

Chapter 3

Oren (Virgil)

Wilson



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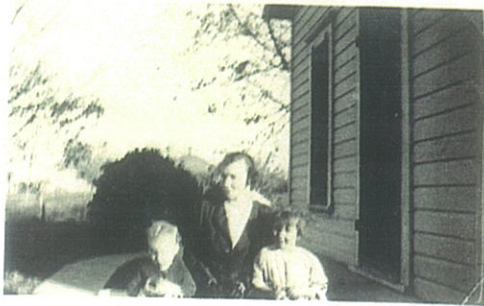
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Virgil "Oren" Wilson

By Frances

Oren was born June 26, 1918 in Goodland, Kansas. He was the eldest son.

I remember Oren as a special friend to me. He was thoughtful and helpful. He was a low profile person - there are not many stories of his childhood around, but he was involved in our chores, games and etc.

We played lots of baseball games in our yard on Sunday afternoons. He played on the County Line team that Dad umpired for. Those games were played on make shift fields in a neighbors pasture. He loved the game.

Oren liked to hunt. Many times I would see him come walking to see Harry and I with his gun over his shoulder. He and Harry went hunting with team and wagon. That is what they were doing the morning he came down with the pneumonia that took his life. He was 18 and had just come home for Christmas from CCC Camp in Oberlin, KS. He was involved in the Sappa Creek Project. It was never finished. Several of us siblings visited that site in 1998 to refresh our memories. He died January 4, 1937 of dust pneumonia.

Oren was always a good sport. He came to my county school after me one Friday. We were having "tacky" day. We made a bon fire in the school yard to roast wieners and marshmallows. He showed up dressed in one of Mom's dresses and a hat. The students thought that was great fun. I've written some of our early times together elsewhere in this history. I missed him mightily when he was gone.

Oren

By Edna Mae

The Christmas of 1936 Oren came home from the CCC Camp. I think he got all of us a Christmas present that year. Mine was 2 shirts & a turtle pin with two light blue set and a bracelet. I still have all of them. He got dust pneumonia when he and Harry went rabbit hunting.

He passed away on Jan 4, 1937. He was only 18. The funeral was so sad and probably the coldest day forever. He is buried at Lawn Ridge Cemetery. It was hard on all of us.

Oren
By Vivian

I worked in St. Frances in a restaurant to earn money to go to high school. Oren would go see me on Saturday and said I should hang on to the money I was making -- 25 cents an hour on Saturdays -- cause some day I would need the money.

When Oren was sick, I would play cards with him. He would win all the time. He told me after one game "I need to tell you something, I cheated to win. " I told him he didn't have to tell me that." He said "Yes I did. "

Oren Wilson



Oren, Gip, Roy Sr., Roy Jr.



Oren & Gip

Name: Virgil Oren Wilson
Birth: July 29, 1920
Place: Sherman Co., Kansas
Death: January 4, 1937
Cemetery: Cheyenne Co., Kansas



ald, January 14, 1937

OBITUARY—Oren Wilson

Oren Virgil Wilson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson, was born in Goodland, Kansas, June 26, 1918, and departed this life at the home of his parents in Cheyenne county, eighteen miles southeast of St. Francis, Kansas, January 4, 1937, age 18 years, 6 months and 9 days.

He had lived all his life in Sherman and Cheyenne counties until last May when he entered the CCC camp, No. 785 at Oberlin, Kansas. He came home December 15 for a Christmas vacation with his home folks. On Saturday, December 26, he became ill. Soon afterward pneumonia developed and in spite of all that loving hands could do he continued to grow weaker until 11:00 p. m. January 4, his Maker called him to his home where no more sorrow or suffering are known.

He became a Christian in 1931 and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Lawn Ridge. He was a loving and devoted son and brother and his kindness and cheerful ways will long be remembered by his family and friends.

He leaves to mourn his early departure his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson, six sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Harry Peters, near St. Francis; Vivien, Edna Mae, Clara Fern, Esther, Eleanor, Guilford, Roy and Ralph, all of the home; also his four grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson, Nekoma, Kansas; and Mr. and Mrs. G. Barnard, Amorita, Oklahoma; twelve aunts and uncles, cousins and young friends. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 7, at the Lawn Ridge church, conducted by Rev. H. R. Husted. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Max Manteuffel, Mrs. Wilbur Lambeth and Mr. Lloyd Frizzell, accompanied by

Mrs. Chas. Rogers. Pall bearers were six young friends, Farmer Smull, Wm Seaman, Q. V. Halley, Glenn Keller, Calvert Evins, and Lowell Duell. Interment was in the Lawn Ridge cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved son and brother Oren.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peter.