman to drive a car in Ashland. She

was a faithful church member.

Heirs of George and May Conner Harvey are . . . Villa Harvey Ihde and husband Sherman Grant Ihde; both deceased. Their son Sherman George Ihde, now of McAllen, Texas, his wife Addie and son Bob Ihde.

Richard Harvey, deceased, his wife Lorene; their daughter Evelyn Harvey Gilger of Garden Plain, Kansas, Evelyn's husband Roger and their children Richard and Susan.

Ruth Harvey McMillion, her husband Raymond McMillion, their daughter Monica McMillion Wilkinson, Monica's husband Richard K. Wilkinson, their children Kris, Darcy, Nicholas and Chance Jordan of Dodge City.

A complete story of the Harvey family may be found in *Volume V of Early Clark County, Kansas*, page 87.

Submitted by Ruth McMillion

J.E. AND VINETTE HUMPHREYS

In Memoriam



John E. Humphreys



Mrs. Humphreys

"He was a scholar who could teach Latin, mathematics, history and English with equal ease and great competence. He held a cardinal position that schools were for the purpose of instruction and learning, and that he and his faculty were there for the purpose of handing out instruction on the best basis possible.

"It is my distinct impression that he believed a certain amount of force-feeding to be necessary at times. If this sounds antiquated, or old-fashioned, so be it. But in later years some of his less-than-eager pupils were glad of the experience.

"Many of us recall sitting in the Library during study period, reading some doubtful novel, and were suddenly aware, because the room had become very silent, of a slow and measured tread of someone approaching from the back of the room. He had a pretty good idea of what was going on in *his* school.

"Mr. Humphreys set a standard and strove for that standard to the point that our school system was widely known for good academic accomplishment. And he set a high standard for himself, helping to establish the general tone and attitude of the community.

"Rather than describe a man who was lost in the books, I would remind you that one of the real interests Mr. Humphreys had, was athletics. All of us who are old enough can remember

Mr. Humphreys standing at the upper north window of the old high school, announcing the plays during a football game. He obviously enjoyed it, and had the best seat . . . especially during a rain.

"Do I speak of him with great affection and respect? We remember our tough and demanding teachers . . . if they are fair. He had a great sense of humor and must have had many a chuckle over some of the things that happened. He was our friend.

"One of his last official duties involved the planning for the new high school buildings and other facilities, to include the football field. He felt that these things were necessary elements of a good education. It is fitting that this field be dedicated to Mr. Humphreys."

Extraction from words of Willis A. Shattuck, at the dedication of the J.E. Humphreys Football Field, September, 1976.

I add a paragraph including his wife, Vinette, in this memorial. My mother supported him in every endeavor, and her devotion to her home and family, helped to free him to give his energies to the education of Ashland's youth for 34 years as its Superintendent of Schools.

Submitted by F.M. Humphreys



Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Humphreys
"J.E. Humphreys Day", 1963

THE PRIORITY OF EXCELLENCE

The Ashland High School Debate Team in 1911, won the first State High School Debate Championship. The three members of the team were Cale W. Carson, Jr., Clarence Bare and Fred Hinkle. They were a part of the High School Literary Society, an organization whose membership counted more than half the school enrollment. The 1911 High School annual reports that the society was "... the most important organization ever connected with the school ... and that it owes its very existence to the support and nurture of Superintendent O.O. Smith."

This impressive precedent has continued to be reflected through the years. Scholarly excellence of the school is a high priority of the community, and Ashland High School graduates have achieved memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, have been Summerfield and National Merit scholars, and have frequently shown competence in colleges and universities known for academic excellence. In the 22 years that local "scholarship teams" competed in high school Scholarship Tests from Emporia State, Ashland placed first in its class three times and

always was among the top five schools.

Early Humphreys Scholarships were awarded to a graduating senior chosen by J.E. and Vinette Humphreys. Following their deaths, the award has been made to an outstanding teacher. Funds are the gifts of friends and family, started by a group of A.H.S. alumni at the time of the Humphreys' retirement in 1963.

The J.E. and Vinette Humphreys Scholarship Award recognizes each year that a basic ingredient of academic excellence is a good teacher. Since 1977, the Humphreys Scholarship has been awarded to a *Distinguished Ashland Teacher*. The recipient is chosen by the senior class, which nominates the teacher who excites intellectual curiosity in his/her students, has a concern for quality education, and fosters responsible citizenship in the community. The award recognizes excellence in teaching and serves as a reminder that quality education is the result of quality instruction.

Submitted by F.M. Humphreys, president of the J.E. and Vinette Humphreys Scholarship Fund



Distinguished Ashland Teachers: Jane Shreve, Doug Indelied, Sally McQuade



Distinguished Ashland Teachers: Larry Rich, Tom Gilmore, Neal Hill

In Memoriam

GEORGE JENKINS



George and Lulu Jenkins

George Jenkins was born in San Marcus, Texas, November 4, 1852. His mother died when he was six months old and his father was Anderson Jenkins. The Doc Day family, ranchers, took baby George and raised him along with their children. George said, "Mrs. Day was a fine woman. I helped to do turns as I grew up, and was kind of a handy-man." Later George helped as a cowboy and camp cook.

