SAMUEL BOWEN AND HIS DESCENDENTS

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PREFACE

As a young child I remember both my mother and my father speaking fondly, and often, of our Bowen family heritage—of sacrifices made, of personalities, of successes and failures, of movings to and fro, of all that which makes the history of a family. I am proud of those who have gone before me and grateful for that which they have given of themselves that I may bear a good name and enjoy the heritage that is mine in character as well as the physical necessities and comforts of life. I am especially grateful to my parents for the love of family that they have instilled in me. Through this work my ancestors have become real people to me, individuals that I can appreciate and love.

An effort has been made to gather and compile bits and pieces of family history and data over the past twenty-two years. I am especially grateful to my husband, Donald H. Firl, in this effort and achievement for his perceptive mind, his diligence in persisting, and his ability to remember details as original research has been undertaken; to my parents for the vast amount of general information which they were able to remember, a base for detailed research; to Inez Bowen Campbell, Edith Bowen Steele, Doris Gress Johnson, and others for the notes and memorabilia which they kept and treasured regarding the Bowen family; to each family member who has not only cooperated in furnishing family data, but for the inspiration that their interest has been to me in bringing this work to this point.

Though there may be errors we have put forth our best effort to compile and write an accurate history by confirming, checking and rechecking, all data put forth as fact. Where uncertainties exist we have so indicated.

In a few instances multiple marriages of the present generation, where there were no children, have been omitted for special reasons. An effort has been made recently to update data on the descendents of Zadok Cramer and Minerva Jane Rankin Hale Bowen. Because our response has not been complete there is yet updating to complete. We invite the reader to advise us of known/confirmed information that is yet needed and of errors. We will be appreciative recipients of data to be recorded in the future. From time to time we hope to supplement this work with newly acquired data and copies of certain articles in our possession which might be of interest to others. At a future time we hope to compile a vast amount of data which we have gathered on descendents of Absalom Bowen, other than his son, Zadok. We hope, too, to do a similar work on other family lines (Largent, Rankin, Ross, etc.).

Veryl Emma Bowen Firl
December 1980
PEDIGREE CHART FOR:
Walter Grant Bowen of
Hastings, Mills, Iowa

Abigail Bowen
born 22 November 1779 at Fayette Co., Penna.
mated 27 October 1807
at Thorntown, Boone, Ind.
died 13 February 1888 at Pilgrim, Douglas, Kansas

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born 9 March 1785 at Greene Co., Penna.
died 20 September 1862 at Boone Co., Ind.

Walter Grant Bowen
born 19 September 1870 at Richland, Douglas, Kansas
married 1 January 1895
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Spouse: Emma Angeline Largent

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John Ross Jr.
born abt. 1738 at Donegal, Ireland
m. 1 May 1764 in Wales

Martha Pembroke
born Ireland

Sarah Davies (died after 1822)
born

Samuel Davies
born

Joseph Davies
born

Joseph Davies
born

Sarah Huld(a) Spofford
born

William Rankin, Sr.
born ?

(1) Jennie Edmonston
born

Jane Ann James (James)
born

Jane Ross
born

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born 19 February 1818 at Morgantown, W. Va.
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SAMUEL BOWEN

Among the many uncertainties concerning the origins of our Bowens in America, one thing is certain: We know little fact concerning those first ancestors.

Likely, they were of Welsh stock (i.e. had roots in Wales). They may have come as early as the 1640s, or as much as a hundred years later. The best guesses suggest they came to Massachusetts or to Virginia, and then moved westward.

The name Bowen probably comes from the phrase, ap Owen, which means son-of-Owen. The name is found on ancient records in several forms: Ap Owen, Abowen, Bown, Bowin, Bowan, and Bowen. And it is said that the family which bears the name is descended from ancient kings of Dyfed, Wales, through one Gwynfarrd Dyfed, who lived in the early Eleventh Century.*

Our first proven ancestor is one Samuel Bowen living in the Monongahela Valley in Virginia (later West Virginia) and southern Pennsylvania in the late 1700s. His neighbors called him Captain Bowen, an allusion to his activity in defending against Indians wont to raid settlements in the area. His plantation was known as Springfield, and it was located in Springhill Township of Fayette County, Pennsylvania—this according to maps drawn after the definition of the Mason-Dixon line. Samuel's brother, James, apparently a life-long bachelor, lived in the same township. The two brothers are said to have come from Delaware in 1770.

The mother (or possibly grandmother) of Samuel and James is reputed to be one Sarah Huld Spofford. One family legend/tradition states an ancestor of the Bowens also to have been a dark-haired, half-French and half-Indian woman.

Samuel was married to Sarah Davies, daughter of Joseph Davies of near-Morgantown, Monongalia County, (West) Virginia. John Webb, who married Sarah's sister, had the plantation neighboring the Bowen's to the south. Samuel and Sarah are listed as members, by way of baptism, of the Forks of Cheat Baptist Church near the town of Marion as early as 1781. The earliest date Samuel is found listed on existing tax records for Fayette County, Pennsylvania is in 1785.

Records show Samuel to have owned considerable land. Besides the 348± acre homestead of Springfield acquired on 19 September 1785 by warrant deed, he received by patent 81 acres "on the Waters of the Monongahela" in 1786. He acquired 118 acres in Wood County, West Virginia at a tax sale. Between 1783 and 1802, he and John Isborne jointly acquired 15 acres "bordering the Pennsylvania line." There are other records showing land acquisitions by "Samuel Bowen," but the reader should be made aware that it is quite possible that two men by the same name lived in the area at about the same time.

Probate information also shows Samuel and Sarah Bowen disposing of land to others. Most notably is the entry showing the sale of the 248± acres then remaining of Springfield to their sons, Davi(e)s and John in 1822.

Evidence suggests Samuel was born about 1755. We have no date for his marriage.

* The Name and Family of Bowen, The Media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C.
He died between 16 April and 3 July 1022, as shown by his will dates. Sarah sur-
vived him. The will lists the following children as heirs: Absalom Bowen, Thomas
Bowen, John Bowen, and Davi(e)s Bowen. The minor sons of another son, William,
namely Alfred and John Bowen, are also named as inheritors. Additionally, Anne
Bixlar (who may have been a daughter) and the brother, James Bowen, are mentioned.
The list of family members is probably not complete, as Davi(e)s Bowen later identi-
fied himself as the youngest of seven sons, and it is doubtful all daughters are
mentioned.

In his biography, recorded in the printed history of Green County, Wisconsin,
Davi(e)s Bowen had this to say of his father:

"He took an active and conspicuous part in the long and bloody Indian Wars
of the Monongahela River. He never seemed to care about accumulating a
large fortune, yet he left a good and comfortable house for his family
who survived him. Like most of the frontier settlers, he was noted for his
hospitality, and it was said—'No one ever left his door hungry.' He was
highly respected, and lived and died on the old Bowen farm, lying in the
locality known as the Forks of Cheat."

Before passing to the life of Sarah Davies Bowen and other Bowen ancestors
we will make mention of one further piece of oral history, which has come from
a couple quarters. It is said that somewhere in the remoter generations, a dis-
pute arose over an important matter, perhaps over the disposal of some land. In
the end the two factions agreed to disagree and went separate ways. Each faction
continued to use the name Bowen, but one pronounced the Bow as in bow-and-arrow,
while the other pronounced it to rhyme with cow.

**SARAH DAVIES BOWEN**

Sarah Davies, wife of Samuel Bowen, was one of five daughters of Joseph
Davies of the Morgantown, West Virginia area. She had sisters Rachel, Hulda,
Catherine, and Hannah, and a single brother, Thomas. She evidently met and married
Samuel Bowen after he came to the Forks of Cheat area.

Though even less is known of her than of her husband, one may assume she lived
well the role of wife and mother. Her home was a hospitable one, and she did raise
seven sons. One of these sons, Davi(e)s, was one of the statesmen who helped Wis-
consin devise its constitution. She was a religious person, being of the Baptist
persuasion.

She evidently maintained family ties with her own Davies family through the
years, as she is mentioned in her father's will of 1788 on file in Morgantown,
West Virginia. She also lived neighbor to at least one of her sisters, Rachel,
who was married to John Webb. Another sister, Hulda, who married Jacob Counts,
removed to Miami County, Ohio and later had descendants living in Monona County,
Iowa.

That her husband honored her is partly seen in his providing her with a widow's
dower and other provisions in his will, including her choice of five sheep. From
his will we know that she could ride a horse with bridle and saddle. Circumstantial
evidence concerning the disposition of family properties suggests she may have died
between 1830 and 1835. She undoubtedly is buried somewhere in the Forks of Cheat
Baptist Churchyard with her husband and perhaps other family members.
Absalom Bowen was born on 22 November 1779 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania to Samuel and Sarah Davies Bowen. He was their eldest son. He grew up on the family plantation in Springhill Township, with his six brothers and perhaps some sisters. He married Jane Ross of neighboring Green County.

They evidently farmed for a time in the Morgantown area, on Cheat Creek, as indicated by a Federal Census record. Absalom is documented as being there on 7 March 1829. They left for Indiana in about 1830. By then they had most or all of their family of six sons and five daughters. It is said they left Virginia because the fields were steep, rocky, and hilly, and Absalom wanted more lands for his sons. It is believed they travelled partly by boat down the Ohio River and the rest of the way by wagon and horseback. Absalom and Jane acquired a farm of 200 acres in Boone County of Indiana and also owned 160 acres in Howard County, as well as perhaps other property.

Absalom was essentially a farmer, but he additionally ran a whiskey distillery, raised stock, and perhaps engaged in logging operations. He owned slaves at one time, a practice which he probably adopted from his father and/or neighbors.

The Absalom Bowens were evidently interested in the progress and development of their region and country. This can be seen from the names given some of their children: Joseph Harrison Bowen, Zadok Craner Bowen, Uriah Springer Bowen, and Zebulon Decatur Bowen. They also honored family, as was the custom, in naming their offspring, for additionally there were: Robert Ross Bowen, Huldah Bowen, Hannah Bowen, Sarah Sylvania Bowen, as well as Orpha, Cassina, and Alexander Milton Bowen. Joseph, who died in early manhood, was partly named for his Grandfather Davies, too.

Their home in Indiana is described as a double log house on Sugar Creek, with a double fireplace. We know nothing of their first home in the Morgantown, (West) Virginia area, but presumably they were comfortable for the times. Edith Bowen Steele indicates they raised peafowl there, among other things, and often had roast peafowl for special occasions (in the same way that others had a roast goose).

Absalom is described as being fair with blue eyes and a sandy complexion, and slender.

The last-known detail of Absalom's life is both sad and uplifting. It pertains to his passing from this life. He, along with his help, were floating logs down the river to market. Great "rafts" of these logs were floated together and were controlled by the men through the use of pikes (long poles). After several of the pikes had been lost by the men, Absalom made a rule that the next man to drop one into the cold river had to go in after it. As it happened, he was the next one to lose his pike. True to his rule and his word he plunged into the icy water. After he was pulled out, he took cold, presumably caught pneumonia, and died.

He died on 17 May 1849 at his home near Thorntown of Boone County, Indiana. He is buried in Bethel Cemetery in the countryside. His wife, Jane, is buried beside him. Their graves are marked by a shaft of white sandstone inscribed with the usual details. The family farm was purchased by Robert Ross Bowen, the eldest son, from other heirs, after the death of Absalom. Absalom's will, dated 13 April 1849 and probated 7 August 1849, is on file in Boone County, Indiana.
Jane Ross, wife of Absalom Bowen, was born on 9 March 1785 to John Ross, Jr. and Jane Ann James in Greene County, Pennsylvania. She was the youngest child of eight sons and four daughters. Her brothers and sisters were Robert, William, John, Mary, Enoch, Hannah, Meshack, Sarah, Alexander, Isaac, and David.

Jane's heritage was, indeed, colorful. Her father was born in Donegal, Ireland and came with his family to Philadelphia in 1751, and eventually migrated to Greene County, Pennsylvania. There in 1767 he tomahawked 240 acres on Dunkard Creek in Dunkard Township and under date of 8 March 1786 warranted this land as his homestead. He protected his family against the Cayuga and Huron Indians. He served as a scout on both sides of the Monongahela River during Dunsmore's War in 1774, and served in Captain Meir's Company of Border Guards in 1775 and 1776. His father, John Ross, Sr., was an officer in the Revolutionary War. His uncle (John, Sr.'s. brother), George Ross, signed the Declaration of Independence. George's wife reportedly was Betsy who made the first American flag.

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August 9th, 1841

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We know that Zadok did some traveling as a young man for he and his brother, Robert Ross Bowen, wrote a detailed report of a trip which they took to Missouri and Iowa in 1840, exploring the land and its possibilities for farming. Some of the young Bowens, at least, felt a dissatisfaction with establishing their homes in the area of their parents' home in Indiana because of swampy, malaria-infested lands.

Zadok was married at 34 years of age to Sarah Slocum on 1 April 1852 in Boone County, Indiana. Sarah was born in Boone County, Indiana on 23 January 1829. She was 23 years old at the time of their marriage. Her parents were John Slocum, Jr. and Sarah McCann. Her father was born in Harrison County, (West) Virginia on 21 May 1802. At 19 years of age he ran off and went to Boone County, Indiana. On 26 May 1826 he married Sarah (McCann). The McCann family was, also, of Virginia and related to "Light Horse Harry" Lee of Revolutionary War fame and father of General Robert E. Lee of the Confederate Army. They were the parents of nine children: Robert, Sarah, Thomas, John, Margaret, Rebecca, Ann, Harriet and Mary Jane. All of these children lived and died in Indiana, except for Thomas, who settled in Knox County Missouri, and Sarah.*

Shortly after the birth of their second child Zadok and Sarah joined another family, the McCormicks, to claim homestead land in Douglas County, Kansas. They left Indiana on 19 March 1855. This was about six years after the death of Zadok's father. They traveled with oxen and a covered wagon. It was during this period that the Kansas Territory was being settled, free or slave. Evidently, Zadok was impressed by the dark rich soil along Waukarusa Creek, the reported lack of disease, and the ease with which the land could be cleared and sod broken. The present generation knows a thickly wooded area with tall trees along this part of the creek, but Zadok said he could straddle down any tree between the creek and the house on the hill, in the early years there, because prairie fires had kept timber stunted from growth.

Zadok cleared firstly, a small acreage on the creek, near the place where Waukarusa Bridge was later built, to build a log cabin and grow corn for food. Mr. McCormick settled across the creek from Zadok where it bended from east to north. The corn that they grew was taken to Leavenworth, Kansas with two yokes of oxen for grinding into cornmeal. The journey took four days to and four days from the mill. Section lines had not been marked at the time they arrived. Zadok found, when they were drawn, that his cabin was just off the place of land that he had pre-empted. At that time he built another log cabin on the top of the bluff where the Bowen home stood for nearly a century. The log cabin stood where the living room of the later home was built. The acreage that Zadok cleared first by the creek was a small three-cornered field surrounded by trees and kept under cultivation, as long as it remained in the Bowen family, nearly 100 years later.

Zadok's homestead claim was 160 acres, the southeast corner of the 640 acres that he eventually owned. It was mostly farmland and timber. In later years he bought 160 acres to the north of the homestead section (from the "hedgerow" to to the county road). It was all pasture land. Goose Creek ran through an area on the east. Patches of sumac and large boulders dotted this section. Eventually, he acquired 320 acres to the west of his half section. It was both farmland and pastureland, and bordered the Douglas-Shawnee County line on the extreme west. All of this section of land was bordered by the Waukarusa Creek on the south. It was about 1 1/2 miles to the southeast of Topeka or 20 miles to the southwest of Lawrence. The original homestead property along with the second 160 acres remained in the Bowen family for 99 years, inherited by Walter Bowen and then purchased of

* Family of Thomas Slocum Who Married Martha Ann Rose, Knox County Missouri
Walter's heirs by his son, Russell Bowen. The west half-section was inherited by Edith Bowen Steele, Zadoc's daughter, and remained in her possession until after her death. That property was purchased in 1959 by Wilbur Cole, a descendent of Zadok and Sarah Slocum Bowen. Zadok is listed in the Book of Original Pre-emptors in Douglas County at the Register of Deeds Office, Douglas County Courthouse, Lawrence, Kansas—HE E Sec. 26 T 13 R17.

Mr. McCormick did not stay long in Kansas. He returned to the east.

Zadok was probably too old to serve in the regular army, but he did serve in the home militia to help control Quantrill's Raiders and border ruffians. This service was given during the first years after his arrival in Kansas, and it was recognized by the government. He wrote of encounters for many years with local so-called "bushwhackers," who meant to do him and his family harm because of his stand on issues of the day. He related stories of a bullet whistling over his head while plowing—of drawing his gun at the door on a known local rebel—of groups lurking on his property. His second wife, Minerva, dropped a bucket at the Lower Well once causing them to scatter in fright. He has been described as very loyal and patriotic. This probably accounts for his son, Walter Grant, born at a later time, being named after a president of the United States.

The young Bowen family grew in numbers after their migration to Kansas. The children who came with Zadok and Sarah were two year old Martin V. and a baby, Sarah Jane. Martin died about two months later. Milton Z., Miles Oliver, Manda Ellen and Ann Maria were born in the next nine years. Notes in Zadok's record book and a row of tombstones in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Richland, tell the tragic story of the deaths of three of the children and Sarah between 19 August and 26 September 1866. Sarah Jane, who was nearly 13 years old, died 15 months later, leaving only Zadok and Ann Maria, not yet four years of age. It is believed they died of the disease then called flux (probably typhoid). Some say that Mother Sarah, only 37 years old, died of a broken heart after the three children were gone. Her death date was 26 September 1866. Zadok had lost his wife and five of their six children since coming to Kansas.

