

Chapter 3

Roy



Roy Wilson & Earl Landreth
1913



Nell & Roy Wilson
1949



Fern, Roy, Frances, Oren, Nell, Edna Mae
Vivian 1925



B- Esther, Eleanor, Roy Jr., Guildord, Edna Mae, Clara Fern,
 F- Frances Roy, Ralph, Nellie, Vivian - 1948

B-Roy Jr., Fern, Nellie, Vivian, Frances, Edna Mae,
 May 79 F- Gip, Esther, Eleanor, Ralph



Roy & Nell Wilson
 50th Anniverdary 1964

Edna Mae & Art Altman



John & Eleanor Elliott



Oren, Gip, Roy Sr., Roy Jr.



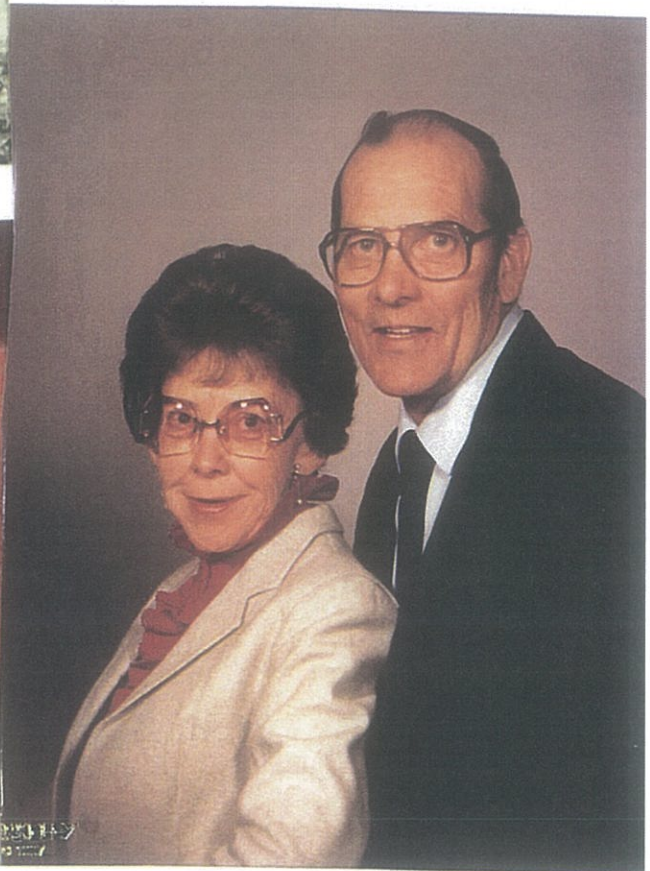
Oren & Gip



Fern & Cloyd Hawks



Roy Jr. & Pearl Wilson



Betty & Gip Wilson



Esther & Eugene Elliott



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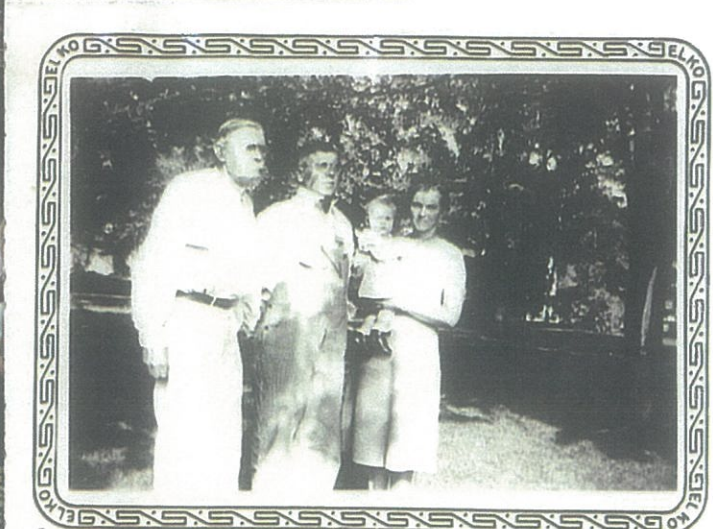
Frances & Harry Peter