Shortly before 1900, Mr. Jenkins went to Kansas City, met Mrs. Jenkins and they were married. They returned to Ashland to raise their family: Myrtle and Ethel (Dyke), the two older sisters, and three little boys, George, Jim and Alfred.

Mr. Jenkins was one of Ashland's first businessmen. He had a tin shop, sheet metal and such; later adding well and windmill service. Mr. Jenkins passed away around 1936.

Jim Jenkins took over his father's business and operated it for 20 years. In 1957, he sold out and moved to Wichita. Jim and his wife, Venita, have had a successful plumbing business there ever since.

Myrtle Jenkins passed away over 30 years ago. Dyke lives at Liberty, Missouri; George lives in Kansas City; Jim in Wichita;



Jim's shop

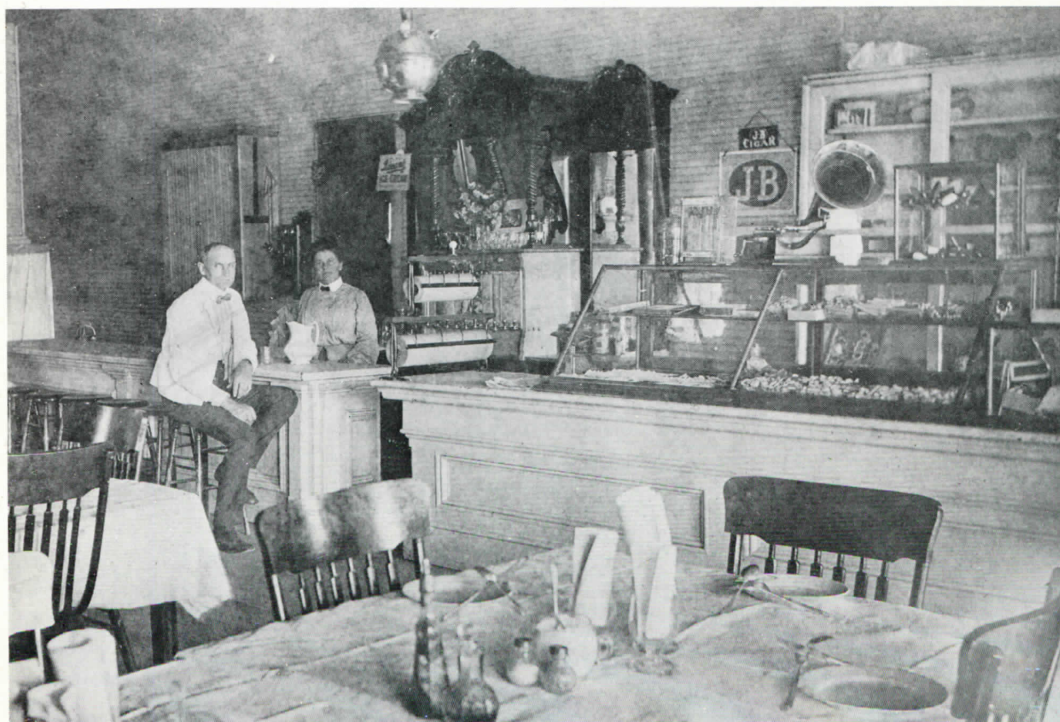
and Alfred at Tyler, Texas. The Jenkins family was greatly respected in Ashland. Mr. Jenkins was a real part of early day history.

His story will be found in *Volumes V and VI of Early Clark County History*.

Submitted by Ruth McMillion

Memorial

RICHARD F. (DICK) AND PEARL VALLENTINE MACKEY



Bon Ton Cafe, Dick and Pearl Mackey



Pearl and Dick Mackey, 1948

The Rainbow Cafe, established in 1932 on South Main in Ashland was a haven of hospitality and good food for many years. Its owners and operators, until their retirement in 1948, were Dick and Pearl Mackey, a pioneer couple who contributed greatly to the development of Southwest Kansas and Oklahoma.

Richard Fairfax Mackey was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, January 20, 1866, the son of Oscar and Avis Drew Mackey. In 1884 he graduated from the engineering department of Chamberland Institute in Randolph, New York.

In 1885, along with other members of his family, he came to Kansas, locating in Kiowa County, and served for two years as a civil engineer on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. After this he went to "No Man's Land" in Oklahoma Territory, as a cowboy, but soon opened a barber shop at Beaver, Oklahoma Territory, which he operated until 1891, when he was appointed Clerk of the U.S. District Court there. During the three years he served in this capacity he also worked on the *Territorial Advocate*, one of Oklahoma's pioneer newspapers.

When the Cherokee Strip was opened to settlers in 1893, the Mackey family took a claim in what is now Harper County and engaged in ranching. A post office was established at the ranch house and in 1897 was named "Cupid" in honor of the marriage there of Dick to Pearl Irene Vallentine of Lexington, Kansas.