Zadok, as a former teacher and now a widower with a young daughter, founded one of the first school districts in the area, West Fairview School. This was probably in 1867 or 1868. The first teacher was a young widow, Minerva Jane Ranckin Hale, who had also been left with one young daughter, Winnifred Evelyn Hale. She was later to become his wife. Three generations of Bowen children were to attend that school before it's closing, due to consolidation, in the late 1940s. Zadok's great-granddaughter, Lorraine Bowen Boos, was one of it's last teachers and among it's last students were Veryl Emma Bowen Firl and Edith Janett Bowen, children of Russell Bowen, who served on it's board for many years before it's closing. It was a one-roomed, wood frame building that stood about one-half mile north of the northeast corner of the Bowen farm.

Zadok married Minerva on 2 November 1869. He was 51 years old and she was 32 years old. Each brought a young daughter from their previous marriages to this marriage. To this union were born Walter Grant Bowen on 19 September 1870 and Edith Constance Amy Bowen (Steele) on 16 September 1876. Both were born at the Bowen home.

When young Walter was about eleven years old, the first stage of the two-story wood frame house was planned by Zadok and built. The large kitchen and bedroom above it, with cellar underneath, were added to the then standing log cabin in 1881. Walter helped his father haul sand for the new house from under the Kansas River bridge at Topeka, Kansas by driving one team of horses while his father
Zadok drove another team. The second stage, which Zadok had planned, was completed by Minerva after his death in 1888. This consisted of the living room and a bedroom downstairs with two more upstairs bedrooms, which were to stand where the log cabin stood. There was a porch and a washroom on the east of the kitchen. Another porch and a pantry were on the west of the kitchen.

We can but believe that Zadok was a man of courage and honor with a keen intellect, a progressive mind, and the ability to organize achievement not only in his own life but in service to others. According to a picture and family reports he had curly, brown hair, slightly balding, and dark brown eyes. He wore a beard. He was of medium stature and weight.

Zadok died at his home in Douglas County, Kansas on 13 February 1888 at 70 years of age. He was buried with his first wife, Sarah, and their children at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

MINERVA JANE RANKIN HALE BOWEN

Minerva Jane Rankin was born on 26 April 1837 in Pine Township, Crawford County, Ohio near Penn Line on the Pennsylvania-Ohio border. Her father's farm lay on that border. Her parents were William Rankin, Jr. and Jane A. Fuller. One other child, William Simeon Rankin, was born of this marriage in 1840. Her father died young, probably in his twenties or early thirties, about 1841. Court guardians were appointed for Minerva and her brother, William. They were Ashbald Clark and Asa Forsythe.

Minerva's mother was married again, to Samuel Kennedy in Pennsylvania. Three children, half-brothers to Minerva, were born of this marriage. They were Marques de Lafayette (Lafe), George Walter, and Samuel. Lafe and George were born in Pennsylvania and Samuel was probably born in Kansas after the family moved there. The family arrived in Lawrence on 4 October 1854. Minerva was then 17 years old, William was left behind to attend school in Pennsylvania. They lived in Lawrence at the time of Quantrill's raid. Minerva's mother operated a rooming house in Lawrence at one time and the family had a farm in Douglas County, near Clinton.

Minerva's grandfather, William Rankin, Sr., was probably a son of Samuel Rankin and Jennie Edmonston, who came to Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1796 from Ta Bogne, Ireland. Samuel held membership in the Seceder Church, which later became the United Presbyterian Church. William (Sr.) was born in Ireland and settled in Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He named his property New Killdrum. His children were William, Jr. (Minerva's father), Thomas, John, James, Mary, Eliza Jane (who married John McCutcheon), at least one other son, and another daughter.

Her mother, Jane A. Fuller, was born in Augusta, Maine to Milo H. Fuller and his wife, Rebecca Beech. Other known children of Milo or Rebecca are Desdomonia, Sarah, Maria and Cynthia. Jane was born on 5 July 1818 and died on 18 April 1893 at Clinton, Douglas, Kansas.

From the time that Minerva arrived in Kansas with her family in 1854 until she married Zadok Bowen, some 15 years later, we find only traces of her activities in various locations. In a letter to her brother, William, dated one year after the arrival in Kansas Minerva indicated that she was not living at home, but was living in Topeka. In 1853 there are letters from Minerva, written as a student at the Convent of Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, Missouri. She was certified to teach school in Douglas County from 1862 - 1864, at least, and indications are that she taught in Kanawaka Township prior to March 1863. She was married to Francis Hale.
Minerva) 8.

on about 2 August 1863, and gave birth to two daughters, probably in Weston, Iowa. Amelia was born and died as a baby in about 1864. Winnifred Evelyn Hale (Freeman) was born 4 January 1866. Francis died, leaving Minerva a young widow with a young daughter, around 1866 or 1867. She wrote a letter of inquiry about entering the University of Kansas in Summer 1867, though it is not known that she took classes there. She returned to teaching, some time after the death of her husband, for she was hired by Zadok Bowen to be the first teacher of West Fairview School, in about 1867 or 1868. There is a letter from a parent to her indicating that she was teaching at Mt. Hope School, in or near Clinton, in June 1869.

From letters and other memorabilia that has survived the passage of a century of time, and more, we know that Minerva, as a young woman of 20 years, was religious and had a loving heart. She freely expressed her love and concern for family members. We find that she had opinions of her own, and that she had a sense of humor. Excerpts from letters written by her are as follows:

Convent of the Sacred Heart
St. Joseph, Mo.
2 Feb. 1858

My Dearest Mother:

Your affectionate letter has just been joyfully received, and I hasten to reply. I am so thankful to God whenever I hear of your health and welfare. I think it would be well for you to write often. To hear of your, and that of my deare brother's happiness is the greatest pleasure I can experience or the contrary of this the most heartfelt sorrow. To say that I do not grieve for our lovd little Percy (Samuel) would be denying the truth; but I do not miss him as much as you do, or as much as I shall when I return, and see the place he once occupied now vacant. Often will I listen for his mery voice that will no more delight me; and oh how I shall miss his sweet welcome home. I shall wait in vain for his innocent carresses which will nevermore be mine. But for me to wish to call him back to earth would be a sin that I must not be quilty of committing, for had it not been the pleasure of God to take little Percy to himself, he would still be with us now. We cannot doubt but what his pure spirit is now enjoying a far greater degree of happiness than we could ever have expected him to have experienced, even if all the joys and pleasures of this life had been his unsullied by a passing cloud of gloomy thought.

Then dear Mother is it not cruel in us to repine or wish him back from his now happy home, to dwell with us again, for even in childhood's happiest hours we sometimes have cause for sorrow. Then I will say Sweet little Percy rest in peace; may wishes of mine for thy return never come to disquiet thee in thy bright and harmonious home.

I am surprised to hear that George has not received my letter. I received his letter and replied to it on the first of Jan. I have also written to him since which I hope he will receive and reply to it. I shall love dearly to see Lafey and George and I hope that pleasure is not far distant for me. They must be good boys and remember that their sister can never forget them however distant she may be from them. I think you must soon hear from Willie, for I have written him twice since you spoke to me about it.

You speak of returning to our old home in Pa. Kansas the home of my adoption is dear but my old native Keystone is still dearer. Do as you think best Mother. Tis home wherever you are; and without you even an earthy Paradise could not be enjoyed. When Willie comes he may prefer Kansas to our old home, and advantages for school are increasing every day, and I anticipate no difficulty in procuring and eligible situation in some college or school where he can continue his education.
I try dear Mother to improve my time to a good advantage and I flatter myself that my endeavors are not entirely useless. You say dear Mother that you had hope that I sometimes offer up a prayer for you. My dear Mother, your very name suggests a prayer. Can I ever kneel in prayer without presenting first my dearest earthly objects for Heaven's choicest blessings to rest upon them and at such times Mother your name is ever first and last upon my lips and within my heart. Reply soon.

Yours truly,
Minerva J. Rankin

(March 14, 1858) The girls all say I look so pretty, if I could only have my likeness taken and send it to you so that you might see me for once when I am so charming. However if beauty is always such a trouble as mine has been I shall not sigh for its return. I have that very interesting disease known as mumps and my face is only about twice as large as old Mrs. _______ so you can form some idea of the extent of my personal charms at the moment.

We know from her letters, too, that she loved her birth state but adjusted positively to Kansas:

....But Willie I cannot altogether give up the wish of your seeing the plains of the West. Kansas is a Second "Paradise", at least as far as the garden is concerned; I will not say that the inhabitants are as peaceful as were our first Parents; but the political difficulties serve to keep up an excitement that is rather interesting than otherwise.

(Addressed to William at Penline, Crawford Co., Pa.) Five years has produced many changes in the quiet village of Pleasant Valley, have they not? How I would like to take a stroll with you, through its green vales and pleasant groves and wander a while in the old orchards; the scenes of so many youthful sports and pleasures; and that dear old school house should not be forgotten either; does it still stand in its accustomed place? Surrounded by the beautiful chestnuts and sycamore that offered us such friendly shade from the burning rays of a summer sun? Often in imagination do I revisit those scenes of childish enjoyments and have a sigh for their memory. You are still among these familiar scenes, surrounded by all the associations of childhood; while your sister wanders in foreign climes and associates with strangers.

A letter written by Zadok to Minerva at the beginning of their courtship, some 15 months before their marriage, reveals to us his early impressions of Minerva:

August 1st, 1868
Dear Madam

Pardon my boldness in writing you as it is from the purest motive I address you. The sad but stern decree of fortune took away my lovely and kind companion, one of the best women, near two years ago. I have grieved and wept but alas when our friends have passed from our time to eternity neither sighs nor tears nor sorrow nor grief can bring them again. Hence I have resolved to try to refrain from grief and try to make the best of coming time which I may only hope to do by an association and connection with one virtuous and worthy, one whom I can highly esteem and by whom I can be esteemed. My acquaintance with you is but slight. I have seen you a few times. Your beauty, intelligent look,
polite and graceful manners have so attracted my notice that I can
not help thinking of you and I shall be unhappy till permitted to improve
an acquaintance with you. As to my character you are at liberty if you
think worthwhile to inquire after it as I think you will find it good
as it has always been my aim to so act as to merit both a good name and
an approving conscience. As to fortune or property modesty prompts me
forbear saying anything. Now with a hope of a favorable answer I will
subscribe myself.

Your sincere
friend
Z. C. Bowen

At 32 years of age she married Zadok Cramer Bowen, 51 years old, on 2
November 1869. From that time until her death, over fifty-two years later, she
lived on the Bowen farm in Douglas County, Kansas. Both she and her new husband
brought a young daughter to this marriage—Ann Maria Bowen (Gress) was nearly 6
years of age and Winnifred Evelyn Hale (Freeman) was nearly 4 years of age. As
indicated earlier, Walter Grant Bowen was born to this marriage the following
year and Edith Constance Amy Bowen (Steele) was born six years after Walter. Edith
wrote many years later that her mother did not have a doctor to attend at the birth
of her children. A neighbor, Mary Fallwell, was there to assist.

From notes kept by Minerva in a small booklet, with dates extending from
1874 - 1881, we know something of her activities during this period of her life
as a wife and mother of growing children. She kept specific records on her sale
of chickens, turkeys, eggs, and butter at various places—Mound, Belvoir, Lawrence,
Topeka and Richland—as well as to individuals. There are, also, notes
on the sale of steers and wool. One entry stated:

Oct. 5th, 1874   Sent for patterns. Went on foot to Twin Mounds. Carried
home ten lbs. of flour, 4 lbs of sugar and one lb. of nails. Children went
part of way with me to gather nuts. Came home oh so tired. Looks very much
like rain.

She writes of going to Clinton to mill two bushels of meal—of children starting
school—of going to Seigle for camp meetings on cars (fare was 70 cts. apiece)—
of sewing overalls and shirts for N. Clayshad at 20¢ for each pair of overalls
and 15¢ for each shirt—of buying cloth for a quilt at 18¢—of work started on
the building of the new house:

August 26, 1881   Tom Hill commenced laying up cellar wall.

Monday, Nov. 21, 1881  Commenced to doing carpenter work on the new
house. Miner and Kelton worked Monday half day, all day Tuesday, half
day Thursday.

Another entry expresses her feelings of that day:

Tuesday, Nov. 10th 1874   Dear Brother Lafe started for California today.
I wanted so much to go to Lawrence to see him off but could not.

On the event of Daughter Edith's birth we read:

Baby born Sat. 9 o'clock at night. Sept. 16th, 1876.

Hardships imposed by weather and insect were mentioned:

Aug 11th (1874) Very warm. Dry south winds. Scorching everything up.
Looks like rain all the time but never comes. It is almost a famine. God
grant to send rain soon.

Tuesday Sept. 1st, 1874   ....the weather is still dry and very warm. No

The wedding of her daughter, Winnie, to Eugene Freeman is reported to have taken place at the Bowen home on 22 July 1886. By this time the new wood-frame kitchen and upstairs bedroom should have been added to the log cabin. Ann Maria was married a few months earlier on 2 March 1886 to Charles William Gress in Douglas County, Kansas. We do not know whether or not she was married in the Bowen home.

Minerva was widowed, again, after eighteen years of marriage to Zadok in 1888 and she lived as a widow on the Bowen farm for 34 years until her death. As indicated in Zadok's history Minerva supervised, shortly after Zadok's death, the building of the second stage of the wood-frame house, which he had designed before his death. Her children and step-daughter lived either with her or nearby for many years. Ann Marie lived on a neighboring farm just to the west, the "old Gress farm." It is known that Winnie's four children were born in Douglas County, Kansas, the last born in 1897. In later year, however, she moved to Oklahoma with her family. Walter, who was 17 years old at the time of his father's death, married Emma Angeline Largent on 1 January 1895 and he and his family lived nearby on the Bowen farm in the "house upon the hill." They moved to Iowa in 1910. Except for some time spent in school it is believed that Edith lived at home until her marriage to Irvin Steele on 29 September 1909. After that time she lived on the Steele Ranch near Spearman, Texas.

Minerva hired work to be done on the farm, as needed, after her family was gone and she kept a hired girl at least part-time during the later years of her life. One of her hired girls was Carrie Montfoort, who later married one of her grandsons, Hussell Bowen, and lived on the Bowen farm for many years after Minerva's death. In the last years of her life, at least, she had dogs, one named Towser, which were not only company to her but a protection against intruders.

Minerva wrote letters often to her children until the time of her death. She remained alert to the details of managing the farm, as well as to what was happening to other family members and neighbors. She was interested in community events and politics. She expressed great joy in receiving visits and letters from her family which filled otherwise lonely hours.

Appearance-wise, Minerva has been described as having blue eyes and being of average height and weight as a young woman. She was heavier, as she grew older, and her hair was white. She, also, has been described as being very much a lady--of a romantic disposition. She died at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 5 days at her home on 31 March 1922. Her services were held at the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Kansas. She was buried at Clinton Cemetery, just west of town, where her mother and her two half-brothers, George and Lafe, are also buried.

WALTER GRANT BOWEN

Walter Grant Bowen was born at his parents' home in Douglas County, Kansas on 19 September 1870, his parents being the aforementioned Zadok Cramer Bowen and Minerva Jane Rankin Hale Bowen. He attended West Fairview School, which his father founded and his mother taught in it's first year. He helped his father on the farm as a young boy and cared for his mother and young sister, Edith, after his father's death when he was only 17 years of age.
Walter married Emma Angeline Largent, a neighbor, on 1 January 1895 in Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas. For several years they lived in "the house upon the hill," located on the west half-section of the Bowen farm and farmed that property. Though the house was there when Walter's father purchased the property in years before a large barn, smokehouse, and buggyshed were later added. Eight of their children were born there.

In 1910 the family moved to Hastings, Mills County, Iowa where Walter had inherited land, 160 acres, from his uncle, Alexander Milton Bowen. The home on that property was similar in architecture to the Zadok Bowen home—a large two-story wood frame house. The children grew up in that home. Though Walter and Emma acquired other properties both lived there until their deaths. Sometime around the time of World War I they purchased 640 acres of land in eastern Colorado, near Kendrick and Rush. Walter inherited the east half-section of his parents' farm in Douglas County, Kansas at the time of his mother's death. The Iowa property, which has been in the Bowen family for over a century, is currently owned by Marcus Bowen, Walter's youngest son. The Colorado property is owned by Edith Janett Bowen, Walter's granddaughter and Russell's daughter.

Walter and Emma had nine children. They were Russell Ervin, Ethel Minerva, Weeren Gilbert, Ted Alexander, Grigg Marvin, Inez Lenore (Campbell), Veryl Rebecca Joan (Kiday), Alma Chleo (Wederquist) and Marcus Walter. There were, also, still-born male twins after Marcus. Marcus and the twins were born after the family moved to Iowa. Ethel died at nine years of age from typhoid pneumonia in Kansas. Grigg was killed at 29 years of age in a car-train accident at a railroad crossing near the Bowen home. The Bowen family suffered from the heartache of a second car-train accident 25 years later when Weeren was killed at a railroad crossing not many miles from the scene of Grigg's death. Except for Ethel and Grigg all of the children married and established homes of their own.

Walter was a quiet man, who cared about the welfare of his family. He had a reputation for "keeping his business to himself," and his neighbors knew that "If Mr. Bowen said that, his word was as good as anything." He and Emma traveled on occasion to visit their family that lived in Kansas and to Texas to visit his sister and her husband, Edith and Irv Steele. Edith's nickname for Walter was "Dick." He wrote interesting letters of several pages in length to family members, something that few men of his day did. As a young man in Kansas he liked to hunt coons and set fishing poles overnight on the Waukarusa.