Mrs. Hallor, Clara Wilson, Nellie Wilson



Vivian & Chuck
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Grandpa Wilson Dad (Roy) Mary and Frances

Elmer (Grandpa), Roy, Mary,
and Frances



Roy 1953
Going to the Field



Elmer & Eva and Family
The old sod house



Ralph Wilson Roy Wilson



Country Line Farm



Roy & Nell



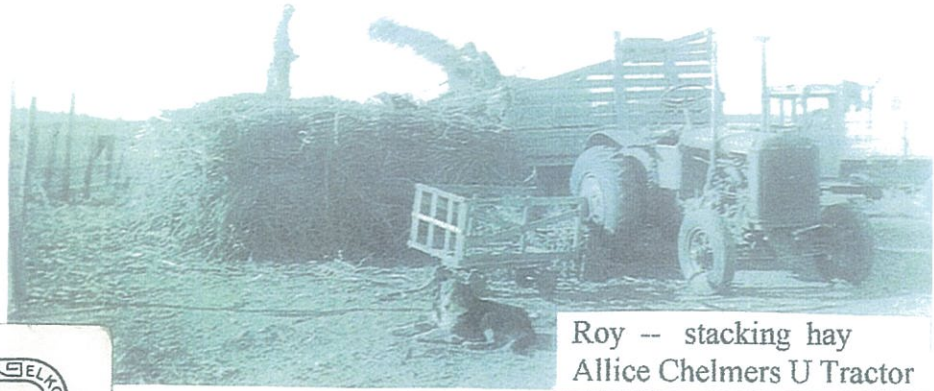
Eleanor, Jr., Ester, Ralph
21 Overland -- in back



Dale, Dallas,
Vincent Hawks
Gip



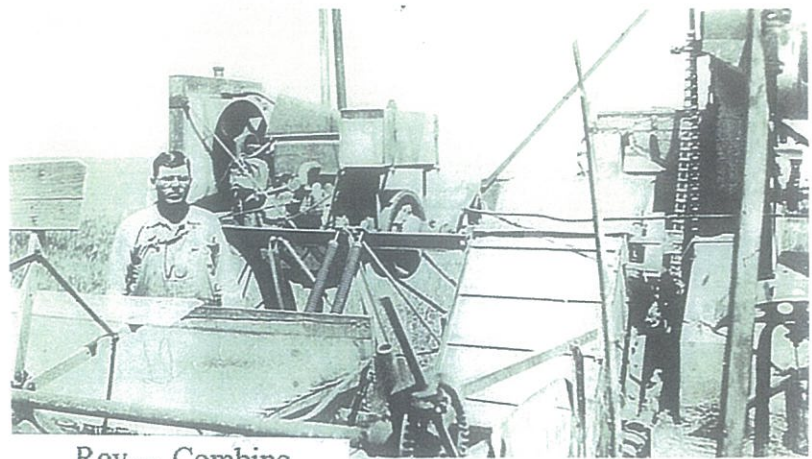
Roy Altman -- Dairy Heard
Stewart's Farm



Roy -- stacking hay
Alice Chelmers U Tractor



Edna Mae, Gip, Fern
Ester, Eleanor, Roy Jr.
Ralph



Roy -- Combine

The Life of Roy and Nell Wilson (in brief)

Roy Elmer Wilson, the second child of Elmer Gardner Wilson and Eva Carolyn (Snow) Wilson was born in Norton County, Kansas, about 4 miles north of Almena, Kansas., on September 24, 1892. He lived here with his parents until the age of 16, when the family moved to Texas for a short time then back to Kansas.

Nellie Olive (Barnard) Wilson, the fourth child of Guilford Barnard and Cora May (Hughes) Barnard was born in Quincy, Illinois and came with her family to Alfalfa County, Oklahoma in 1902.