Pearl was born the eldest child of John Major and Mary Jane Standley Vallentine at Concord, Illinois on February 20, 1880. She came to Clark County in 1885 with her parents and two younger siblings. They moved into a dugout built into the banks of Bluff Creek. Life was hard for these pioneer families. Many years later Pearl remembered, "I can still see my mother sitting many a time on the dugout steps crying from homesickness." Pearl was also known to say, "The best thing about the good old days is that they are gone!"

After their marriage, Dick and Pearl lived on the Mackey family ranch and Dick served two terms as deputy county surveyor. In 1904, they moved to Ashland and operated the "Bon Ton Cafe" on North Main. Dick also served as Clark County Surveyor for six years. It was during this time that he compiled and published the *Platt Book of Clark County, Kansas* in 1909. It contains accurate township and city maps showing ownerships and many other features, and is still in use today in land title and historic research.

In 1909 their only child, Avis Isabell, was born June 7 at Ashland.

In 1910, Dick took the job of Comanche County Surveyor and the family lived at Protection, Kansas until 1929. Dick also was in the hardware business and worked for a time for The Massey-Harris Co.

After living in Dodge City for three years, they moved to Ashland and established the Rainbow Cafe, which they operated for 16 years.

During their years together they were active in the Methodist Church and Pearl belonged to the Rebecca and Eastern Star Lodges, in addition to the Business and Professional Women. Dick was very active in the Masonic Lodge and became a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

After Dick's death in 1948, Pearl remained in Ashland for a few years and then moved to Oklahoma where she lived for 28 years with her daughter, Avis, and son-in-law, James Hubbard. She died at the age of 100 in 1981 just short of her 101st birthday.

This pioneer couple experienced a broad spectrum of life down through many years and were respected and loved by the communities they served.

Submitted by Gloria Howell

TWO CLARK COUNTY MASTER FARMERS

In Memoriam



John Valentine



Vernon McMinimy

Master-Farmer-Homemaker award which dates back to 1927, is bestowed annually to five or six Kansas couples by the Kansas Extension Service and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the program honors outstanding couples and recognizes their accomplishments.

Nominees are submitted by County Extension Councils. A five member judging panel at Kansas State University selects the

recipients on the basis of excellence in farming, home making, farm living and rural citizenship.

The John Vallentines received the award in 1952.

The Vernon W. McMinimys received the award in 1953.

Benny Bird was County Extension Agent at that time.

Submitted by their Master Homemaker Wives,

Venna Vallentine and Naomi McMinimy



Vernon and Ranny

Memorial

JUDGE F.C. PRICE
PIONEER LAWYER AND LEGISLATOR
August 31, 1859 - December 18, 1942

Judge F.C. Price loved Clark County, Ashland and this community. He was heard to say "how he used to travel the road over the hills to the north where he said he could look back, take a final glance of the City of Ashland, and that he never left this town without the re-occurring thought of the joy of returning to Ashland."



Judge F.C. Price



Judge Price in his office.

In Memoriam



DAVID C. RHODES

June 16, 1891 - October 11, 1963

ELSIE T. RHODES

November 11, 1889 - October 20, 1977



JEAN RHODES BOWSER

May 22, 1924 - March 4, 1978

Memorial

MR. CHARLES PAUL SALYER

MRS. ESTELLA MARGUERETTE (BROWN) SALYER

"In memory of the legacy left to their family: the pursuit of education, cultural arts and athletic endeavors, development of individual talents and leadership be it in business or in community activities."



Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Salyer

In Memoriam



E.A. Shattuck



Mrs. E.A. Shattuck

ENOCH AUSTIN SHATTUCK

Enoch Austin Shattuck (1847-1911) and Anna Belle Bootes Shattuck (1856-1920) and their son, Willis Henry Shattuck, came to Ashland in September, 1892 from Tombstone, Arizona. They lived at 703 Highland and operated their ranch in the Lexington area of Clark County.



WILLIS HENRY SHATTUCK

Willis Henry Shattuck (1889-1973) and Ethel Luther Shattuck (1886-1974) and their children lived for the greater part of their married life ranching in the Lexington area, but for over 25 years they lived in Ashland at 428 W. 8th Street.



WILLIS AUSTIN SHATTUCK

Willis Austin Shattuck (1917-1982) was born in Ashland and lived all of his adult life there with his wife Sarah Drais Shattuck and their children. He is remembered by his family and friends for his constant devotion to the life of the Ashland community and its people.

Memorial

DOROTHY BERRYMAN SHREWDER
1899-1982



Dorothy Berryman Shrewder

Dorothy Berryman Shrewder was a fourth generation Kansan. Her great-grandfather, the Rev. Jerome C. Berryman, established residence near Fort Leavenworth in 1833, as a missionary to the Kickapoo Indians on their tribal lands. Her grandfather, Dr. Gerrard Quisenberry Berryman, was a physician in Elk City, Kansas. Her father, Jerome Woods Berryman, was a prominent Kansas banker, lumberman and legislator who had substantial land interests in Kansas and Oklahoma. She graduated from Washburn University, held a Master's degree in Library Science from Columbia University and worked as a professional librarian in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles. She was married to R.V. "Tex" Shrewder on April 6, 1929.