Walter was a medium-small man, about 5'6" in height. He had light brown hair, which got gray as he grew older. Like many of the Bowen men he was slightly balding. He wore a mustache in his younger years, but shaved it off when he moved to Iowa. His eyes were brown, like the rest of his family except for Grigg, who was the only member of the family with blue eyes. Walter enjoyed good health, generally, for most of his life. He died unexpectedly—possibly of a heart condition—at 67 years of age in Hastings, Mills County, Iowa on 3 November 1937. He is buried at North Grove Cemetery, a country cemetery not far from his farm to the east.

Emma Angeline Largent Bowen was born on 11 May 1877 near Richland, Shawnee County, Kansas to James Truvilla Largent and Anna Rebecca Shaffer Largent. She was the sixth child of a family of eight children including Viola May (Wilch), John William, Mary Ida (Zirkle), Carrie Esta (Berry), Lenora Avilla (Hall), Cora Ann (Zirkle) and James Grover. Her parents had traveled from Ohio to Kansas territory by covered wagon. They homesteaded property about two miles north of Richland.
Her father was born in Champaign County, Ohio and her mother in Rockingham, Virginia.

Emma has been described as quiet and reserved, though she was perhaps more "outgoing" than her husband. It was her nature to be calm even under stress. She seemed to have a knack for nursing sick people. She loved and grew beautiful flowers. Emma kept cages of canaries in her home. She sewed all of her children's clothing and made quilts. Her home was a house of order. It is certainly to her credit that all of her sons became successful farmers and her daughters trained teachers. Her obituary read:

"Quiet and unassuming her first responsibility was the rearing of her family and yet she was a friend and good neighbor to all, and during the last five years of illness and suffering maintained that interest with cheerfulness and courage at all times."

She served the community through her activity in the North Grove Cemetery Association.

Emma's wedding dress was made of a fine-textured gray woolen fabric. Later she sewed dresses from it, trimmed with red velvet, for Inez and Veryl.

She had dark brown hair and dark brown eyes. Emma was about 5'5" in height and weighed around 155 - 160 pounds.

During the last years of her life she suffered from cancer, and had major surgery several times in an effort to control it. She died at Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa in the hospital there on 12 November 1943. She was buried beside her husband in North Grove Cemetery. She was 66 1/2 years old when she departed this life.
Ann Maria Bowen Gress was born 7 January 1864 at her parents' home near Twin Mound in Douglas County, Kansas. Her parents, Zadok Cramer Bowen and Sarah Slocum Bowen came to Kansas from Thorntown, Boone County, Indiana in 1855. She was born the fifth child in a family of six and was the only one to survive a disease called flux (probably typhoid). Three children and their mother died between 19 August and 26 September 1866. A two year old brother died in 1855 shortly after her parents' arrival in Kansas and a nearly-13 year old sister died in 1867. Her father married Minerva Jane Rankin Hale in 1869, when she was nearly six years of age. She grew up with a step-sister, Winnifred Evelyn Hale (Minerva's young daughter), a half-brother, Walter Grant Bowen, and a half-sister, Edith Constance Amy Bowen (Steele).

Ann Maria attended West Fairview School, which her father founded, and her step-mother taught in its first year.

She married Charles William Gress on 2 March 1886 at Richland, Douglas County, Kansas. To this marriage were born seven children: Edith Rosa (Hilbert), Mildred Ann (Julfkuhle), Sarah "Sally" Ellen (Dunbar), Bruce Zadok, Flora Clars (Cole), Doris Lydia (Johnson) and Zelma Luella. She lived during her married years on the Gress Farm, which was located about two miles to the west of where she was born and raised. She died on 14 August 1928 at Richland, Shawnee County, Kansas. She was 64 years of age.

Her husband, known as Will, was born 21 March 1862 at Coshocton, Coshocton County, Ohio. His parents were George Gress and Margaret Houk. He was the eldest of five children. Those who followed were Mary (Reichel), Alice (Cox), Rosa Caroline (Ice), and John Walter.

Winnifred Evelyn Hale Freeman was born 4 January 1866 at Weston, Mills, Iowa to Francis Hale and Minerva Jane Rankin Hale. Her father died when she was a young child in Iowa and her mother returned with her to Douglas County, Kansas to teach. An older sister had died as a baby. Her mother married Zadok Bowen when "Winnie" was not quite four years old. It is believed that she attended West Fairview School, which her step-father founded and her mother taught as its first teacher. She grew up with her step-sister, Ann Maria, a half-brother, Walter Grant Bowen and a half-sister, Edith Constance Amy Bowen (Steele).

She was married to Eugene Mills Freeman on 22 July 1886 at her parents' home, the Bowen farm, in Douglas County, Kansas. All of her children were born in Douglas County, Kansas. They were Minnie Myrtle (Ferguson), Lulu Amy (Kurt Moore), Eugene Hale and Lillian Evelyn (White). Some time after the turn of the century she moved to Oklahoma with her family.

Winnie died on 6 December 1933 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where all of her children and her husband died at later dates.

Her husband was born on 5 December 1863 in Ogle County, Illinois. His parents were Joseph Warren Freeman and Chloe Landers. He died on 11 April 1940.

Edith Constance Amy Bowen Steele was born on 16 September 1876 at her parents' home in Douglas County, Kansas near Twin Mound and Richland. Her parents were...
Edith Bowen Steele

Zadok Cramer Bowen and Minerva Jane Rankin Hale Bowen. She was the youngest child of her family which consisted of her half-sisters, Ann Maria Bowen and Winnifred Evelyn Hale, and her brother, Walter Grant Bowen.

She attended West Fairview School which her father founded and her mother taught as its first teacher. It is believed that she attended a school later in Missouri.

Edith's father died when she was 12 years of age. She lived with her mother until her marriage except possibly for time spent in school away from home.

She was married to James Irving Steele on 29 September 1909 at Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas. She was 33 years old. After her marriage she lived on the Steele Ranch near Spearman, Hansford County, Texas. She and her husband acquired substantial land, oil and gas holdings in Texas and Oklahoma. She inherited the west half-section of her father and mother's property in Kansas and 160 acres from her uncle, Alexander Milton Bowen, in Mills, County Iowa.

Edith was recognized by those who knew her for her intellect and keen business sense. She generously gave to many who needed assistance. She was a lover of animals from childhood. There are childhood notes written about her dogs. She loved to ride horses. She gave her many cats the care and affection of children in her older years. She enjoyed traveling. Though she was conservative in her appearance and manner she had an appreciation for quality, and acquired lovely possessions for her home, herself, and others. Though she lived far from her family after her marriage she kept herself involved with those from the oldest to the youngest generation through her visits, correspondence, and business involvements. She was interested in the capabilities and progress of each one. Though she had no children of her own there were at least two children named for her—Edith Rosa Gress (Hilbert) and Edith Janett Bowen.

She had brown eyes and brown hair which became white in her later years. She was shorter than the average woman and was heavier in old age. There are several pictures of her taken as a young woman, but she didn't like to have her picture taken in later years.

She and Irv built a beautiful ranch home in about 1919 or 1920. One outstanding feature was that the gray stucco on its exterior glistened with bits of colored glass. This home was always ready to receive guests.

Edith died on 5 November 1956 at Berryton, Ochiltree, Texas at 80 years of age.

Irv, as he was known to his friends, was born 15 October 1866 at Belvoir, Douglas, Kansas, not far from where Edith was born and grew up. His parents were Robert Alexander Steele and Isabella (or Elizabeth) Cummings. He went to Texas as a young man to "seek his fortune." He was in the Oklahoma Land Rush and had many interesting experiences as a pioneer land-holder in Texas and Oklahoma. He died at 88 years of age on 31 July 1955 at his ranch home.
Personal History of RUSSELL ERVIN BOWEN

Russell Ervin Bowen, the eldest of nine living children and a pair of still-born male twins, was born on September 13, 1895 to Walter Grant Bowen and Emma Angeline Largent Bowen in Douglas County, Kansas. His birthplace was his parent's home, known as "The House Upon The Hill." It was located one-half mile north of Grandfather Zadok Bowen's homestead house, and about three and one-half miles northeast of the small village of Richland, Kansas. Topeka, Kansas was located about 20 miles to the northwest and Lawrence, Kansas about 20 miles to the northeast.

He started school when he was six years of age at nearby West Fairview Grade School, which his Grandfather Bowen organized and where his Grandmother Bowen taught in previous years. In later years he served on the school board of that school and his children were among the last to attend it before its closing around 1949. He never graduated from grade school but nearly completed requirements for graduation at North Grove Grade School near Hastings, Iowa by the time he was sixteen years old. During his childhood days children were often kept from school to help with farm work.

He learned to work on the farm at an early age. At seven years of age he drove a team of horses to cultivate corn with a sled. He helped his father run a steam engine at ten to twelve years of age and at fourteen years he operated it by himself. His family threshed wheat, red clover, sweet clover, timothy and other grains all fall and winter for farmers in a large area around the Bowen home in Iowa, some as far away as Shenadoah.

His family moved from Kansas to the Alex Bowen farm near Hastings, Iowa when he was fourteen years of age in the spring of 1910.

He rented and farmed the Rockefeller farm near the Iowa family home for a year or two before entering the army.

During World War I he was inducted into the United State Army at Glenwood, Iowa on July 30, 1918. A week was spent at Camp Forest, Georgia before he was sent to Long Island, New York for training. On September 30, 1918 he was sent overseas on the ship, "George Washington." Fourteen days later it was landed at Brest, France. From there he was shipped to Algiers for a two-week training period after which he returned to Brest. Shortly after his arrival the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918 and the war ended. He remained in France, however, until the following summer when he was returned to Virginia on the U.S. Mercury. The return trip took ten days. He was discharged from the service at Camp Dodge, Iowa on August 20, 1919 as a Private First Class. He was described as 5'7" tall, a gas and steam engineer, and of "Excellent Character" on his discharge paper. His serial number was 3012929.

As a construction engineer with the American Expeditionary Forces, 126th Engineers, Company A he helped build roads and camps for front line soldiers to return to. Camp Carry-on, a hospital camp, about four miles from Brest was one project. He related that he arrived in Brest on a Sunday, in late October, with the sun shining and that day was the last it shone again until March. The soldiers wore rain coats and hip boots to carry lumber one-half mile on their shoulders to use for building because it was so muddy there. They worked eight hour shifts.

He, also, built rock roads all over France and worked on streets in towns. His assignment then was to operate steam and gas road rollers, crushing rock, because he was one of the few who could operate steam rollers.
He was among the last group of American soldiers to leave France after the war ended. The Army of Occupation was sent in to keep peace at the time he came home. He related the story of how he was sent to Pontenasia, a camp where soldiers were deloused, given clothing, and prepared for their return home. It held 100,000 men.

Like most young men he loved cars. Before the war he had a 1912 Overland with presto lights, four cylinders, and a crank. He sold it when he went in the Army. On his return he bought a 1914 Overland and kept it until after he left Colorado in 1922. It had electric lights, a self starter and a generator. He owned many cars and trucks in the years to come. He had two or three Hudson cars because he felt they were good automobiles.

In the spring of 1920, less than a year after his return from the service, he went to Kendrick, Colorado to farm property for two years which had been purchased by his parents. Kendrick was about 50 miles east of Colorado Springs on the plains of eastern Colorado. He built a small shack on the ranch in which to live during the time he was there. It is still standing in 1980.

After the death of his grandmother, Minerva Bowen, in 1922 he returned to the area of his birth, near Richland, Kansas to farm her property, the original Bowen homestead and adjacent land purchased later by his grandfather. He rented the 640 acres that his father and Aunt Edith Steele had inherited from their mother until after his father's death in 1937 when an agreement was reached with his brothers and sisters for him to purchase his father's share of the Kansas property and the Colorado ranch. He continued to rent Aunt Edith's farm. He raised beef cattle, hogs and chickens, kept horses and grew corn, wheat, oats, and various feed crops on the Kansas farm, which was bordered on the south by the Waukarusa Creek and on the west by the Douglas-Shawnee County line. There he lived through the thick and thin of good crops, bad years, floods, the Depression of the 30s, World War II, marriage, children, a crippling accident to his hand—until 1954 when he once again returned to Colorado to spend the remainder of his days.

He bought his first tractor, a second hand Avery, from Matneys a year after he started farming in Kansas. It cost $125. He ran it for five or six years and traded for one big enough to thresh with. Later he bought another tractor and ran two threshing machines. He first helped Surbers thresh in Kansas and bought his first threshing machine from them. He threshed for thirty farmers around Richland and Watson for four or five years until 1936 when wheat combines first came out. He bought his own AC wheat combine, also, in 1936. During the late 30s and 40s his children remember well that he had a Farmall tractor and a John Deere tractor. There was also the red International truck with a stock bed and a grain bed, and the "Little Ford Pick-up." As the years went by he accumulated much machinery for farm use and rarely disposed of any of it because he used the old to repair the new. When he died there were about nine different tractors on his ranch, most of them many years old, because he found it useful to have different tractors attached to different pieces of machinery so that he didn't have to always be changing equipment. Some were, also, used for repairs.

He first met Caroline (Carrie) Emma Montfoort in the fall of 1917 when he and his mother visited his grandmother, Minerva Bowen, in Kansas on a visit from Iowa. Carrie was her hired girl. Throughout the time he was in the Army and she lived in California they corresponded. Three years after both returned to Kansas, on November 25, 1925, they were married in a civil marriage service, in the courthouse at Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. They were attended by Henry and Bessie Montfoort.
After the marriage they drove to Topeka where they had their wedding picture taken. She wore a blue satin street length wedding dress and he wore a dark navy-blue serge suit. The next day they joined her family for Thanksgiving Day dinner at Twin Mound to celebrate their marriage.

His right hand and wrist were severely injured and crippled in an accident in 1930. The hand was caught in the gears of a gas pump engine on the farm. All of the nerves and tendons in the wrist were severed. After several hours of surgery and several weeks in the hospital in Topeka he recovered and learned to use the hand in all of his farm work though the fingers were always bent and they would not close tightly.

A daughter, Veryl Emma, was born on April 1, 1932 in Topeka, Kansas. A second daughter, Edith Janett, was born on April 3, 1934.

After his purchase in 1940 of the Colorado property, which had been unattended for several years, Russell made several trips to Colorado in 1940 and 1941 with farm equipment to build up the land in preparation for rental to Ernie Crum, a Colorado neighbor. He lived in the old shack while he was there. A farm hand usually helped Carrie with the farm work at home in Kansas during the weeks while he was away.

The original half section of Colorado property was purchased at $19.50 an acre from Mr. Kendrick in about 1919. The second half-section was purchased later at $13.50 an acre. After his father's death in 1937 Russell bought this section from the heirs of his father's estate at $25 an acre. This property was inherited by his daughter, Edith J. Bowen in 1975 and remains in her possession as of 1980.

After being in the Bowen family for 99 years the Kansas property was sold to Frank Schuette and on May 24, 1954 Russell moved his wife and younger daughter, Edith, to a newly acquired second section of Colorado property which "cornered" on its northeast with the first-acquired Bowen property in Colorado. The second property had been owned by Doc Michaels and had improvements, including a stucco house, a barn, and a couple of sheds and windmills. Russell and Carrie moved all of the belongings that they took to Colorado in several trips to and from Kansas with trucks and cars loaded carefully by themselves or with the help of family and friends. Many household furnishings were sold or left behind. It was 500 miles from one farm to the other.

Russell loved the West and was truly at home on his Colorado land. There he lived and farmed and raised beef cattle on the two sections of land until he died. Though the rain came rarely and unpredictably, sometimes with hail and blowing sand, and his corn grew half as high as the Kansas corn he diligently tended his crop and cattle and was known throughout the area for his industry and success as a rancher. He suffered from asthma in Kansas but was never troubled by it in Colorado. He spoke fondly of his early years in Colorado throughout the years he lived in Kansas. To live there in his later years was for him a dream come true.

He had dark brown eyes and dark brown, almost black, hair. His hair grew gray as he grew older, but it was never completely grayed. He started balding as a young man, a Bowen family trait. He liked to grow his whiskers in the winter to keep warm and only shaved at the insistence of Carrie. He always wore blue bibbed-overalls and blue shirts to work with high-topped shoes or boots and a stripped engineer's cap. He owned only one dress suit all of his adult life.
He was married and buried in it. He probably weighed about 160 - 170 pounds as a younger man, but less as he grew older.

Russell was a peaceable man who loved the land. He enjoyed visiting his family and a few close friends. He was a good husband and father. He liked children and hoped to have his own son, whom he would name Thomas, but never did. As a young man he travelled throughout the mid-west visiting relatives and tending business affairs, but as he grew older he rarely left his farm unless the need to attend business or other important matters arose. When he lived in Kansas he served on the school board for several years and was a member of the American Legion. He was also, a member of the Masonic Lodge. He never attended church except for a wedding or funeral. He worked hard from morning until night, seven days a week. He was a good mechanic and always repaired his own machinery. He enjoyed carpentry and built the "shed" in Kansas and another in Colorado to house his cars, trucks, and tractors. He built his children's baby crib and potty chair and pieces of equipment needed around the farm. When he rested he enjoyed listening to the radio or watching television in later years. He liked to read the farm papers and magazines. He smoked a pipe with Velvet Tobacco and chewed tobacco at times. He was interested in politics, a Republican all of his life after the first term of Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was not his dream to retire to a small house in the city. It was important to him, even as he grew older, to be able to keep busy with that which he knew how to do—farming. He had a delightful sense of humor and used phrases like "falling out of the hay" (getting out of bed); "rabbit food" (lettuce); and "jack rabbit to town" (run to town).

He was honest and always paid his bills, though there was little extra money in his life for anything but necessities until he was nearly sixty years of age. Money was of little consequence to him except for its use in buying the necessities of his livelihood. He was content to have Carrie manage, with his approval, most of the family business affairs. As he accumulated some savings in later years, from the labor of his hands and an inheritance from the estate of Aunt Edith Steele, he continued to be conservative in the acquisition of possessions for his own pleasure.