In January, 1920, she became a member of the Dorothy Hancock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, helping to organize the Fort Supply Trail Chapter in Ashland in 1931.

While State DAR Librarian, she reorganized the State Library and published its first catalog of genealogical reference books. She served as State Regent (1944-1948) and as Vice-President General of the National Society (1954-1957). She was a leader in the Daughters of the American Colonists, the Children of the American Revolution, the Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars and many other patriotic organizations.

Her dedication to providing library materials for everyone was evident from her years of dedicated service to the Ashland Library Board, and her guiding hand in providing funds for the building of the Ashland Library in 1982. This was a lasting gift to the enrichment of the Ashland community.

She is remembered as a "great lady" by those who worked with her, and was loved by her friends and neighbors.

In Memoriam

CHESTER DANIEL SHUPE



Chester Shupe

Chester Daniel Shupe, son of Sherman and Lola Shupe, was born December 15, 1896 in a sod house on the Shupe Ranch southeast of Ashland near the Cimarron River.

He received his education at the Red Bank School District 82. He then took a rural school course at Kansas State College at Manhattan.

Chester enjoyed farm life and loved animals. He spent much time training horses and dogs. He had several police dogs he raised and trained. Midnight and Starlight were two of his dogs used in entertaining acts. As a result of this talent, he produced a Pioneer Western pageant, with his brother Roy as business manager, expressing early life of pioneer living, which he dedicated to his mother who was truly a pioneer of that era. His ambition was to bring to the people a greater appreciation of the thoroughbred horse and police dog, and demonstrate that patience, kindness and understanding was a better way of handling animals.

This play *Pioneer Days in Western Kansas* was first produced at the ranch in the spring of 1927 then again in May, 1928. Much interest was shown and plans were made to give it on a race track arena. With planning and help from his brothers Roy and Eugene, it was given in September, 1931 at the race track in Dodge City. Some spectators from Wichita present to see the

pageant were elated and interested to have them appear on a race track in Wichita. With good advertising from the *Wichita Eagle* and *Beacon* plans were made to go to Wichita the following spring.

Just a few days before Chester's fatal accident, he and Roy had talked of how well things were looking for them in those days of depression. If the pageant went over as well in Wichita as it had in Dodge City, they would go on to other places.

On April 23, 1932, Chester was repairing fence south of the river along the highway. He had his dogs with him and had taken a gun along to shoot some rabbits for them. Upon reaching into the truck for the gun, it caught on the shift discharging a shell striking him in the chest, causing instant death. Friends passing by noted something wrong from the action of the dogs. In making investigation, the dogs would not let them near. They went to the ranch to get a brother Eugene who managed to make them understand their master needed help.

Chester was 35 years of age. Memorial services were held April 26 at the Methodist Church in Sitka and burial in Ashland Highland Cemetery.

Due to his untimely death, it was impossible to carry on with the pageant as he was the main animal trainer.

Memorial

NAOMI PERRY SIMMONS



Naomi Perry Simmons, 1970

Naomi Perry Simmons (Mrs. Ray) was the kindergarten teacher in the Ashland schools for 19 years. After her family was older, she was asked by the Board of Education in 1953 to organize and start the kindergarten program here in the schools. This she did since her education had been in this field. Through her innovation of new ideas and challenging activities along with her love and understanding, she laid an outstanding foundation for an estimated 400 children. Her class was not a sea of wiggling little humans, but she sensed each child's need and each child's fears.

One year in the County Fair Parade, Naomi loaded herself and her kindergartners into their Volkswagon and entered the parade as "The Old Woman in the Shoe."

Naomi was a kind and loving neighbor in their community.

She taught for 28 years. The schools included Fairview School, Sunny Vale, Lexington and Ashland.

Naomi was educated in the Ashland schools and Emporia State University at Emporia (formerly Kansas State Teachers College), where she earned her Life Certificate.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eastern Star, Christian Church, D.A.R. and Bearcreek E.H.U.

Cancer claimed her life on March 6, 1980 a few years after her retirement.

Submitted by Ray Simmons

In Memoriam

CHARLES SPARKS THOMAS



Charles Sparks Thomas (1897-1983), partner in Thomas-Comstock Farms, was the younger son of Charles R. and Della Rouse Thomas. He was born in Independence, Mo., and spent the greater part of his life as a resident of California.

After the death of his father, his mother, Della, married Claude N. Comstock, originally of Albany, Mo. and upon his death, she inherited the Comstock Ranch. Mrs. Comstock died in 1947 and Charles S. Thomas became the owner.

Mr. Thomas had a long and varied career in business and government service including: investment banking in Los Angeles, President of Foreman & Clark (men's clothing retail chain),

President of TWA, Chairman of Irvine Company of California, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, Chairman of Presidential Committee on Tourism and Mead Foundation.

After retiring, he and Mrs. Thomas traveled extensively and among other interests he researched the records in Hereford, England concerning the establishment of The American Hereford Cattle Breeders Association. His father, Charles R. Thomas, had a distinguished career as the Secretary of this Association.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Hayward Thomas, three sons, Hayward Thomas, Roger Thomas, Comstock Thomas, and one daughter, Judy Alexander.

Submitted by William Staats Thomas, nephew

Memorial

JOHN MAJOR AND MARY JANE STANDLEY VALLENTINE

John Major and Mary Jane Standley Vallentine
50th Wedding Anniversary, December 26, 1928



John Major and Mary Jane Standley Vallentine, known for most of their lives as "Major and Jennie," were both born in or near Concord, Morgan County, Illinois; Major, October 22, 1856 and Jennie, October 18, 1860. They were married near there on December 26, 1878. They lived on one of his father's farms north of Concord for a few years and their first three children, Pearl, Cloyd and Grace, were born at Concord.

In 1884, the family came by covered wagon pulled by two mules to Madison, Kansas, where Major established a butcher business. The pioneering spirit soon led them farther west and they came to Clark County, June 6, 1885, moving into a 15' x 20' "dug-out" built into the banks of Bluff Creek. They were among the early pioneers of the Lexington community. Major improved the original homestead and later in 1897 bought a house in Greensburg for \$50, which was torn down into numbered sections. Fourteen neighbors helped haul these sections by teams and wagons to his farm, where they reassembled it.

Major and Jennie had seven children. The last four, Guy, Edna, Bertha, and Roy, were born in Clark County. They enjoyed hosting their neighbors and their home was known as a haven of hospitality. In addition to the many household chores of that day, Jennie served somewhat as a community nurse and midwife, although she had no formal training. She was a loving mother and a steadfast friend who always seemed to be there when help was needed.

In 1887, Major planted a half mile strip of cottonwoods on either side of the road on his farm. These developed into a beautiful, canopied lane, bringing pleasure to many for many years. He was active in agricultural development and served as a reporter to the USDA. The government sent him many varieties of seeds for testing. He thus served as a forerunner of the Extension Ser-

vice and the state agricultural experiment stations. Through his success, kafir was introduced into Clark County in 1888. He also planted the first alfalfa crop in Clark County in 1887.

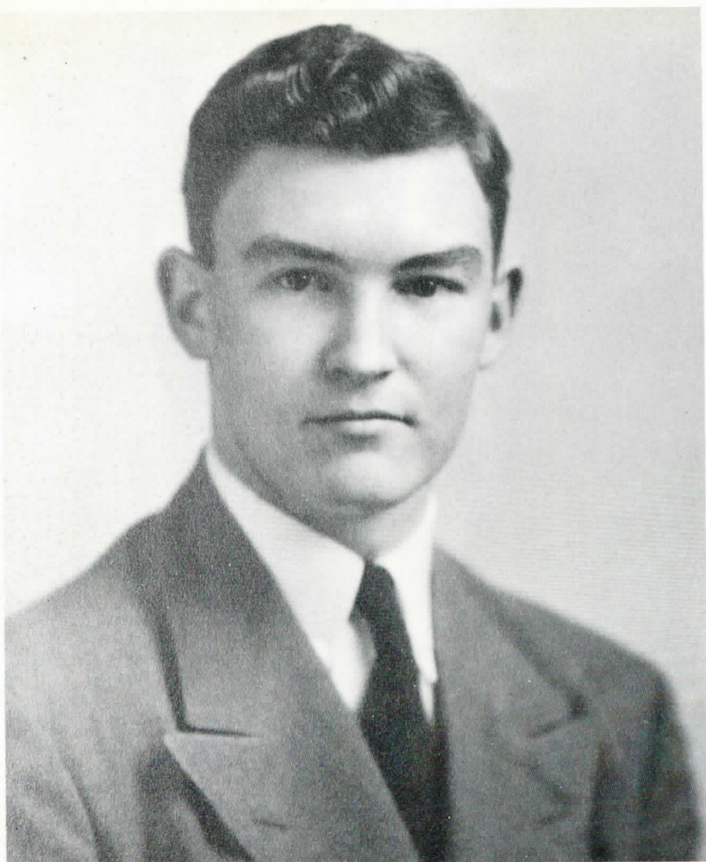
Major was a good carpenter and helped many of his neighbors in building their homes. When a school house was needed the Vallentines donated two acres of land and Major and his neighbors jointly financed and built a school house without a bond issue. This building is still in use as a Lexington Community Center. In later years, a portion of the Vallentine farm was developed into the Lexington Playgrounds, where many enjoyed recreation under the cottonwoods on the west side of Bluff Creek.

In the fall of 1902, they moved their family to Ashland, renting the farm to their son, Cloyd. Major opened a meat market at the present location of the *Clark County Clipper*, which he operated with his son, Guy, and later with his son, Roy. The family lived on North Main until 1910, when Major built a large family home on South Main. It became a social center for their growing family for nearly thirty years. Here, after his retirement from the butcher shop in 1918, he devoted his time to his yard and a large garden, growing produce for family and market and raising fine poultry. Major and Jennie also provided board and room for high school students from the country for a number of years.