He died, stricken by a massive heart attack, as he stood beside one of his many tractors near the house, on June 29, 1972 in the evening, at seventy-six years and nine months of age. Apparently, he suffered an earlier heart attack about thirty-six hours prior to the fatal attack while driving cattle from the home ranch to the "old" ranch. Though his left side suffered some discomfort and paralysis he resisted seeing a doctor. This was typical of his attitude toward medical treatment throughout his life. The place of his death is indicated on records as Rush, El Paso County, Colorado. There were funeral services for him at the Swan Funeral Home in Colorado Springs on July 5 at 11:00 A.M. and at the Tibbitts-Fockele Chapel in Topeka, Kansas the next day, July 6, 1972 at 2:00 P.M. It is rather ironic that he would never fly in an airplane in life because he "wanted to keep his feet on the ground," but was flown in death to the area of his final resting place. He was buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, a few miles northwest of Richland, Kansas and not far from his birth place, in the same cemetery where Zadok Bowen, his grandfather, and other loved ones rested in death. He was to be joined there in less than three years by Carrie, his wife of forty-six and a half years.

Written by his daughter, Veryl B. Firl, in 1980 from notes taken a few years before his death.
Personal History  
of  
CAROLINE (CARRIE) EMMA MONTFOORT BOWEN BAILEY

Caroline (Carrie) Emma Montfoort Bowen Bailey was born on January 31, 1900 in Cass County, Kansas to Jacob Montfoort and Mabel Agnes Dice Montfoort. She was born at the home of her parents on a farm that her father was renting, equal in distance between Richland and Carbondale, Kansas and about twenty miles south of Topeka, Kansas. She was the third child, the first daughter, in a family of nine children. There were five sons and four daughters. The second son, never named but known as Little Bruz, died at 8½ months. The other children were Henry Jacob, Mabel Blanche, Jennie Marie, John Edward, Clarence Kenneth, Charles Joseph and Adelia Jane.

An unfortunate accident delayed Carrie's grade school entrance until she was 7½ years old. Henry, her eldest brother, was injured at nine years of age when a team of horses ran away with a harrow which he was using, and his left knee cap was torn away. He was in a hospital for 13 weeks and walked with a stiff leg all of his life. Carrie was kept out of school because he was not able to go to school after the accident for a time and she was too little to go alone. By the time she was 7½ years her next younger sister, Mabel, started to school with her. She started school at Twin Mound Grade School, a one-roomed stone school building, in September 1907 and graduated from 9th Grade there in April 1916.

The Montfoort family moved many times when Carrie was a young child. They lived in Lapeer School District, south of Overbrook, at the time of Henry's accident. The family then moved to the Twin Mound area, a community southeast of Richland, in 1907. The first farm that her father owned was the "Wilson Farm" located one mile northeast of Twin Mound School and just across from Twin Mound Church. It was 80 acres. After two years the farm was sold and the "Bert Fogerty Farm" was rented for one year before the "Jeff Brown Place" was purchased in 1910. It was 30 acres, located one-half mile south of the school. Her parents paid $1700 for it and it was still owned by her mother at the time of her death in 1968.

Carrie's father, who came from Schiedam, Netherlands to Stull, Kansas at nineteen years of age, worked hard to pay for the privilege of living in America and to care for his family. He was handicapped by the loss of his right leg to above the knee in a childhood accident and wore a wooden peg-leg. He lived with his uncle, John Walraven, Sr. and worked for over a year at $4 a month to pay for his passage of $50 to America. In the early years of his marriage he farmed for a livelihood, feeding cattle and raising crops, until he was stricken by a possible heart attack in about 1910. After this time he became a fur trader, traveling through the country, buying-selling furs. He, also, sheared sheep and bought wool to sell and kept a spare-parts garage.

In material goods the family had very little, but Carrie said that they never realized they were poor. They often had bean or tomato soup and crackers, or bread and gravy for supper. Her mother gave birth to her babies at home without a doctor and usually got out of bed on the ninth day. The family clothes were washed with a hand washer until the older children grew up and bought their mother a gasoline washer. Carrie, as the eldest girl, was kept home from school when necessary to help with the washing and other work. Carrie related that Albert Neese, the Richland State Bank banker, said that he would see that the family never starved, but the family got along fine without outside help.

The Montfoort family has been a sociable, fun-loving, closely knit family unit throughout the childhood and adulthood of Carrie's brothers and sisters. During
their childhood neighbors and friends came to visit often. Two bachelors took an interest in the children and taught them games. Carrie's father liked to play cards with neighbors who came and enjoyed taking his family to picnics and community gatherings. Carrie's mother played organ and her father, with the children, enjoyed singing. Popcorn was a favorite evening treat. The love of family members, one for another, has been reflected throughout the years in frequent family reunions and regular telephone calls or letters. For many years the adult family with children gathered in a home on Christmas Night, and often times in April, again, to celebrate the many spring-time birthdays which included their mother's birthday. After Carrie's move to Colorado in her later years she and her sister, Mabel, wrote to each other on specific days every week. Carrie honored her parents all of the days of her life.

Carrie enjoyed telling two humorous childhood experiences about her sister, Mabel, who was the next child younger. Once when the children were cracking walnuts with a hammer on a rock a young chick dared once too often to steal nut meats from under Mabel's hammer—for it's head, and not a walnut, fell victim to Mabel's hammer. That was the end of that chick! Another time Carrie convinced Mabel that if she would climb into the portable wooden water tank set on wheels, and constructed with a small covered opening on the top, that she would, also, climb in. But after Mabel climbed in Carrie popped the lid on the opening and Mabel cried at the top of her lungs. That was fun for Carrie until a neighbor lady, helping her mother, heard the rumpus. Carrie remembers running for her life from that little episode.

Carrie's mother was a virtuous woman who lived to be nearly 90 years old. She was a widow for over 38 years. She read her Bible, prayed, and attended church regularly. Her home was a house of order. It is said that she could find anything in her home in the dark. She loved music, coming from a talented musical family, and taught Carrie how to play the organ and piano. In her later years, at least, she kept a journal.

When Carrie was seventeen years old she went to work as a "hired girl" for a widow, Minerva Bowen, who lived a few miles away to the north. She worked for Mrs. Bowen from the summer of 1917 to the fall of 1918. In the beginning she worked for $3 a week. Later, her wage was raised to $3.50 per week or $14 a month.

It was during the time that Carrie worked for Minerva Bowen, in the fall of 1917, that she first met Russell Bowen, whom she would marry eight years later. Russell and his mother had come to visit Minerva, his grandmother. Their correspondence and courtship extended over the year that he spent in France during World War I, the two years that he lived in Colorado after the war, and the four years during this time that she lived in California.

Carrie had opportunity to attend high school in Topeka from September to December of 1918. She lived with her Aunt Sue and Uncle Will McNeal during this time. When they moved to Los Angeles, California for his health she was invited to go with them. She was never to attend school, again, but she appreciated the value of education throughout her life. She was the only girl in her family to attend high school and Clarence and Charley, who both graduated, were the only brothers to attend.

Carrie lived in Los Angeles, California from December 1918 until September 1922. She worked in the Riverview Laundry as a distributor and checker at $8 a week in the beginning and $18 a week when she left four years later.

Upon her return to Kansas Carrie lived at home for a few months until she started work as a housekeeper for the Dimments of Dimment's Mens Clothing Store in
Topeka in January 1923. She was paid $6 a week. In the fall time of that year she quit and went to work for the family of "Phog" Forrest Allen, famed basketball coach for Kansas University. She worked there until Spring 1925 when she returned to Dimmens because they raised her pay to get her to come back. She was paid $8 a week at Allens and Dimmens raised her wage to $10 a week. After they had her back Carrie felt hurt when they cut her wage to $8. She quit work there before her marriage in the fall of that year. Some of her household furnishings in her new home were purchased second-hand from the Dimmens. It is believed that her beloved china closet was one of those pieces of furniture.

Carrie and Russell decided to marry after the harvest was over in the fall, and on November 25, 1925 they were married by a justice of the peace in Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas on the day before Thanksgiving. Henry and Bessie Montfoort, newlyweds themselves, were their witnesses. After the marriage ceremony they traveled to Topeka where they had wedding pictures made in a studio and stayed overnight in a hotel. They joined the Montfoort family at her parent's home on Thanksgiving Day for a celebration of their marriage.

Carrie's wedding dress was a light blue satin street-length dress designed in a typical style of the 20s. It featured an unfitted low-waisted bodice and a slightly gathered skirt. The high neckline was accented with a small slightly-pointed embroidered collar. A small opening at the neckline front was closed with a tiny bow. The straight long sleeves, smooth at the shoulder, were trimmed with embroidered cuffs that turned back. She wore a fur-trimmed coat which she had bought for her trousseau. Her hair, worn according to the style of the day, was ear-length and wavy, parted on one side. Russell wore a navy blue serge suit, the only suit he ever owned—the same one in which he was buried.

In the spring of 1922, just prior to Carrie's return from California in the fall, Russell had moved to Kansas from Colorado to farm Grandmother Minerva Bowen's farm after her death. On her marriage Carrie returned to the Bowen home again, not as a hired girl, but as a bride. She was to live there for more than twenty-eight additional years.

Carrie truly was her husband's companion and worked at his side throughout their marriage. It was her disposition to arise early to build fires and milk one or two cows before breakfast. She raised chickens, grew a garden, and canned food from the garden as well as fruit purchased for that purpose. She prepared meals at any time of day when Russell and the farm hands came from the fields to eat, and carried lunches and water to the fields. She never hesitated to run to town for machinery parts; she helped with butchering, loading cattle for shipment, moving animals on the farm, doctoring sick animals, feeding animals, pumping water for animals, cutting weeds by hand, shucking corn out of flood-covered fields, dusting Colorado ant hills, and other farm jobs that needed doing in addition to her own work in the house. During World War II when farm hands could not be hired she learned to drive the tractor and spent many long hours helping in the fields with planting, cultivating and harvesting. She took care of the business affairs of the family, with Russell's approval, because he preferred not to do it. She never ceased being concerned about his welfare and spoke kindly of him to her children so that they learned to respect their father from an early age.

The hardships of the Great Depression and World War II during the first 20 years of her marriage to Russell demanded hard work and doing without, conditions which she had known as a child and continued as a way of life throughout all of her life even when there was time for leisure and money in the bank. She was
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conservative in her wants and needs, thrifty, and industrious. She saved anything that someone might be able to use. She was satisfied with what she had for herself, and was generous in what she gave to others when she had money and possessions to share.

Six and a half years after her marriage, on April 1, 1932 and at the age of thirty-two years she gave birth to her first child, Veryl Emma, in a Topeka Hospital. As was common with a first birth then she was confined to the hospital for fourteen days. A second daughter, Edith Janett, was born two years and two days later on April 3, 1934 in the same hospital. Her confinement this time was ten days.

She relates that because she had to take care of children so much as a girl, being the eldest girl in the family, she wasn't sure she ever wanted to have kids of her own! But she took great pride in her children and was a loving, unselfish, giving mother who told them often, "I wouldn't take a million dollars for you."

Most children think their mothers are experts at thinking up jobs for them to do. Carrie was a whiz at involving her children in family responsibilities. Under her direction they not only learned how to work but how to do many things that others never learned in the home—how well are remembered the times that her girls helped to harvest and prepare every garden vegetable or fruit grown on the farm for eating or canning (including gooseberries), to dress chickens, to paint woodwork, wallpaper walls, sew curtains, pick up and shell walnuts, cut weeds (lots of sunflowers), plant garden, clean the chicken house, feed the pigs, bring in the cows, shuck corn, cut lard for rendering, etc., etc., etc. They were taught to sew and when she spent so much time in the fields they took on much responsibility for keeping up the housework during the summer months. She was complimentary of progress made and encouraged them to learn new skills through 4-H and school.

Carrie didn't consider herself an expert cook, but she cooked and baked a wide variety of farm-wife dishes. She baked much of her own bread until the later years. She churned butter with Minerva Bowen's glass, crank-handle churn and made cottage cheese. She made all kinds of pies, cakes, desserts and cookies regularly. Memorable examples were Banana, Butterscotch and Lemon Sponge Cake Pies, Raisin Cake, Peach Upside Down Cake, Strawberry Short Cake, and Burnt Sugar Cake. She often put a pot of Pinto Bean Soup on the stove in the morning of wash day so there would be something to eat when the wash was done. It was a memorable day for her and the whole family when she got a brand new Home Comfort wood-burning range with a beautiful white exterior, probably sometime in the early 40s. It was one of the few Kansas possessions that travelled with her to Colorado and remained in the ranch home until after her death. Carrie helped the family make Homemade Ice Cream (Russell liked a cooked base). She made hominy and mincemeat. She rendered her own lard from butchering and even made her own soap for laundering. She didn't like pineapple or cheese, so those foods were rarely used in her cooking.

Carrie and Russell lived on the Bowen Homestead Farm 3½ miles northeast of Richland, Kansas just inside Douglas County on the Douglas-Shawnee County line for 28½ years. It was bordered on the south by the Waukarusa Creek and lay 20 miles to the southeast of Topeka, Kansas. It was homesteaded in about 1855 by Zadok Bowen, Russell's grandfather. The original farm was 640 acres. Russell's father inherited half of it and Russell and Carrie purchased that half after his father's death in 1937. Russell rented the other half of the farm from his Aunt Edith Steele. At the same time Russell and Carrie purchased the Kansas property from his father's heirs they also purchased the 640 acres of land which was located about nine miles to the southwest of Rush, Colorado which Russell had farmed in the early 20s. In 1953 Russell and Carrie purchased another 640 acres of property in Colorado which

* 160 acres was homesteaded; 160 and 320 acres were added later.
"cornered" to the southwest corner of the first purchase. The latter purchase had a house and other farm buildings. The Kansas farm was sold to Frank Schuette and on May 20, 1954 they began their move from Kansas to Colorado. Several trips followed as they returned to Kansas to take more possessions to Colorado. Daughter Edith moved with them.

The Kansas home that they left behind was a two-story wood frame house, planned and built by Zadok and Minerva Bowen in two stages—the large kitchen and bedroom above it first in about 1881 when Russell's father was a young boy, and the living room and downstairs bedroom with two more upstairs bedrooms later, shortly after Zadok's death, in about 1888. Zadok had made plans to build the addition before his death; Minerva supervised the fulfillment of his plan. There was a porch on the east of the kitchen, and another on the west of the kitchen. There was a large pantry adjacent to the kitchen, also, on the west and a wash room on the east, which was used mostly for storage. A log cabin, which Zadok built when he first settled on the land, stood where the living room and downstairs bedroom were later built.

It was an adjustment for Carrie to live so far away from her family and friends in a land where neighbors were few and far between, and there was wind and sand instead of green vegetation and black dirt. Her home was a four-room stucco house, which was not in good repair. However, having Edith with them for a time bridged the gap of loneliness until she grew to know her new neighbors. That next year an addition, including a large third bedroom, a bathroom, and a laundry room, was built on the north side of the house and considerable remodeling was done on other parts of the house to make it more attractive and comfortable. Carrie was never able to grow a big green garden such as she had grown in Kansas but she planted a few vegetables and gave extra attention to a large shelf of house plants in her kitchen. She learned to be happy there because Russell was happy and relieved of his asthma. She lived there for 18 years and moved away in September of 1972 after Russell's death on June 29, 1972.

Though life for her had brought many challenges to overcome perhaps none was as traumatic as the death of her companion for 46 years. She was seventy-two years old at that time. She had observed in correspondence to Veryl, after her return from a visit to the Flats in Minnesota, that "Dad looks tired and not well." She was with him only days later as together they drove cattle from the home ranch to the "old" ranch when, apparently, he suffered a heart attack. Though his left side suffered discomfort and paralysis, he resisted seeing a doctor. Carrie worriedly attended him, believing after telephone consultation with their doctor that he had suffered a minor "stroke" from which he would recover with rest. Thirty-six hours later she was with him as he slumped in death, stricken by a massive heart attack, beside one of his many tractors near the house. In the presence of others, even her children, she never cried for herself but busied herself with the business at hand to be attended and unselfishly counted even the smallest blessings that had been Russell's, and hers, in the experience.

After a farm sale on the ranch near Rush, Colorado Carrie moved to an attractive white two bedroom house, with a bathroom, at 2105 West Kiowa in Colorado Springs where she would be within a few blocks of Edith and could enjoy some of the comforts of city living. It had been Russell's counsel that she should make such a move if he were the first to go.

Shortly after moving to Colorado Springs she became acquainted with her next door neighbors, Sylvia and Ray Bailey. Being of somewhat the same ages and having interests in common they enjoyed their association with one another. A few months
later, on February 14, 1973, Sylvia passed away suddenly. Eventually, a romance
developed between Carrie and Ray and Carrie announced happily to her children
that she had received a diamond ring for Christmas 1973. Carrie and Raymond
Wesley Bailey were married on February 7, 1974 at Raton, Colfax, New Mexico.
Carrie wore a pink, forest green, and gray floral knit two-piece suit for the
marriage which took place before a justice of the peace. They enjoyed a wedding
trip to Carlsbad Caverns and other places of interest in the Southwest.

It wasn’t possible to put two households of furnishings into one house, but
a few of Carrie’s treasured belongings, including her china closet, were moved to
Ray’s house. They lived in his house at 2103 West Kiowa, but kept up her house
and lawn. They used the house for company and storage.

Carrie and Ray were married for only one year before her death but it was for
both of them a year-long honeymoon for they both enjoyed travelling and took five
trips during that time. Their travels took them to the Southwest for their marriage
trip; to Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota to visit relatives; to Dallas, Texas to visit
Ray’s brother; to California to visit relatives and friends; and to the Black Hills
of South Dakota just for fun. They had many interests in common and loved doing
things together. It was a happy time for Carrie.