Major died on June 21, 1930. During the remaining eight years of her life, Jennie lived in this big house and hosted the family gatherings of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Jennie died June 28, 1938.

Adapted by Gloria Howell from material supplied by
Dr. John Franklin Vallentine

In Memoriam



ORAL W. BILYEU

At his untimely death in 1970, at the age of 51, the community of Ashland lost a professionally competent attorney. He had the courage to be different and to pursue his own interests, the tolerance to listen to others with an open mind without passing judgment. He served with compassion and concern the needs of neighbors and was willing to sacrifice time and effort to assist those who suffered. He was a good and gentle man.

SAM AND EVA BROADIE

Sam and Eva Broadie and children about 1907. Elmer, Hazel (Klinger), Sam, Eva, Burke, Wilma (Mitchell), Virgil, and Florence (Foncannon).

By:

Carol and Don Spotts
Walter and Mildred Broadie
Dorothea and Jim Shaw
Dwight and Catherine Klinger
Leta Broadie (Mrs. Raymond)
Mary Lou Broadie (Mrs. George)



Memorial

PATRICK HENRY CALLISON

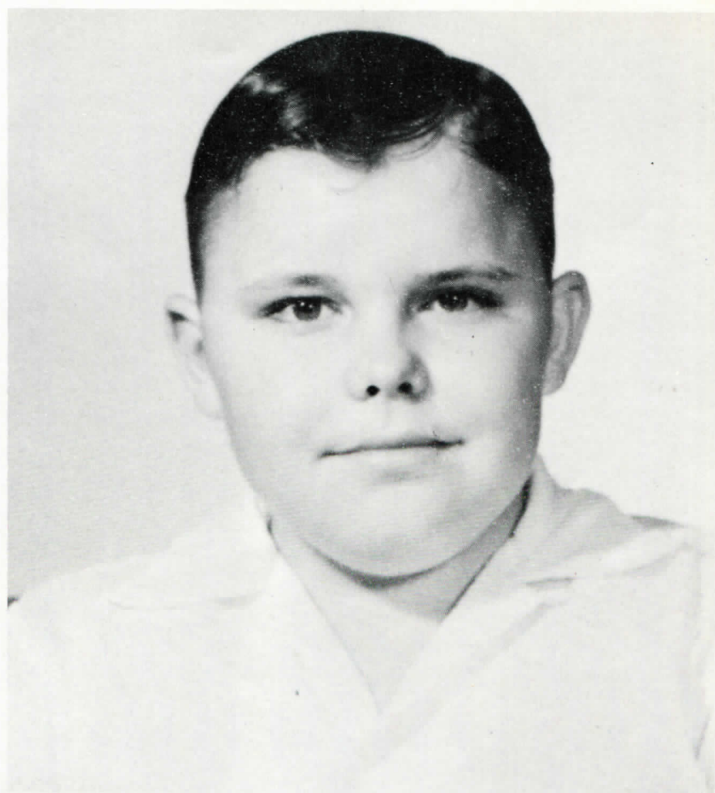
Patrick Henry Callison was born in Wichita in 1943 and came to Ashland with his parents, A.H. and Adeline Bunker Callison in 1946. At age five he was stricken with muscular distrophy. In spite of this he continued his education and graduated from the eighth grade as an honor student.

Pat was mascot of the Ashland High School football team for seven years. He always sat in his wheelchair at the end of the bench, giving gum to the team and cheering them on.

Pat was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a sophomore in high school when he died, August 13, 1959. He was a fine young man, an inspiration to everyone and deeply missed by his family and friends.

Pat's brother, Austin H. Callison III (Bud) and his two sisters, Martha Jane Wall and Mary Jean Dielman, and his parents are to be commended for the constant and loving care which they so willingly provided.

Submitted by Pearl Bunker Heath, Pat's aunt
and David Webb, friend



Pat Callison

THOMAS ROBERT CAUTHERS

Born April 13, 1880, Waverly, Ohio

Died November 23, 1954, Ashland, Kansas

Tom Cauters and his wife, Ethel, moved to Ashland from Haviland, Kansas in 1909 when he became associated with the Home Lumber and Supply Company. Well-known for his business acumen, he served his city, county and state in positions of great responsibility. Although serious by nature, he had a fine sense of humor and a hearty laugh. He was a man of integrity and respected by all who knew him. His primary interest and concern were for his family.



Thomas Robert Cauters

In Memoriam

SYLVESTER WAYNE FERGUSON

Son of Sylvia and Charley Ferguson, Sylvester was born December 7, 1945, near Spivey, Kansas and came to Ashland in August, 1959, with his mother, Sylvia, and little brother, Eugene. He worked part time at Fox Grocery while attending Ashland High School. His senior class was the first to graduate from the new high school building. He had designed and painted the Blue Jay on the gymnasium floor. He was also interested in auto mechanics. He left Ashland to work in a Ford garage in Ulysses where he was killed in a car-train wreck on June 30, 1965.