Early pictures of Carrie illustrate an attractive young lady who was short in
stature at about five feet one inch. She weighed about 98 pounds when she was
married and tried to keep her weight under 135 pounds as she grew older. Her hair
was brown and gradually grew gray in her last years of life, but still retained
some of the natural brown color even at the time of her death. She had true blue
eyes and a fine clear complexion. She wore a size 5 or 5½ shoe. Carrie wore very
little make-up except for facial powder. Her taste in clothing was conservative
and she rarely wore jewelry other than pins or necklaces and her engagement or
wedding rings. A favorite pin was a small cameo pin given her by Edith Steele.
Her favorite color was blue, she said, “because it looks clean.”

The diamond engagement ring which she received from Russell is a diamond sunken
into a raised white gold mounting with an open leaf design at the sides. The
wedding ring is a narrow white gold band. The engagement ring which she received
from Ray is a diamond set in the center of four flower petals. The petals are set
with chip diamonds. The wedding ring is set with five chip diamonds in tiny white
gold circles. Both rings are of white gold.

Carrie was sociable. A nickname given by friends during her young adulthood
was “Smiles.” She had a hand mirror with that name on it. She enjoyed visiting
with her friends and family. She was gullible—a joy for her brothers to tease
and a good sport! They nicknamed her “Doocil.” On the other hand, she was, at
times, high strung and a worrier about details. She was “always on the run,”
even when the years slowed her pace a bit. She was honest and conscientious,
and held high moral values. She never smoked tobacco or drank alcohol.

Carrie loved beautiful needlework, as evidenced by linens which she made or
purchased for her hope chest. She learned to crochet in her early years and made
many beautiful white doilies which were displayed later in her china closet. She
renewed her interest in crocheting in her later years and made additional doilies
and lace edgings which have become family heirlooms. It was fun to dig in her
big black trunk to look at her treasures. Carrie sewed occasionally on her Singer
sewing machine but her poor eyesight made sewing less enjoyable than other activities.
She did sew several quilt tops which are in the possession of family members. One,
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The Bow Tie Pattern, was sewed for Veryl’s wedding shower. Though she tied many
comforters, and occasionally quilted a bit at quilting bees, she preferred to
have her quilts machine-quilted by others rather than to hand-quilt them herself
because of her sight problems. She sewed articles of clothing for her children
and herself on occasion. There was a favorite smock pattern with long sleeves and
a fitted bodice that she sewed smocks from over and over again throughout the
years to wear as light jackets at home and away from home.

Her china closet was probably her most precious material possession, one
of the few frivolous things that she had in her life. She started a collection of
pretty individual pieces of china, as a young woman for her hope chest. Several
items were presented as gifts before their marriage by Russell. Some pieces were
wedding gifts and others were added through the years. The china closet, itself,
was probably purchased second-hand from the Dimments at the time of her marriage.
As indicated earlier, it was usually adorned with white crocheted doilies which
hung over the edges of the shelves. It was one of the few possessions which she
took with her to the Colorado home from Kansas—tied to the back of the red
truck cab to travel across the western plains of Kansas. A slender blue, green
and white pitcher from Russell usually sat on the top. The china closet is in the
possession of her daughter, Veryl, since her death. The dishes are in the possession
of both daughters. The china closet stands about 5½ feet high, including a re-
movable mirror panel on top and eleven inch high slightly-curved slender legs.
The rounded front is formed by three full-length panels of rounded glass, one
being the dooor. Its design is beautifully simple and it is finished with a dark
stain.

Carrie enjoyed music. As a young lady she played the organ and piano for church
and Children's Day programs. Though she attended church only occasionally as an
adult her favorite music was probably hymns. In her home she played piano and
sang some of her favorites, "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Leaning On The Everlasting
Arms," "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me," "Lead Kindly Light," and "Rock of Ages." She
liked to play and sing "Pretty Red Wing," also. Sometimes she sang in the kitchen
while doing her work. One of those songs remembered by her children was, "Green
Sleeves." She was familiar with and enjoyed the songs of her day such as "Danny
Boy," "Silver Threads Among The Gold," "Whispering Hope," and a World War I song,
"Over There." She encouraged her children to take piano lessons and participate
in opportunities to sing. Her favorite instrument was the violin. She may have
taken violin lessons briefly as a young woman. She loved to listen to the Lawrence
Welk programs on radio and television.

Carrie became a mother-in-law at fifty-three years of age with the marriage
of Veryl to Donald Harold Firl from Red Wing, Minnesota. That next year she became
a grandmother with the birth of Cara Lisa Firl, who was named for her. One of the
pleasures of her later life was her six grandchildren, all Veryl’s children. They
were, in addition to Cara, Heidi Echo, Jared Bowen, Christopher Bowen, Thomas Bowen
and Jennifer Jill Firl. Because the Firls lived in Minnesota she did not see them
more than once or twice a year, but she looked forward to seeing them from one
visit to the next. In her last telephone conversation with Veryl, four days before
her death, she very enthusiastically asked, "Do you think you’ll be coming out
to visit in April?" She loved to buy clothing for them when they were little and
she stuffed her freezer with ice cream and hot dogs for them when they came to
visit. She loved receiving pictures of them. The kids loved the unique way she
called, "Kitty, kitty, kitty," to the cats when it was feeding time. They fondly
remember her trips to the grocery store with them.

Carrie was generally healthy throughout the first forty or fifty years of her
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Life. She wore glasses from childhood, however, because of poor eyesight. She had excellent teeth and still had most of her own teeth when she died. She developed a thyroid condition that caused extreme nervousness and weight loss at about fifty years. She was treated at that time with radium in liquid form and continued throughout her life to take medication in pill-form for thyroid control. She had a hysterectomy in March 1953 when she was 53 years old due to the appearance of cancerous cells. She was hospitalized for bladder repair in the late 60s and she developed high blood pressure, also, in her later years. She suffered from heart palpitation at times. She was hospitalized twice within the last month before her death with phlebitis, a blood clot in her leg. But the immediate cause of death was peritonitis which developed from a perforated intestinal polyp. An autopsy indicated the onset of intestinal cancer.

Though Carrie's health began to see problems several weeks before her death it wasn't until the night before her death on February 18, 1975 that it became apparent that she would not recover and her death was a shock to all who loved her. She died in an intensive-care ward at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs within 36 hours after minor surgery to remove an intestinal polyp. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 21 at the Swan Funeral Home in Colorado Springs at 11:00 A.M. A burial service, conducted by her nephew, Clifford Deister, was held the following day at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, located about 15 miles southeast of Topeka, Kansas. She was clothed in the suit that had been her wedding dress for her second marriage one year before. In accordance with plans made in years gone by she was laid to rest beside Russell Bowen, her first marriage companion for nearly 47 years, until his death three years before. She was just over seventy-five years of age.

Written by her daughter, Veryl B. Firl, in 1980 from notes taken a few years before her death.
HUSBAND: SAMUEL BOWEN
Birth: About 1755
Marriage:
Father:
Mother: Possibly Sarah Huld Spofford

WIFE: SARAH DAVIES
Birth: About 1754
Death: After 1822

CHILDREN:
1. Absalom Bowen
   Born: 22 Nov. 1779
   Married: Jane Ross
   27 Oct. 1807
   Death: 17 May 1849
2. John Bowen
   1790 or before
   Springhill Twsp., Fayette, Pa.
   Isabelle Stewart
   Johnson Co., Ia.
3. Thomas Bowen
4. William Bowen
   1790 or before
   Before 1822
5. Son
6. Son
7. Davies Bowen
   25 May 1867
   Forks of Cheat
   Rachel Jane Hawthorn Brown
   6 May 1867
   Juda, Green, WI
8. Daughter
   Springhill Twsp., Fayette, Pa.
HUSBAND: ABSALOM BOWEN
Marriage: 27 Oct. 1807
Death: 17 May 1849 Near Thorntown, Boone, Indiana
Mother: Sarah Davies, Daughter of Joseph Davies

WIFE: JANE ROSS
Birth: 9 Mar. 1785 Greene County, Pa.
Death: 20 Sept. 1862 Near Thorntown, Boone, Indiana
Father: John Ross, Jr.
Mother: Jane Ann James

CHILDREN: Born:
1. Robert Ross Bowen 18 Dec. 1808
3. Hannah Bowen 12 April 1812
4. Joseph Harrison Bowen 7 Oct. 1812
7. Orpha Bowen 4 Feb. 1820

Married:
(1) Mary Hardesty 20 Aug. 1835
(2) Elisa Miller 20 June 1837
James Bunton
Not married
Probably not married
Married briefly
(1) Sarah Slocum 2 Nov. 1869
(2) Minerva Jane Rankin 2 Nov. 1869 Kansas
George E. Pickerill
Elizabeth Moore 16 Feb. 1851 Indiana
Not married
17 Oct. 1881 Lewis, Cass, Iowa
13 Feb. 1888 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
24 Oct. 1825
30 Dec. 1904 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
30 July 1910 Craig, Burt, Neb.

Death:
20 May 1887 Near Thorntown, Boone, Indiana
24 May 1879 Woodbine, Harrison, Iowa
27 April 1812 Early manhood
1881 Mills Co., Ia.
13 Feb. 1888 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
24 Oct. 1825
30 Dec. 1904 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
30 July 1910 Craig, Burt, Neb.
HUSBAND: ZADOK CRAMER BOWEN

Marriage: 1 April 1852 Boone County, Indiana
Death: 13 Feb. 1888 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Father: Absalom Bowen
Mother: Jane Ross

WIFE: (1) SARAH SLOCUM

Birth: 23 January 1829 Boone County, Indiana
Marriage: 26 Sep. 1866 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Death: 26 Sept. 1866 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Father: John Slocum, Jr.
Mother: Sarah McCann

CHILDREN: Born:
1. Martin V Bowen 19 March 1853 Thorntown, Boone, Ind.
5. Anna Maria Bowen 7 Jan. 1864 Richland, Douglas, Ks.

Married:
Not married
Not married
Not married
Not married
Charles William Gress 2 Mar 1886 Richland, Douglas, Ks.
Not married

HUSBAND: (2) ZADOK CRAMER BOWEN

Marriage: 2 Nov. 1869 Kansas

WIFE: (2) MINERVA JANE RANKIN

Birth: 26 April 1837 Penn Line, Crawford, Pennsylvania
Marriage: 2 Nov. 1869 Kansas
Death: 31 Mar. 1922 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Father: William Rankin, Jr.
Mother: Jane Fuller

CHILDREN: Born:
1. Walter Grant Bowen 19 Sept. 1870 Richland, Douglas, Ks.
2. Edith Constance 16 Sept. 1876 Richland, Douglas, Ks.

Married:
Emma Angeline Largent 1 Jan 1895 Richland, Douglas, Ks.
James Irving Steele 29 Sept. 1909 Topeka, Shawnee, Ks.

Death:
15 May 1855 Twin Mound, Douglas, Kansas
19 Dec. 1887 Twin Mound, Douglas, Kansas
9 Sept. 1866 Twin Mound, Douglas, Kansas
6 Sept. 1866 Twin Mound, Douglas, Kansas
14 Aug. 1928 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas

Death:
3 November 1937 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
5 Nov. 1956 Perryton, Ochiltree, Texas
HUSBAND: (1) FRANCIS HALE

Birth: New York
Marriage: 2 August 1863
Death: About 1866 or 1867
Father: Possibly Hiram Hale
Mother: Lucretia Johnson

WIFE: (1) Minerva Jane Rankin

Birth: 26 April 1837
Death: 31 March 1922
Father: William Rankin, Jr.
Mother: Jane A. Fuller

CHILDREN:
1. Amelia Hale
   Born: About 1864
   Marriage: Lot Married
   Death: Baby

2. Winnifred Evelyn Hale
   Born: 4 January 1866
   Marriage: 22 July 1886
   Death: 6 December 1933
   Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
HUSBAND: CHARLES WILLIAM GRESS  
Birth: 21 March 1862 Coshocton, Coshocton, Ohio  
Marriage: 2 March 1886 Richland, Douglas, Kansas  
Death: 4 January 1934 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas  
Father: George Gress  
Mother: Margaret Houk  

WIFE: ANN MARIA BOWEN  
Birth: 7 January 1864 Indiana  
Death: 14 August 1928 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas  
Father: Zadok Cramer Bowen  
Mother: Sarah Slocum  

CHILDREN:  
1. Edith Rosa Gress  
   Born: 29 Dec. 1886 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
2. Mildred Ann Gress  
   Born: 4 Sept. 1888 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
3. Sarah "Sally" Ellen Gress  
   Born: 27 Aug. 1890 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
4. Bruce Zadok Gress  
   Born: 1 April 1894 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
5. Flora Clare Gress  
   Born: 15 May 1898 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
6. Doris Lydia Gress  
   Born: 12 March 1903 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
7. Zelma Luella Gress  
   Born: 18 May 1905 Richland, Shawnee, KS  

Married:  
1. Frederick Christopher Hilbert  
   Married: 14 April 1910 Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
2. William Ferdinand Wulfkuhle  
   Married: 6 Dec. 1911 Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
3. Homer Ancil Dunbar  
   Married: 16 Feb. 1917 Hastings, Mills, IA  
4. Maude Rosana Murphy  
   Married: 4 Feb. 1919 Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
5. Arthur Cole  
   Married: 20 April 1919 Richland, Shawnee, KS  
6. George Alfred Johnson  
   Married: 23 Feb. 1943 Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
7. None  

Death:  
1. May 1970 Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
2. 19 July 1957 Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
3. 16 Sept. 1918 Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Canada  
4. 30 January 1975 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
HUSBAND: FREDERICK CHRISTOPHER HILBERT
Birth: 29 April 1874 Stull, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 14 April 1910 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 20 June 1923 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Father: George Christian Hilbert
Mother: Henrietta W. Remming

WIFE: EDITH ROSA GRESS
Birth: 29 December 1886 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 1 May 1970 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas

CHILDREN:
1. Earl Frederick Hilbert (Twin)
   Born: 17 May 1911 Richland, Douglas, KS
2. Everett Hilbert (Twin Stillborn)
   Born: 17 May 1911 Richland, Douglas, KS
3. Claude Gress Hilbert
   Born: 24 Feb. 1914 Richland, Douglas, KS
4. Homer Bruce Hilbert
   Born: 13 April 1916 Richland, Douglas, KS
5. Annie Henrietta Hilbert
   Born: 11 June 1918 Richland, Douglas, KS
6. Lloyd Paul Hilbert
   Born: 13 May 1921 Richland, Douglas, KS

Marriage:
Nellie Marie Schirmer
3 Aug. 1937 Lawrence, Douglas, KS
Not Married
Elsie Lucille Wood
14 Aug. 1937 Lawrence, Douglas, KS
Bunice Antoinette Rich
9 Aug. 1940 Manhattan, Riley, KS
Not Married
Mary Ellen Fabert

Death:
17 May 1911 Richland, Douglas, KS
11 June 1918 Richland, Douglas, KS
HUSBAND: EARL FREDERICK HILBERT

Birth: 17 May 1911 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 3 August 1937 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: Frederick Christopher Hilbert
Mother: Edith Rosa Gress

WIFE: NELLIE MARIE SCHRIMER

Birth: 19 April 1918 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: Joseph Francis Schirmer
Mother: Gladys Marie Simmon

CHILDREN:
1. Nadine Ann Hilbert 5 May 1940 Richland, Shawnee, KS
2. Frederick Joseph Hilbert 28 Mar. 1944 Wichita, Sedgwick, KS

HUSBAND: CLINTON PAUL MITCHELL

Birth: 31 December 1939 Belleville, Republic, Kansas
Marriage: 18 August 1962 Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas Divorced
Death:
Father: Clinton Edward Mitchell
Mother: Helen Nadine Patrick

WIFE: NADINE ANN HILBERT

Birth: 5 May 1940 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Earl Frederick Hilbert
Mother: Nellie Marie Schirmer

CHILDREN:
None
HUSBAND: FREDERICK JOSEPH HILBERT  Avonics Lab Technician

Birth: 28 March 1944   Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas
Marriage: 15 April 1967   Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas
Death:
Father: Earl Frederick Hilbert
Mother: Nellie Marie Schirmer

WIFE: CAROLYN ANN CONCKLIN

Birth: 31 December 1946   Englewood, Bergen, New Jersey
Death:
Father: Louis Bennette Concklin
Mother: Antoinette Marie Gallucci

CHILDREN:   Born:   Marriage:   Death:
HUSBAND: CLAUDE GRESS HILBERT
Birth: 24 February 1914 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 14 August 1937 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: Frederick Christopher Hilbert
Mother: Edith Rosa Gress

WIFE: ELSIE LUCILLE WOOD
Birth: 10 June 1918 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Leslie Alvin Wood
Mother: Pearl Elsie Brooks

CHILDREN:
1. Larry Claude Hilbert
   Born: 25 April 1940 Richland, Shawnee, KS
2. Connie Ruth Hilbert
   Born: 5 Sept. 1942 Topeka, Shawnee, KS

Marriage: Sherrill Lynn Wilkinson
Death:
23 Nov. 1963 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
Arthur Lee Proctor
9 Mar. 1968 Topeka, Shawnee, KS

HUSBAND: LARRY CLAUDE HILBERT
Birth: 25 April 1940 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 23 November 1963 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Claude Gress Hilbert
Mother: Elsie Lucille Wood
WIFE: SHERRILL LYNN WILKINSON
Birth: 15 May 1941 Middletown, Dauphin, Pennsylvania
Death:
Father: Woodrow Wilson Wilkinson
Mother: Clarice Virgene Schoenberger

CHILDREN:
1. Cynthia Lynn Hilbert
   Born: 22 Nov. 1965 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
2. Bradley Wood Hilbert
   Born: 28 Aug. 1968 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
HUSBAND: ARTHUR LEE PROCTOR  Golf Pro  
Birth: 11 December 1938  
Marriage: 9 March 1968  Topeka Shawnee, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: Dillman Proctor  
Mother:  

WIFE: CONNIE RUTH HILBERT  
Birth: 5 September 1942  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: Claude Gress Hilbert  
Mother: Elsie Lucille Wood  

CHILDREN:  
1. Tami Denise Proctor  
   Born: 2 August 1970  
   Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OK  
   Marriage:  
   Death:  
2. Stacy Kay Proctor  
   Born: 3 July 1972  
   Edmond, Oklahoma, OK  
   Marriage:  
   Death:  

HUSBAND: HOMER ERIC HILBERT
Birth: 13 April 1916 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 9 August 1940 Manhattan, Riley, Kansas
Death:  
Father: Frederick Christopher Hilbert
Mother: Edith Rosa Gress

WIFE: EUNICE ANTOINETTE RICH
Birth: 27 March 1920 Republic City, Republic, Kansas
Death: 21 April 1973 Santa Ana, Orange, California
Father: Otis Unice Rich
Mother: Minnie Antoinette Johnson

CHILDREN:
1. Raymond Hilbert
   Born: 17 July 1941
   Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
2. Jerry Glenn Hilbert
   Born: 21 August 1942
   Wichita, Sedgewick, Kansas

HUSBAND: LLOYD FAUL HILBERT
Birth: 13 May 1921 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 21 July 1941
Death: 20 October 1967
Father: Frederick Christopher Hilbert
Mother: Edith Rosa Gress

WIFE: MARY ELLEN FABERT
Birth: 23 August 1944 Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri
Death:  
Father: Lewis Keith Kurry
Mother: Ester Leona Davison

CHILDREN:
1. Eric Micheal Hilbert
   Born: 21 September 1964
   Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas

Updated 1980
HUSBAND: WILLIAM FERDINAND WULFKUHLE  
Birth: 8 May 1835  Lecompton, Douglas, Kansas  
Marriage: 6 December 1911  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death: 20 February 1971  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Father: William Christopher Wulfkuhle  
Mother: Mary Ann Buchheim  

WIFE: MILDRED ANN GRESS  
Birth: 4 September 1888  Richland, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death: 14 July 1957  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Father: Charles William Gress  
Mother: Ann Maria Bowen  

CHILDREN:  
1. Clyde William Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 18 April 1914  
   Lecompton, Douglas, KS  
2. Ross Elroy Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 27 Aug. 1915  
   Lecompton, Douglas, KS  
3. Herman Gustav Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 31 Jan. 1917  
   Lecompton, Douglas, KS  
4. George Harvey Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 30 May 1919  
   Lecompton, Douglas, KS  
5. Leo Bruce Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 19 Feb. 1921  
   Lecompton, Douglas, KS  
6. Rosemary Ann Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 12 Aug. 1923  
   Lecompton, Douglas, KS  
7. Ina Mildred Wulfkuhle  
   Born: 5 Dec. 1925  
   Stull, Douglas, KS  

Marriage:  
Naomi Jean Comstock  
9 June 1940  
Hiawathy Brown, KS  
Margaret Colman  
7 March 1945  
Lawrence, Douglas, KS  
Marcella Bell Grauel  
27 April 1943  
Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
Bernice May Ammon  
22 March 1944  
New London, New London, CT  
Robert Eugene Sears  
2 Oct. 1952  
Topeka, Shawnee, KS  
Leo Bernard Soran  
14 May 1946  
Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho  

Death:  
4 Jan. 1975  
18 Dec. 1943  
Atlantic Ocean
HUSBAND: CLYDE WILLIAM WULFKUHLE
Birth: 18 April 1914 Lecompton, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 9 June 1940 Hiawatha, Brown, Kansas
Death: 4 January 1975 Placentia, Orange, California
Father: William Ferdinand Wulfkuhle
Mother: Mildred Ann Gress

WIFE: NAOMI JEAN COMSTOCK
Birth: 17 May 1920 Horton, Brown, Kansas
Death:
Father: Claude Bittler Comstock
Mother: Fern LaMar

CHILDREN:
1. Judith Carol Wulfkuhle 21 June 1941 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
2. Charles William Wulfkuhle 8 May 1942 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
3. James Clyde Wulfkuhle 6 April 1944 Topeka, Shawnee, KS

Marriage:
(1) Edward Hess
Divorced
(2) Roger Alan Rutman Sr.
3 July 1968 Anaheim, Orange, CA
Divorced 7 July 1977 Not Married

Death:
(1) Judy Marlene Rogers 26 August 1967 Santa Ana, Orange, CA
Divorced 25 August 1978
(2) Leslie Diane Hulet 9 April 1979 Santa Ana, Orange, CA

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HUSBAND: (1) EDWARD HESS
Birth:
Marriage: Divorced
Death:
Father:
Mother:

WIFE: JUDITH CAROL WULFKUHLE
Birth: 21 June 1941 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Clyde William Wulfkuhle
Mother: Naomi Jean Comstock

CHILDREN:
HUSBAND: ROGER ALAN RUTMAN, SR.

Birth: 31 October 1939
Marriage: 
Death:
Father: Russel Rutman
Mother: Minerva Seyfert

WIFE: (1) RUTH ANN FOOTE

Birth: 
Death: 
Father: 
Mother: 

CHILDREN:
1. Sherri Denise Rutman
   Born: 10 July 1963
   Inglewood, Orange, CA
2. Roger Alan Rutman, Jr.
   Born: 22 July 1964
   Inglewood, Orange, CA

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HUSBAND: (2) ROGER ALAN RUTMAN, SR.

Birth: 31 October 1939
Marriage: 3 July 1968 Anaheim, Orange, California
Death: 
Father: Russel Rutman
Mother: Minerva Seyfert

WIFE: (2) JUDITH CAROL WULFKUHLE

Birth: 21 June 1941 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 
Father: Clyde William Wulfkuhle
Mother: Naomi Jean Comstock

CHILDREN:
1. Christopher Lee Rutman
   Born: 11 June 1971
   Bellflower, CA
2. Margaret Elizabeth Rutman
   Born: 10 May 1973
   Bellflower, CA
HUSBAND: JAMES CLYDE WULFKUHLE  
Birth: 6 April 1944  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Marriage: 26 August 1967  Santa Ana, Orange, California  
Death:  
Father: Clyde William Wulfkuhle  
Mother: Naomí Jean Comstock  
Divorced: 25 August 1978

WIFE: (1) JUDY MARLENE ROGERS  
Birth: 29 May 1946  Orange, Orange, California  
Death:  
Father: Floyd Rogers  
Mother: Dorothy Vaughan  
CHILDREN:  
1. Shannon Lynn Wulfkuhle  Born: 16 March 1971  Orange, Orange, CA  
2. Marc James Wulfkuhle  Born: 27 February 1974  Orange, Orange, CA

HUSBAND: JAMES CLYDE WULFKUHLE  
(Above)  
Marriage: 9 April 1979

WIFE: (2) LESLIE DIANE HULET  
Birth: 13 June 1952  Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
Death:  
Father: Dennis Jay Hulet  
Mother: Mary Catherine Cooper  
CHILDREN:  

Born:  
Marriage:  
Death:
HUSBAND: ROSS ELROY WULFKUHLE
Audio-Visual Supervisor at University of Kansas; Farmer

Birth: 27 August 1915 Lecompton, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 7 March 1943 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Death: [omitted]
Father: William Ferdinand Wulfkuhle
Mother: Mildred Ann Gress

WIFE: MARGARET COLMAN
Teacher; Homemaker

Birth: 4 November 1913 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Death: [omitted]
Father: Asa Richardson Colman
Mother: Nellie May Everett

CHILDREN:

1. Linda Rae Wulfkuhle
   Born: 11 Mar. 1946
   Lawrence, Douglas, KS

2. Virginia Ann Wulfkuhle
   Born: 24 Dec. 1947
   Lawrence, Douglas, KS

Marriage: (1) Hollings Torrey Andrews
   11 Mar. 1968
   Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
   Divorced

   (2) Guido Cecchini
   26 June 1974
   Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
   Steven Shaw Kesler
   4 Sept. 1972
   Lawrence, Douglas, KS
   Divorced
Hi PPAi.Dt (1) ROLLINGS TORREY ANDREWS

Birth: 23 October 1939
Marriage: 11 May 1968 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Death: Divorced:
Father: 
Mother: 

WIFE: LINDA RAE WULFKUHLE

Librarian
Birth: 11 March 1946 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Death: 
Father: Ross Elroy Wulfkuhle
Mother: Margaret Colman

CHILDREN:
None born of this marriage

HUSBAND: GUIDO CECCHINI

Labor Relations Negotiator
Birth: 18 February 1939 Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy
Marriage: 26 June 1974 Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Death: 
Father: Guido Fortunato Cecchini
Mother: Taide Chicco

WIFE: LINDA RAE WULFKUHLE

(Above)

CHILDREN:

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HUSBAND: STEVEN SHAW KESLER

Realtor
Birth: 13 June 1948 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 4 September 1972 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas (Divorced)
Death: 
Father: Richard Kesler
Mother: Elizabeth Shaw

WIFE: VIRGINIA ANN WULFKUHLE

Archaeologist
Birth: 24 December 1947 Lawrence Douglas, Kansas
Death: 
Father: Ross Elroy Wulfkuhle
Mother Margaret Colman

CHILDREN:

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HUSBAND: DAVID ATKINS
Birth: 24 August 1942
Marriage: September 1966
Death:
Father:
Mother:
WIFE: JOCIE HUNST WULFKUHLE
Birth: 14 February 1946 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: Thailand
Death:
Father: Herman Gustav Wulfkuhle
Mother: Marcella Bell Grauel

CHILDREN:
1. John William Atkins 24 March 1967
2. Linda Jo Atkins 18 February 1968
3. Loretta Ann Atkins 21 October 1969
4. Kathy Atkins 2 August 1972

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HUSBAND: JOSEPH LEO WULFKUHLE
Birth: 4 March 1947 Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas
Marriage: Thailand
Death:
Father: Herman Gustav Wulfkuhle
Mother: Marcella Bell Grauel
WIFE: SAMPORN DUANPUITAL CHANG
Birth:
Death:
Father:
Mother:

CHILDREN:
1. James Herman Wulfkuhle 20 March 1974
HUSBAND: JOSEPH EDWARD FALLON II
Birth: 
Marriage: 
Death: 
Father: 
Mother: 

WIFE: JULIE ANN WULFKUHLE
Birth: 29 July 1948 Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas 
Marriage: 6 September 1975 
Death: 
Father: Herman Gustav Wulfkuhle 
Mother: Marcella Bell Grauel 

CHILDREN: 

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HUSBAND: JEROME THOMAS WULFKUHLE
Birth: 17 October 1953 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas 
Marriage: 6 September 1975 
Death: 
Father: Herman Gustav Wulfkuhle 
Mother: Marcella Bell Grauel 

WIFE: SHEILA SMITH
Birth: 
Marriage: 
Death: 
Father: 
Mother: 

CHILDREN: 

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HUSBAND: GEORGE HARVEY WULFKUHLE
Birth: 30 May 1919 Lecompton, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: William Ferdinand Wulfkuhle
Mother: Mildred Ann Gress

WIFE: BERNICE MAY AMMON
Birth: 30 May 1925 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: David Homer Ammon
Mother: Mabel Odessa Vernon

CHILDREN:
1. Sandra Kay Wulfkuhle
   Born: 27 Jan. 1945
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
   Marriage: Edward Charles Streit III
   13 Aug. 1960
   Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA
   Linda Anne Ittel
   7 June 1969
   Castle Channon, Allegheny, PA

2. Kenneth George Wulfkuhle
   Born: 29 Nov. 1947
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS

HUSBAND: EDWARD CHARLES STREIT III
Birth: 13 April 1946 Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA
Marriage: 13 August 1966 Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA
Death:
Father: Edward Charles Streit II
Mother: Dorothy Haust

WIFE: SANDRA KAY WULFKUHLE
Birth: 27 January 1945 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: George Harvey Wulfkuhle
Mother: Bernice May Ammon

CHILDREN:
1. Brandy Kay Streit
   Born: 4 May 1969
   Albuquerque, Bernalillo, NM

2. Jonathan Charles Streit
   Born: 15 March 1972
   Albuquerque, Bernalillo, NM
HUSBAND: KENNETH GEORGE WULFKUHLE  Teacher
Birth: 29 November 1947  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 7 June 1969  Castle Shannon, Allegheny, PA
Death:
Father: George Harvey Wulfkuhle
Mother: Bernice May Ammon

WIFE: LINDA ANNE ITTEL
Birth: 18 June 1947  Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA
Death:
Father: Herbert Louis Ittel
Mother: Rita Mae Brinner

HUSBAND: ROBERT EUGENE SEARS
Skelgas Distributor
Birth: 27 April 1926 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 2 October 1952 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Melvin Floyd Sears
Mother: Eva Corrine Davis

WIFE: ROSEMARY ANN WULFKUHLE
Employed at Merchants National Bank
Birth: 12 August 1923 Lecompton, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: William Ferdimand Wulfkuhle
Mother: Mildred Ann Gress

CHILDREN:
None
HUSBAND: LEO BERNARD SORAN  
Birth: 26 October 1924  Emmett, Gem, Idaho  
Marriage: 14 May 1946  Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho  
Death:  
Father: John Joseph Soran  
Mother: Esther Ruth Hill  

WIFE: INA MILDRED WULFKUHLE  
Birth: 5 December 1925  Stull, Douglas, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: William Ferdinand Wulfkuhle  
Mother: Mildred Ann Gress  

CHILDREN:  
1. Stephen Leo Soran  
   Born: 10 Nov. 1947  Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho  
   Marriage: Debra Sue Driscoll  
   27 Aug. 1970  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, ID  
2. Timothy Lee Soran I  
   Born: 11 Jan. 1951  Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho  
   Marriage: Sandra Jean McDrummond  
   10 Sept. 1971  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, ID  

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HUSBAND: STEPHEN LEO SORAN  
Birth: 10 November 1947  Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho  
Marriage: 27 August 1970  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho  
Death:  
Father: Leo Bernard Soran  
Mother: Ina Mildred Wulfkuhle  

WIFE: DEBRA SUE DRISCOLL  
Birth: 19 May 1949  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho  
Death:  
Father: Dudley Francis Driscoll, Jr.  
Mother: Wilma Ernestine Adkins  

CHILDREN:  
1. Jaime Leigh Soran  
   Born: 28 Sept. 1976  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, ID
HUSBAND: TIMOTHY LEE SORAN
Birth: 11 January 1951  Caldwell, Canyon, Idaho
Marriage: 10 September 1971  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho
Death:
Father: Leo Bernard Soran
Mother: Ina Mildred Wulfkuhle

WIFE: SANDRA JEAN McDRUMMOND
Birth: 26 October 1952  Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho
Death:
Father: William Arthur Lee McDrummond
Mother: Alice Florence Seifried

CHILDREN:
HUSBAND: HOMER ANCEL DUNBAR

Birth: 23 June 1887 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Marriage: 16 February 1916 Corning, Adams, Iowa
Death:
Father: James Thomas Dunbar
Mother: Cynthia Marilla Hoyt

WIFE: (1) SARAH (SALLY) ELLER GRESS

Birth: 27 August 1890 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 25 December 1916 Hershel, Sask., Canada
Death: 16 September 1918 Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada
Father: Charles William Gress
Mother: Ann Maria Bowen

CHILDREN:
1. Thomas Arthur Dunbar
   Born: 25 December 1916
   Marriage: Theda Lorrenne Schroeder
   Death:
   Hershel, Sask., Canada
   Rock Fort, Atchison, MO

HUSBAND: HOMER ANCEL DUNBAR

Marriage: 28 June 1929 Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa

WIFE: (2) BEULAH ELIZABETH HURD

Birth: 11 April 1911 Underwood, Pottawattamie, Iowa
Death:
Father: Jesse Hurd
Mother: Caroline Johnson

CHILDREN:
1. Orville Lloyd Dunbar
   Born: 11 April 1930
   Marriage: Walter Elmer Scott
   Death:
   Underwood, Pottawattamie, IA
   Hastings, Mills, IA

2. Betty Fern Dunbar
   Born: 20 June 1934
   Death:
   Glenwood, Mills, IA
   Hastings, Mills, IA
HUSBAND: THOMAS ARTHUR DUNBAR  
Birth: 25 December 1916 Herschell, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Marriage: 11 April 1936 Fock Port, Atchison, Missouri  
Death:  
Father: Homer Ancil Dunbar  
Mother: Sarah (Sally) Ellen Gress  

WIFE: THEDA LORRENE SCHROEDER  
Birth: 4 February 1920 Langdon, Atchison, Missouri  
Father: Henry George Schroeder  
Mother: Helen Kay Bressert  

CHILDREN:  
1. Ellen Lorrene Dunbar  
   Born: 14 July 1937 Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
   Marriage: Louis Henry Sandlass  
   Death:  
   Father:  
   Mother:  
2. Patricia Kay Dunbar  
   Born: 18 October 1944 Hawthorn, Los Angeles, CA  
   Marriage:  
   Death:  
   Father:  
   Mother:  
3. Eric Lee Dunbar  
   Born: 12 Nov. 1947 Humburgh, Fremont, IA  
   Marriage:  
   Death:  

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HUSBAND: LOUIS HENRY SANDLASS  
Birth:  
Marriage: 16 May 1958  
Death:  
Father:  
Mother:  

WIFE: ELLEN LORRENTE DUNBAR  
Birth: 14 July 1937 Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California  
Marriage:  
Death:  
Father: Thomas Arthur Dunbar  
Mother: Theda Lorrene Schroeder  

CHILDREN:  
1. Kevin Arthur Sandlass  
   Born: 5 July 1959  
   Marriage:  
   Death:  
HUSBAND: James Irving Steele
Birth: 15 October 1866 Belvoir, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 29 September 1909 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 31 July 1955 Spearman, Hansford, Texas
Father: Robert Alexander Steele
Mother: Isabella Cummings