Submitted by Sylvia Swartz, mother



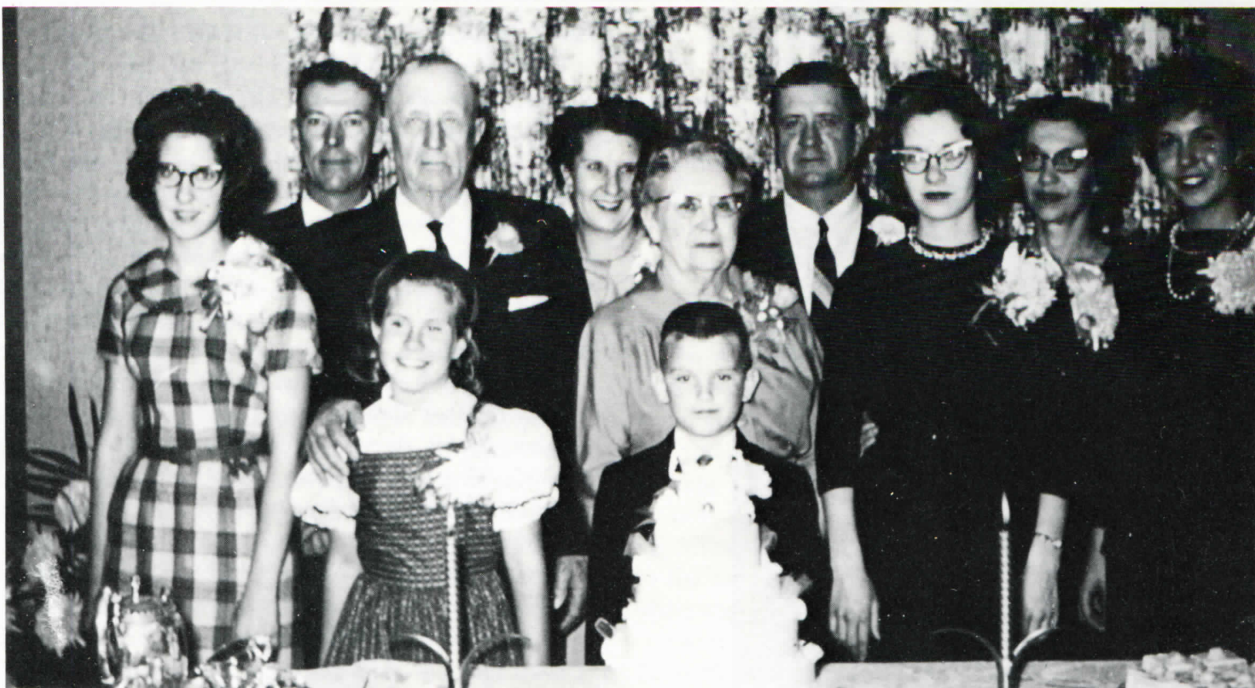
Sylvester Wayne Ferguson

Ashland Blue Jay, painted on high school gym floor by Sylvester



JEN AND HAZEL KLINGER

Submitted by Dwight Klinger and Dorothea Shaw



Jen and Hazel Klinger, 50th anniversary, 1961. Children and grandchildren. Front row: Laurel Klinger, Bill Shaw. Second row: Jenison Klin-

ger, Jen, Hazel, Diane Klinger, Karen Klinger. Third row: Jim and Dorothea Shaw, Dwight and Catherine Klinger.

Memorial



Dr. Jerry Hal McNickle

JERRY HAL McNICKLE

November 20, 1915 - February 14, 1973

Dr. Jerry McNickle began his practice of medicine in Ashland in 1946 and continued until his death in 1973.

His continual concern was to practice the best medicine he knew how and to this end, he took advantage of every opportunity to further his training. In August, 1953, he moved with his family to Philadelphia where they lived for a year while he studied at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. When he returned to Ashland, he built the medical building which is still in use.

Dr. Jerry was known for his kindness, his brusqueness, his outgoing personality, forgetfulness of names, and empathy with those seriously ill. Fishing, hunting, golf and boating were his recreations. His greatest enthusiasm was for high school sports involving his own boys and boys of the entire community. He was a faithful member of the Ashland Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder for several years.

Dr. Jerry was as capable at ease when changing diapers or washing dishes as practicing medicine and he set a good example for his sons.

Practicing medicine in his hometown was not always easy but had many compensations. A favorite story concerned the child questioned on the school bus about whether the doctor was called during his illness. The child said, "No, we just had Jerry."



Rev. and Mrs. Major W. Parker

REV. MAJOR WILLIAM AND MARGARET GILES PARKER

Rev. Major W. and Margaret Parker were born in Snodland, England. Rev. Parker served churches in the Evangelical Conference in Dennis, Hesston, Lost Springs and Tampa. He transferred to the Methodist Church Conference in 1925 and served churches in Plevna and Huntsville, Little River and Fry Chapel, Canton, Ashland and Sitka, Coldwater, Caldwell, Belle Plaine, and Salina. After retirement, Rev. Parker served Methodist churches in Englewood, Coldwater, Minneola, and Dodge City; Presbyterian Churches in Ashland, Coldwater and Meade; Church of God and Baptist in Ashland.