WIFE: Edith Constance Amy Bowen
Birth: 16 Sept. 1876 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Death: 5 Nov. 1956 Terryton, Chiltree, Texas
Father: Zadok Cramer Bowen
Mother: Minerva Jane Rankin

CHILDREN:
None
HUSBAND: MARCUS WALTER BOWEN
- Birth: 8 October 1913 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
- Marriage: 24 February 1940 Holton, Jackson, Kansas
- Death:
- Father: Walter Grant Bowen
- Mother: Emma Angeline Largent

WIFE: RUTH MARJORIE PIERCE
- Birth: 14 October 1915 Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa
- Death:
- Father: Fred Wilson Pierce
- Mother: Nellie Mae Morris

CHILDREN:
1. Linda Lou Bowen
   - Born: 15 Sept. 1942 Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, IA
   - Marriage: Not Married
   - Death: 5 May 1973 Hastings, Mills, IA
HUSBAND: WILLIAM KESLER CATHEN
Birth: 6 June 1934 Stone, Pike, Kentucky
Marriage: Divorced
Death:
Father: Lester Hall Cather
Mother: Edna Scott

WIFE: SARA LYNN WEDERQUIST
Birth: 25 August 1934 Randolph, Fremont, Iowa
Death:
Father: Wallace Paul Wederquist
Mother: Alma Cleo Bowen

CHILDREN:
1. Wendy Lynn Cather Born: 20 July 1957
   Marriage: 20 July 1957
   Death: Belleville, St. Clair, Ill.
2. Dee Ann Cather 2 February 1959
   Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas
3. Wallace Hall Cather 12 July 1960
   Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas
4. Jo Ellen Cather 27 March 1964
   Colorado Springs, El Paso, CO
HUSBAND: WALTER RICHARD WEDERQUIST
Birth: 14 May 1932 Randolph, Fremont, Iowa
Marriage: 18 November 1966 Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado
Death:
Father: Wallace Paul Wederquist
Mother: Alma Cleo Bowen

WIFE: SYLVIA ELAINE HEINECKE
Birth: 29 March 1935 Beulah, Crook, Wyoming
Marriage: 
Father: Emrald Henry Heinecke
Mother: Loya Elaine Howard

CHILDREN:
1. John Richard Wederquist
   Born: 16 November 1967 Colorado Springs, El Paso, CO
   Marriage: 
2. Jason Howard Wederquist
   Born: 29 April 1969 Colorado Springs, El Paso, CO
   Marriage: 
   Death:
HUSBAND: HARLEY BALD MIDAY
Birth: 4 June 1903 Randolph, Fremont, Iowa
Marriage: 21 December 1933, Hiawatha, Brown, Kansas
Death:
Father: Delmar Clark Miday
Mother: Emma Jane Lorton
WIFE: VARYL REBECCA JOAN BOWEN
Birth: 22 February 1905 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: Walter Grant Bowen
Mother: Emma Angeline Largent

CHILDREN:
None

HUSBAND: WALLACE FAUL WEDERQUIST
Birth: 9 March 1906 Malvern, Mills, Iowa
Marriage: 21 May 1928 Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa
Death:
Father: Royce Elmer Richard Wederquist
Mother: Mabel Claire Reeves
WIFE: ALMA CLEO BOWEN
Birth: 31 August 1906 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Death:
Father: Walter Grant Bowen
Mother: Emma Angeline Largent

CHILDREN:
1. Jo Allen Wederquist 14 Mar. 1929
   Randolph, Fremont, IA
2. Walter Richard Wederquist 14 May 1932
   Randolph, Fremont, IA
3. Sara Lynn Wederquist 25 August 1934
   Randolph, Fremont, IA

Married:
Not Married

Sylvia Elaine Reinecke
18 November 1966
Colorado Springs, El Paso, CO
William Kesler Cather
27 January 1957
Belery, Pike, Kentucky
HUSBAND: TEO ALEXANDER BOWEN
Birth: 13 January 1900 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 1 January 1931 Logan, Harrison, Iowa
Death: 
Father: Walter Grant Bowen
Mother: Emma Angeline Largent
WIFE: FLORENCE MINNIE STEVENSON
Birth: 25 August 1903 Malvern, Mills, Iowa
Death: 
Father: Lucius Lewis Stevenson
Mother: May Flumb
CHILDREN:
1. Florence May Bowen
   Born: 11 Oct. 1942
   Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa
Marriage: Not Married
Death: 25 June 1945
Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa

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HUSBAND: ROBERT WILSON FRAMES CAMPELLE
Birth: 2 February 1879 Long Prairie, Todd, Minnesota
Marriage: 21 June 1932 Minneapolis, Hennepen, Minnesota
Death: 13 December 1954 Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota
Father: Robert W. Campbell
Mother: Isabelle Wilson Frame
WIFE: (4) INEZ LENORE BOWEN
Birth: 15 March 1903 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Death: 19 January 1963 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Father: Walter Grant Bowen
Mother: Emma Angeline Largent
CHILDREN:
None of this couple.
HUSBAND: JAMES WEEREN BOWEN

Birth: 5 December 1932 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Marriage: 23 September 1977 Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho
Death:
Father: Weeren Gilbert Bowen
Mother: La Neva Daisy Parker

WIFE: SYLVIA RICHMOND

Birth:
Death:
Father:
Mother:

CHILDREN:
None
HUSBAND: JACK EUGENE BOWEN
Birth: 12 July 1927 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Marriage: 20 June 1948 Mineola, Mills, Iowa
Death:
Father: Weeren Gilbert Bowen
Mother: Lailéva Daisy Parker

WIFE: VIRGINIA ROSE KAHL
Birth: 21 Feb. 1927 Mineola, Mills, Iowa
Death:
Father: LeRoy Louis Kahl
Mother: Helda Karoline Kahl (Halden name)

CHILDREN:
1. Douglas Lynn Bowen
   Born: 28 Mar. 1955
   Red Oak, Montgomery, IA
2. Jack Eugene Bowen
   Born: 1 June 1952
   Red Oak, Montgomery, IA

Married:
Sheryl Jean C'Dell
20 Mar. 1976
Kalvern, Mills, IA
Not Married

Death:
1 June 1952
Red Oak, Montgomery, IA

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HUSBAND: DOUGLAS LYNN BOWEN
Born: 28 March 1955 Red Oak, Montgomery, Iowa
Marriage: 20 March 1976 Kalvern, Mills, Iowa
Death:
Father: Jack Eugene Bowen
Mother: Virginia Rose Kahl

WIFE: SHERYL JEAN C'DELL
Birth: 9 August 1957
Death:
Father: Allen Elmer C'Dell
Mother: Carolyn Jean Houser

CHILDREN:
1. Julie Lynn Bowen
   Birth: 20 July 1977
   Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa
2. Nicholas James Bowen
   Born: 23 March 1979
   Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa
HUSBAND: JOHN KEIL HANSEN
Birth: 25 September 1945 Carroll, Carroll, Iowa
Marriage: 7 June 1969 Denison, Crawford, Iowa
Death: 
Father: Ico Croder Nils Hansen
Mother: Opal Maxine Close
WIFE: FLORENCE JANE BOOS
Birth: 13 Sept. 1959
Death: 
Father: Clarence Eugene Boos
Mother: Lorraine Maxine Bowen

CHILDREN: Born: Marriage: Death:
   Stillborn
2. Jared Joseph Hansen 10 July 1980
HUSBAND: WALTER GILBERT BOWEN

Birth: 29 Mar. 1893 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 2 Mar. 1921 Malvern, Mills, Iowa
Death: 29 July 1956 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Father: Walter Grant Bowen
Mother: Emma Angelina Largent

WIFE: LA MEVA DAISY PARKER

Birth: 21 Jan. 1901 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Father: James Raymond Parker
Mother: Adeline Mitchell

CHILDREN:
1. Lorraine Maxine Bowen 21 Feb. 1922
   Hastings, Mills, Iowa
   Married: Clarence Eugene Boos 2 June 1946
   Hastings, Mills, Iowa
   Death:

2. Jack Eugene Bowen 12 July 1927
   Hastings, Mills, Iowa
   Married: Sylvia Richmond 23 September 1947
   Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho
   Death:

3. James Weeren Bowen 5 Dec. 1932
   Hastings, Mills, Iowa
   Married: Virginia Bose Kahl 20 June 1948
   Mineola, Mills, Iowa
   Death:

HUSBAND: CLARENCE EUGENE BOOS

Birth: 16 Oct. 1921 Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa
Marriage: 2 June 1946 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Death:
Father: Clare Harward Boos
Mother: Effie Jane McGinnis

WIFE: LORRAINE MAXINE BOWEN

Birth: 20 Feb. 1922 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Death:

CHILDREN:
1. Florence Jane Boos 13 Sept. 1950
   Red Oak, Montgomery, IA
   Married:
   Death:

2. Jerry Helvin Boos 1 Oct. 1955
   Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, IA
   Married:
   Death:
HUSBAND: STEVE LYLE HILTON

Birth: 27 October 1952 Albuquerque, Fernacillo, New Mexico
Marriage: 17 December 1976 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Death:
Father: Lyle Hilton
Mother: Sally Electa Falmer

WIFE: VERA Electa Falmer

Birth: 14 June 1956 St. Peter, Nicollet, Minnesota
Marriage:
Death:
Father: Donald Harold Firl
Mother: Veryl Emma Bowen

CHILDREN:
1. Steven Vincent Hilton
   Born: 13 Sept. 1977
   Murray, Salt Lake, Utah

2. Jonathan Andrew Hilton
   Born: 24 August 1979
   Murray, Salt Lake, Utah
HUSBAND: JAMES KEITH LEEPER
Birth: 15 August 1951 Chico, Butte, California
Marriage: 4 August 1976 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Death:
Father: William Shelton Leeper.
Mother: Mary Ruth Fritts

WIFE: CARA LISA FIRL
Birth: 2 Mar. 1955 St. Peter, Nicollet, MN
Death:
Father: Donald Harold Firrl
Mother: Veryl Emma Bowen

CHILDREN:
1. Megan Leeper Born: 7 May 1977 Married: Springield, Green, MC
2. Jamis Shelton Leeper 23 June 1978 Married: Aurora, Lawrence, KC
3. Erin Leeper 12 March 1980 Married: Aurora, Lawrence, KC

Death:
HUSBAND: DONALD HAROLD FIRL
Birth: 28 June 1926 Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota
Marriage: 20 Dec. 1953 Manhattan, Riley, Kansas
Death:
Father: Richard Max Firl
Mother: Henrietta Louise Diercks

WIFE: VERYL EMMA BOWEN
Birth: 1 April 1932 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Russell Ervin Bowen
Mother: Carrie Emma Montgomery

CHILDREN:
1. Cara Lisa Firl
   Born: 2 March 1955
   St. Peter, Nicollet, MN
2. Heidi Echo Firl
   Born: 14 June 1956
   St. Peter, Nicollet, MN
3. Jared Bowen Firl
   Born: 18 June 1959
   Rochester, Olmsted, MN
4. Christopher Bowen Firl
   Born: 28 Dec. 1960
   Rochester, Olmsted, MN
5. Thomas Bowen Firl
   Born: 26 Oct. 1965
   Rochester, Olmsted, MN
6. Jennifer Jill Firl
   Born: 15 Oct. 1968
   Rochester, Olmsted, MN

Married: 1980
James Keith Leeper
4 Aug. 1976
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Steven Lyle Hilton
17 Dec. 1976
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

Death:

HUSBAND: (1) RUSSELL ERVIN BOWEN
Birth: 13 Sept. 1895 Richland, Douglas, KS
Marriage: 25 Nov. 1925 Lawrence, Douglas, KS
Death: 29 June 1972 Rush, El Paso, TX
Father: Walter Grant Bowen
Mother: Emma Angeline Largent

WIFE: CARRIE EMMA MCINTYRE
Birth: 31 Jan. 1900
Death: 18 Feb. 1975
Father: Jacob Montfoort
Mother: Mabel Agnes Dice

CHILDREN:
1. Veryl Emma Bowen 1 April 1932
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
2. Edith Janett Bowen 3 April 1932
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS

HUSBAND: (2) RAYMOND WESLEY BAILEY
Birth: 12 Nov. 1902 Argonia, Sumner, KS
Marriage: 7 Feb. 1974 Raton, Colfax, New Mexico
Death: 20 Dec. 1953 Manhattan, Riley, KS
Father: Dexter Wynn Bailey
Mother: Goldie Pearl Warburton

WIFE: (3) CARRIE EMMA MONTFOORT
(Above)
HUSBAND: (1) LEN KURT
 Birth: 
Marriage: About 1920  Divorced 
Death: 
Father: 
Mother: 
WIFE: LULU ANY FREEMAN
 Birth: 11 November 1889 Douglas County, Kansas 
Death: January 1957 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma 
Father: Eugene Mills Freeman
CHILDREN: 
None 

HUSBAND: (2) CHESTER MOORE 
 Birth: 
Marriage: 6 June 1946 Livingston, Gallatin, Montana 
Death: 
Father: 
Mother: 
WIFE: LULU ANY FREEMAN
CHILDREN: 
None 

HUSBAND: LOUIS MORTIMORE WHITE 
 Birth: 31 January 1874 Mexico, Audrain, Missouri 
Marriage: 5 July 1922 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma 
Death: 
Father: Thomas Mortimore White 
Mother: Sarah Ann Hurd 
WIFE: LILLIAN EVELYN FREEMAN
 Birth: 23 November 1897 Douglas County, Kansas 
Death: May 1968 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma 
Father: Eugene Mills Freeman 
Mother: Minniefre Evalyn Hale 

CHILDREN: 
None
HUSBAND: WALTER GHAUT BOWEN
Birth: 19 Sept. 1870 Richland, Douglas, Kansas
Marriage: 1 Jan. 1895 Probably Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 3 Nov. 1937 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
Father: (2) Zadock Cramer Bowen
Mother: (2) Finerva Jane Rankin

WIFE: EMMA ANGELINE LARGENT
Birth: 11 May 1877 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 12 Nov. 1943 Red Oak, Montgomery, Iowa
Father: James Truvilla Largent
Mother: Ann Rebecca Shaffer

CHILDREN:  
1. Russell Ervin Bowen
   Born: 13 Sept. 1895 Richland, Douglas, KS
2. Ethel Minerva Bowen
   Born: 5 Feb. 1897 Richland, Douglas, KS
3. Weeren Gilbert Bowen
   Born: 29 Mar. 1898 Richland, Douglas, KS
4. Ted Alexander Bowen
   Born: 13 Jan. 1900 Richland, Douglas, KS
5. Grigg Marvin Bowen
   Born: 11 Oct. 1901 Richland, Douglas, KS
6. Inez Lenore Bowen
   Born: 15 Mar. 1903 Richland, Douglas, KS
7. Veryl Rebecca Joan Bowen
   Born: 22 Feb. 1905 Richland, Douglas, KS
8. Alma Cleo Bowen
   Born: 31 Aug. 1906 Richland, Douglas, KS
9. Marcus Walter Bowen
   Born: 8 Oct. 1913 Hastings, Mills, IA
10. Twins (stillborn)
    Male
    About 1915 Hastings, Mills, IA

Married:
   Carrie Emma Kortfoort
   25 Nov. 1925 Lawrence, Douglas, KS
   Not married

   LaNeva Daisy Farker
   2 Mar. 1921 Kalvern, Mills, Iowa
   Florence Minnie Stevenson
   1 Jan. 1931 Logan, Iowa
   Not married

   Robert Wilson Frame Campbell
   21 June 1932 Minneapolis, Hennepin, MN
   Harley Dale Miday
   21 Dec. 1933 Hiawatha, Brown, KS
   Wallace Paul Wederquist
   21 May 1928 Sioux City, Woodbury, IA
   Ruth Marjorie Pierce
   24 Feb. 1940 Holton, Jackson, KS

Death:
   29 June 1972 Rush, El Paso, CO
   26 Feb. 1907 Richland, Douglas, KS
   29 July 1956 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
   10 Jan. 1931 Hastings, Mills, Iowa
   19 Jan. 1963 Topeka, Shawnee, KS
HUSBAND: EMMEROTH DEE FERGUSON

Birth: 1908 Sulphur, Furray, Oklahoma
Death: 9 November 1946
Father:
Mother:

WIFE: MINNIE MYRTLE FREEMAN

Birth: 1 December 1887
Death: 23 April 1950 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma
Father: Eugene Mills Freeman
Mother: Winnifred Evelyn Hale

CHILDREN: Born: Marriage: Death:
1. Wilma Ferguson 1909 Carl H. Tyler
2. Emereth Dee Ferguson 1912 28 June 1944
BIRTH: EUGENE MILLS FREEMAN

Birth: 3 December 1862  Boyle County, Illinois
Marriage: 22 July 1936  Hickman, Douglas, Kansas
Death: 11 April 1940  Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma
Father: Joseph Harvey Freeman
Mother: Chloe Landers

MOTHER: MINERVA JANE LANDERS

Birth: 4 January 1866  Probably Weston, Mills, Iowa
Death: 6 December 1933  Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma
Father: Francis Hale
Mother: Minerva Jane Lankin

CHILDREN:

1. Minnie Myrtle Freeman 1 Dec. 1905
   Douglas County, KS
   Married: Emereth Dee Ferguson
   Sulphur, Murray, Oklahoma
   (2) Chester Moore
   6 June 1946
   Livingston, Park, Montana

2. Luella May Freeman 11 Nov. 1906
   Douglas County, KS

3. Eugene Hale Freeman 12 Oct. 1907
   Douglas County, KS

4. Lillian Evelyn Freeman 23 Nov. 1907
   Douglas County, KS
   Married: Louis Fortinore White
   5 July 1922
   Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma
HUSBAND: GEORGE ALFRED JOHNSON

Birth: 23 February 1943 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 
Father: Charles A. Johnson
Mother: Kary L. Deppe

WIFE: DORIS LYDIA GRESS

Birth: 12 March 1903 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Death: 
Father: Charles William Gress
Mother: Ann Maria Bowen

CHILDREN:
None
HUSBAND: WILLARD GEORGE LISKA, JR.  Cabinet Maker  
Birth: 5 February 1947 Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Marriage: 9 July 1971 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: Willard George Liska, Sr.  
Mother: Dorothy May Erbe  

WIFE: NANCY LORRAINE ZIKA  
Birth: 3 June 1952 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: Joseph Ray Zima  
Mother: Arlene Valera Cole  

CHILDREN:  
1. Michael David Liska  
   Born: 19 January 1976  
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS  

HUSBAND: JOHNATHAN LEE SEUELL  
U.S. ARMY  
Birth: 1 March 1956 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas  
Marriage: 30 July 1978 Tecumseh, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: Jerry Lee Seuell  
Mother: Beverly Ann Kipp  

WIFE: KATHY ARLENE ZIMA  
Birth: 22 February 1958 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
Death:  
Father: Joseph Ray Zima  
Mother: Arlene Valera Cole  

CHILDREN:  

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HUSBAND: JOSEPH RAY ZIMA
Birth: 12 January 1923 St. Marys, Pottawatomie, Kansas
Marriage: 5 October 1946 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Joseph Edward Zima
Mother: Verna Althea Wilson

WIFE: ARLENE VALERA COLE
Birth: 16 November 1926 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Arthur Cole
Mother: Flora Clare Gress

CHILDREN:
1. Joseph Wayne Zima
   Born: 22 December 1947
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
2. Janet Elaine Zima
   Born: 19 December 1943
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
3. Nancy Lorraine Zima
   Born: 3 June 1952
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
4. Kathy Arlene Zima
   Born: 22 February 1958
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS

HUSBAND: JOSEPH WAYNE ZIMA
Birth: 22 December 1947 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 22 December 1968 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Joseph Ray Zima
Mother: Arlene Valera Cole

WIFE: JANET MARIE THAETE
Birth: 31 December 1947 Belleville, Republic, Kansas
Death:
Father: Hilbert Reinhold Thaete
Mother: Ruby Marie Hogeland

CHILDREN:
1. Karen Elizabeth Zima
   Born: 30 November 1972
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
2. Laura Anne Zima
   Born: 4 May 1977
   Topeka, Shawnee, KS
HUSBAND: LAWRENCE ELBERT COLE
Birth: 7 June 1920 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 16 May 1943 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Arthur Cole
Mother: Flora Clare Gress
WIFE: DOLLY JCE LUSCUMBE
Birth: 22 December 1928 Horton, Brown, Kansas
Death:
Father: John Harvey Luscombe
Mother: May Rosa Hill

CHILDREN:
1. Martha Ann Cole
   Born: 14 June 1949
   Richland, Shawnee, KS
2. Karen Jean Cole
   Born: 29 March 1952
   Richland, Shawnee, KS
3. Susan Marie Cole
   Born: 22 August 1953
   Richland, Shawnee, KS
4. Judy Lee Cole
   Born: 15 April 1957
   Overbrook, Osage, Kansas
5. Jennifer Gail Cole
   Born: 16 June 1962
   Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas

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HUSBAND: WILBUR LESLIE COLE Farmer
Birth: 25 August 1924 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas
Marriage: 12 June 1949 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
Death:
Father: Arthur Cole
Mother: Flora Clare Gress
WIFE: ESTHER MARIA UTECH
Birth: 12 June 1921 Tampa, Marion, Kansas
Death:
Father: Wilhelm Henry Karl Utech
Mother: Maria Anna Schlesener

CHILDREN:
Born:
Marriage
Death:
**Husband:**  ARTHUR COLE  
**Father:** Henry Harrison Cole  
**Birth:** 6 July 1893  Arcadia, Sherman, Nebraska  
**Marriage:** 20 April 1919  Richland, Shawnee, Kansas  
**Death:**  

**Wife:**  FLORA CIARIZ CRESS  
**Birth:** 15 May 1898  Richland, Shawnee, Kansas  
**Marriage:** 16 May 1943  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
**Death:** 30 January 1975  Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
**Father:** Charles William Gress  
**Mother:** Ann Maria Bowen  

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HUSBAND: SAMUEL M. THRIFT
- Birth: 10 November 1927 Atchison, Atchison, Kansas
- Marriage: 19 July 1952 Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri
- Death:
- Father: Harry Edwin Thrift
- Mother: Charlotte Ann Woodworth

WIFE: JANETA FAYE GREER
- Birth: 21 November 1921 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas
- Death:
- Father: Bruce Zadok Greer
- Mother: Maude Rosana Murphy

CHILDREN: Born: Marriage: Death:
1. Jack Richard Thrift 24 March 1946 Kansas City, Jackson, MO
HUSBAND: BRUCE ZADOK GRESS  
- Birth: 1 April 1894 Richland, Shawnee, Kansas  
- Marriage: 4 February 1919 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas  
- Death: August 1979  
- Father: Charles William Gress  
- Mother: Ann Maria Bowen  

WIFE: MAUDE ROSANA MURPHY  
- Birth: 30 March 1898 Overbrook, Osage, Kansas  
- Death: 197 (deceased)  
- Father: Thomas William Murphy  
- Mother: Anna Barbara Fleshman  

CHILDREN:  
1. Charles Thomas Gress  
   - Born: 22 January 1920 Lawrence, Douglas, KS  
2. Waneta Faye Gress  
   - Born: 21 November 1921 Lawrence, Douglas, KS  

HUSBAND: CHARLES THOMAS GRESS  
- Birth: 22 January 1920 Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas  
- Marriage: 28 August 1946 Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas  
- Death:  
- Father: Bruce Zadok Gress  
- Mother: Maude Rosana Murphy  

WIFE: VIOLA ARDITH BOURLAND  
- Birth: 27 August 1928 Osceola, St. Clair, Missouri  
- Death:  
- Father: William Edward Bourland  
- Mother: Vera Lake Clanin  

CHILDREN:  
1. Sharon Kay Gress  
   - Born: 10 March 1948 Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS  
2. Roger Dale Gress  
   - Born: 30 May 1949 Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS  
3. Carlen Diana Gress  
   - Born: 12 July 1952 Lawrence, Douglas, KS  

Marriage:  
Viola Ardith Bourland  
28 August 1946  
Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS  
Samuel M. Thrift  
19 July 1952  
Kansas City, Jackson, KS  

Death:  
19 December 1950 Quincy, Benton, MO
"Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Jane Bowen all my household and kitchen furniture, her natural lifetime, and thencfor to be divided amongst the heirs. Second, I give the farm that I now reside on known as land lying in Boone County State of Indiana, Being the East half of the northwest quarter of Section twenty seven in township twenty north of Range one west. Containing eighty acres, Also the west half of the north East quarter of section twenty seven in township twenty North of Range one West Containing eighty acres, also the north East quarter of the north East quarter of Section twenty seven in township twenty north of Range one West Containing forty acres - making in all two hundred acres, to my wife to have under her own direction until my youngest son becomes of age, then it shall be left to the majority of my heirs with the consent of my wife whether it shall be sold or not, and if sold after ample provision being made for my wife, the residue for to be equally divided amongst my heirs -- There shall be left of my personal property as much on the farm as will be necessary for to carry on the farming interest. The Executors shall be the Judges at the expiration of the time the said property shall be sold and Equally divided amongst my heirs -- The residue of my personal property shall be sold and Equally divided amongst my heirs -- I hold a farm lying in Howard County State of Indiana known as the East half of the south west quarter of Section number four in township number twenty three North of Range number two East Containing eighty acres, also the south half of the North west quarter of section number four in township number twenty three north of Range number two east containing eighty acres,
In all making one hundred and sixty acres. The said farm may be sold at any time after my death with the consent of a majority of my heirs and equally divided amongst my heirs with the exception of my Daughter Hulda Bunton shall receive one hundred dollars less than my other heirs in consequence of what she has already received. I hereby appoint Robert R. Bowen and Zadok C. Bowen executors of this my last will and testament with full powers, for to sell and convey all of my real and personal estate, hereby revoking all manner of wills by me made — In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Signed, sealed in the presence of us Absalom Bowen (seal)
E.P. Davis, Oleed Hardesty
Elias Warren
In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Bowen of the County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania being weak of Body but of sound mind and memory think proper to dispose of my temporal concerns in the following manner-

1st It is my desire that I be decently Buried and My funeral expenses paid I will and bequeath to My loving wife- Sarah Bowen one half of my homestead. Plantation being the Southwest end of the same together with the home buildings. to be at her disposal during Natural life also two Beds and Necessary Beding two cows her choice out of My stock one horse her saddle bridle &c and as much house hold. and Kitchen furniture as May be deemed Sufficient for her comfort and Convenesence during life or widowhood in case of her death or Marriage then to return to my lawful heirs to be hereafter Named. I desire that my personal property Except as above excepted shall be sold and the money applied to the discharge of My debts also a tract of land which I hold in Wood County Virginia and a small parcel of land in Monongalia County Virginia or rather my interest in the last Mentioned parcel of land to be sold by My Executors and applied as above directed. I desire that My Brother James Bowen shall Remain in My Surviving family and should he become helpless or Chargable then to be under care and direction of My Son John Bowen. My homestead plantation I will and bequeath to My Sons John Bowen and Davis Bowen to themselves their heirs and assigns forever viz. One half of which plantation is now in their possession on the other part to fall into their possession immediately after the decease or Marriage of My wife Sarah. Containing two hundred and forty eight and one half acres lying and being in Springhill Township, Fayette
County Pa., The plantation before Mentioned. I value to the said Sons John- & Davis at the Sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars. a part of which Sum. has been already by them paid (the amount of the same to be ascertained on Settlement) no part of the price of said plantation shall be required by the said legatees until a sufficient Sum of Money is Made to pay all My just and lawful debts I, desire that all. My Children Namely Absolem- Bowen- Thomas Bowen. John Bowen & Davis Bowen have equal shares that is share and share alike of the price of all property of which I am now possessed. also My two Grand-Sons viz: Alfred Bowen and John Bowen. Minor Children of William Bowen. Deceased. between them one equal share with my own children to be paid to them by My Sons- John & Davis out of the plantation which they inherit by proper age to lawfully claim the same to My wife- Sarah I bequeath ever and above the Dower already- Mentioned five Sheep to be by her chosen out of the flock also to Anne Bixlar I Bequeath one bed. One cow, and one Sheep.

I do hereby ordain Constitute and appoint- My two Sons Absolem Bowen and John Bowen executors to this My last Will and Testament revoking Annulling and Making void. all other wills by me heretofore Made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand and Seal the Sixteenth day of April in the year of Our. Lord one- thousand eight hundred and twenty two

SAMUEL BOWEN (SEAL)

Signed and Sealed in the presence of.

DANIEL STEWART
FAMILY OF BOWEN

RICHARD BOWEN, who sometimes is said to have been a cousin of the immigrant Griffith, made his home at Rehoboth, Mass., about 1643 and was the father of, probably among others, RICHARD and Thomas. Of these, Thomas left at least one son, named Richard.

In 1648 one Thomas Bowen was living at Salem, Mass., whence he removed to New London, Conn., and thence to Rehoboth. By his wife Elizabeth, he had issue of Thomas and Richard. (Information is from THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BOWEN, page 7.) Sent to me by Mrs. L. C. Shenberger (Christina Middleton), 255 Blueberry Lane, W. Lafayette, Ind. 47906, March 1977.

BOWEN CREST AND MOTTO from CROMER'S GENERAL ARMORY, Morrison Reeves Library, Richmond, Ind., Oct. 8, 1976.

BOWEN. Massachusetts.
Richard Bowen, Rehoboth, 1644. (Glamorgan, Wales.) Azure, a stag argent with an arrow stuck in the back and attired or.
CREST - A stag standing vulned in the back with an arrow ppr.
MOTTO - Qui male cogitat male sibi.

BOWEN. Massachusetts.
Griffith Bowen. Boston, 1639. (Glamorgan, Wales.) Same Arms as Richard Bowen, of Rehoboth.

BOWEN. Rhode Island.
William M. P. Bowen, Esq., Providence. Same Arms as Richard and Griffith Bowen, of Massachusetts.

BOWEN. Minnesota.
Captain Edgar C. Bowen, St. Paul. Same Arms as Richard Bowen, of Rehoboth.

BOWEN. New York.
Rev. John E. Bowen, Westport. Same Arms as Richard Bowen, of Rehoboth.

The next part was researched for me by Mr. Loren V. Fay, A.G., 4944 South 5020 West, Kearns, Utah 84118. He got this information from the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 45025. Date Microfilm - Oct. 1975, Item on Roll - 2, Camera No. - 19, Catalogue No. - 908952. VITAL RECORDS OF REHOBOTH, 1642-1895. (And Colonial Records, last section.) Also from CENSUS RECORDS. I have the zeroxed copies of the original. This was done in March 1977. His research goes from Richard to Ephraim b. Oct. 22, 1769, son of Uriah b. 1740.
FAMILY OF BOWEN

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Children:
2. Rebeckah, b. April 20, 1660
4. Mary, b. Oct. 5, 1666
5. John, b. March 15, 16—

3. (above) Richard Bowen, Jr. m. Patience.
1. Christopher, b. April 7, 1691
2. Ichabod, b. April 4, 1693
3. Dan, b. Nov. 26, 1694
4. Mary, b. Dec. 28, 1696
5. Peter, b. Sept. 3, 1698
7. Richard, b. June 19, 1702
8. Richard, 2d, b. March 24, 1703-4
9. Zerviah, b. Nov. 6, 1706
10. Uriah, b. July 9, 1709
11. David, b. Aug. 1, 1714

10. (above) Uriel Bowen, m. Sept. 12, 1737 to Elizabeth Perry.
1. Betsey, b. April 30, 1737
2. Uriah, b. June 5, 1740
3. Tamar, b. Aug. 23, 1745
4. Mary, b. Sept. 6, 1751
5. Amos, b. Oct. 21, 1754

1. Ephraim, b. Jan. 7, 1769 (Oct. 22)
2. Uriah, b. March 28, 1771
3. Benjamin, b. Dec. 20, 1772
4. Esther, b. Jan. 30, 1775
5. Leaffee, b. April 2, 1777
6. Caleb, b. Aug. 2, 1779

1. (above) Ephraim Bowen b. Oct. 22, 1769, m. in Mason Co., Ky 1797 to Hannah Hale b. 1777 in Maryland, d. Sept. 1, 1844, both are buried at Spartanburg cem., Greensfork Twp., Randolph Co., Ind. Her parents were James and Catherine Baird Hale. Ephraim d. Aug. 20, 1858 at Spartanburg also. They were the 4th settlers in Randolph Co., Ind., in 1814. They were also early settlers in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene Co., Ohio in 1795. He was in the war of 1812 under Capt. Robert McCollan.
1. Nancy Thompson (Robert) b. 1799, d. 1869
2. James C. b. 1801, d. 1884 m. Elizabeth Jeffrey 1829.
3. Jane Small (Joshua) b. 1803, d. 1858
5. Rebecca Semans (David) b. 1811, d. 1854
6. Hannah Harrison (James) b. 1814, d. 1904
7. Rachel Davis (William) b. 1816, d. 1902
8. Ephriam L. b. 1819, d. 1901 m. 1st Ruth Dwiggins 2nd Anna J. Thornburg Corbett.
**HUSBAND'S NAME**  
**Date of Birth** 22 Oct 1769  
**Date of Death** 20 Aug 1858  
**Present Address**  
**Place of Burial** Spartanburg Cemetery, Greensfork Twp, Randolph Co, Ind  
**His Father** Levi  
**His Mother's Maiden Name** Joseph  
**Date of Marriage of HUSBAND and WIFE on this sheet** 26 Aug 1971  
**Place** Mason Co, Ky  
**Check here if there was another marriage**  
**By husband**  
**By Wife**  
**Was this couple divorced?** Yes  
**When?**  

**WIFE’S MAIDEN NAME** HANNAH HALE  
**Date of Birth** 1777  
**Date of Death** 15 Sept 1844  
**Present Address**  
**Place of Burial** Spartanburg Cemetery  
**Her Father** James Hale  
**Her Mother's Maiden Name** Catherine Baird  

**Items of interest about the above couple** (occupations, hobbies, achievements; social, civil, and political activities; physical descriptions—include photos if possible; military service; cause of death):  

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**CHILDREN** (Arrange in order of birth)  

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Use 1 only if you have filled in the blank from personal knowledge (such as the name of your brother). If you must look up his marriage date, give as the source wherever you looked it up. If you asked him, give his name as the source.  

1 **Name and address of person filling in this sheet.** Date March 28, 1979  

Beverly Bowen Vardaman, B.R.I., Lynn, Ind., 47365  

Bowen CENTENNIAL BOOK & CHART - 1914  

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RECORDS OF MARRIAGES IN MASON Co. KY - 1788 to 1851  

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FOOTNOTES:

⑤ JOSIE BOWEN SHAW'S FAMILY RECORDS
⑥ DELAWARE & RANDOLPH CO. BIOGRAPHIES - A.W. Bowen - 1914
⑦ TUCKER (1852) or SMITH-DRIVER (194?) HISTORY OF RANDOLPH CO., IND.
⑧ Also working on this line - Mrs. Christina Middleton Shenberger
⑨ "Mr. Inabal Berries, Pilgrim, 219 S 19th St., Richmond, Ind. 47374"
⑩ Also working on this line
⑾ Mrs. Leonard (Ruth) Collie, F.O.B. 353, Cozad, Nebr., 69130