Rev. Parker was a member of the A.F. and A.M. Lodge, Past Patron, Order of Eastern Star, Wichita Consistory, where he was president of his class and Midian Shrine. In 1952 he was listed in Who's Who in Methodism. Mrs. Parker was a member of the United Methodist Women, Order of Eastern Star and Mum Embroidery Club.

Rev. Parker died October 11, 1969 and Mrs. Parker died March 29, 1977.

Submitted by Addie Ganson



THANK YOU ASHLAND
for a lot of good times and a lot of happy memories!

Thanks to some old friends who helped make it that way:
Wilber Dean Harmon, Johnny Severe, Ruth Mull, Glenn Crane,
Nick Cossman, Juanita Pike Jarrell, Patty Rogers Carriker, Philip
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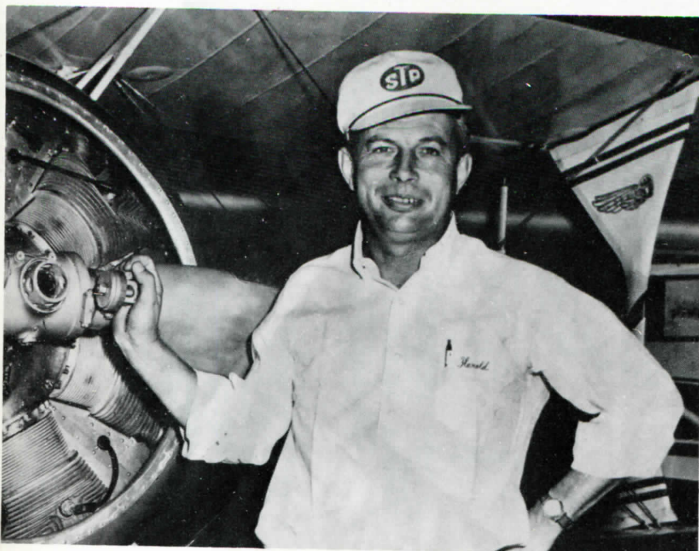
*Don & Alice Humphreys
Doug, Alyson, John E. II, Meredy,
Hutch & Hank
Great Bend, Kansas*

HAROLD KRIER **INTERNATIONAL AROBATIC CHAMPION**

Son of Lawrence and Josephine Krier

Born April 6, 1922

Fatally injured July 6, 1971, in a test plane accident.



Harold Krier

In Memoriam

WILL AND MAY JACKSON

When Sam Walter Foss wrote "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man," he was describing the Jacksons. Strangers as well as friends were always welcome. It may have been for a meal, an evening of music or an encouraging word. "The latch string" was always out at the Jacksons.

Submitted by V.R. and Joy Good



Will and May Jackson, 1915

CHARLES A. WALLINGFORD
1871-1955

MABEL F. WALLINGFORD
1884-1975



Charles A. Wallingford



Mabel F. Wallingford

IN LOVING MEMORY



J.D. (Doc) and Gladys May
Williams Messer, 1959

GLADYS MAY WILLIAMS MESSER **AND**
May 20, 1906 - April 20, 1971

J.D. (DOC) MESSER
February 7, 1902 - September 24, 1960

The Messer family moved to Clark County from Oklahoma in 1947 where they lived and worked on the Gardiner Ranch. They moved into town after Mr. Messer's retirement. Mrs. Messer was an employee of Ashland Hospital. Both were active Christian Church members until their deaths.

By their children and families: L.D. and Leona Messer
L.W. and Alma Lee Gene and Joann Williams
Bill and Reba Smith

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLAND ON ITS 100th!

Catherine Thorsell
Cleon and Marian Abbott
Jo Fox and Sons
Doug and Debbie Inderlied
Vic and Mary Urban
Lee and Ramona Snell
Charles McPherson Family
Don and Esther White
Ron, Kim, Zeb and Zach Salyer
Art and Addie Ganson
Jack and Hazel Fellers
Mike and Carrie Humphreys
Gene's Clothing
Terena Henderson Myatt
Rick, Terry, Scott, and Todd Pike

Gary and Jane Aldridge
Ron Culver Chevrolet and Olds
Circle of Friends Club
Ladies T-Off Club
Margaret's Beauty Nook
Charles and Rogene Heugatter
Danny and Pat Rich
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The Rick Nelson Family
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Bonnie Swayze
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Ina Floy Geier
Madge Randall
Clarice York
Don and Olga Howell
Leta Broadie

John and Denise Cleveland
Neill George
Ruth York
Mike McCarty
John R. Tuttle
Bill Broadie
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W.H. Stevenson
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Schuster Yard & Garden, Winfield
Vic Einsel
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Organizational meeting of Ashland's Centennial, Mayor Frank Reed presiding.

ARCHITECTURE



Sam Broadie built 1910, 525 West 12th (Louise C. Berryman)



T.R. Cauthers built 1910, 223 West 11th (Robert Cook)



J.M. Vallentine built 1910, 1101 Main (Tom Gilmore)



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