Roy and Nell became acquainted through Roy's cousins, the Landreth's. They were neighbors of the Barnards and went to the same school. Roy would visit his cousins quite often and it was through those visits that he and Nell became friends. When they first met Roy was 18 and Nell was 16. They dated for 3 years and were married on June 26, 1914. Roy was working with a harvest crew from Lyford, Texas to Phillipsburg, Kansas. In the fall of 1914 they rented a home in Phillipsburg where the crew was headquartered. Their first child, Frances, was born there, June 17, 1915. They moved to Goodland in the spring of 1918. Their first son, Oren, was born Jun 26, 1918

They brought the machinery out to Sherman County from Phillipsburg and Roy continued to work for Mr. Rivers running the steam engine for the threshing. He also helped break out the prairie sod and helped make the first graded road from Goodland to Wheeler which is now Highway 27.

In the spring of 1929 Roy leased a farm from Mr. Clemens 17 miles north of Goodland and 1/2 mile west of Highway 27. The next 2 children were born on this place, Vivian on July 21, 1920 and Edna Mae on March 10, 1922. In the fall of 1923 they had a farm sale. Nell spent the winter of 1923 and 1924 with her parents in Oklahoma, where Fern was born on January 19, 1924.

In the spring of 1924 Roy brought his family back to Sherman County and they lived in a sod house he rented northwest of Goodland.

In the fall of 1924 they bought a farm in Cheyenne County located 1 mile west of Highway 27 on the Sherman-Cheyenne County line and 1/4 mile north. They lived on this place for 23 years. The rest of their children were born here - Guilford (Gip), January 17, 1927; Esther, April 25, 1929; Roy Jr., January 9, 1932; Eleanor, December 3, 1933; Ralph, July 4, 1936; Ellis, August 6, 1938. Ellis died the same day he was born.

All of the children attended grade school at Pleasant Ridge, District 31, and several went through 1st to 8th grades there.

The family attended church at Lawn Ridge. Roy, Sr., Oren, Vivian, Edna Mae, Fern, Guilford and Esther were baptized there. Frances was baptized in the Christian Church in St. Francis and Nell was baptized and joined the Church of Christ when she was a girl.

In 1948 they moved onto the Stanley Ranch north of Edson. Esther, Roy, Jr., Eleanor and Ralph went to school in Edson. The family attended Pleasant Home Church. Roy, Jr., Eleanor and Ralph were baptized at the Christian Church in Goodland. The minister at the Christian Church was also the minister at Pleasant Home.

In 1951 Roy and Nell bought a home in Goodland at 1520 Montana St. The four youngest children finished high school in Edson.

Roy continued to farm. He enjoyed going to the fields to work even after his health deteriorated with a heart attack in 1969. He died of a heart attack, January 27, 1972.

Nell continued to live in her home and enjoyed pretty good health for several years, doing a lot of her own yard work and house work. After her health began to fail, she was still able to live at home for several years with the S.R.S. Homemaker Program and Home Health Care. In August 1987, her oldest daughter, Frances with husband, Ted Anderson, moved back to Goodland and lived with Nell in her home and helped care for her. Ted died in December 1988. Frances continued to care for Nell until failing health required her to enter the Swingbed Unit of the Goodland Hospital, September 3, 1991. This was to be her home the remainder of her life. On October 18, 1994 Nell celebrated her 100th birthday. She died on June 5, 1996 at the age of 101 years, 7 months and 18 days old.

REMEMBERING

by Nell Wilson

In 1898, my father, mother and five children, left Illinois with two covered wagons, two teams of horses, a cow, our clothes, and I remember a dopey stove in one corner of the wagon with a drum oven that mother baked all our bread in, delicious biscuits. I'm sure it was impossible to make light bread.

My youngest sister Faye, was two. I was four, Edna was nine, five years older than I, a brother Hugh, twelve and our oldest sister, Beatrice fourteen.

We lived in Illinois, near Quincy and Liberty and not too far from Hannibal, Missouri. I think my mother's folks lived there. Edna was born in Missouri, the other four in Illinois and a younger brother in Kansas. Our house was in the same yard as our grandfather Barnard's.

I never knew the detail of the trouble between my father and his father, but had something to do with his sister's husband, as they were dirty names in our family, although the trouble was never discussed, not in my hearing, at least. With all my mother's pleading, my father never went back or wrote to his parents. I do not remember the departure, but am sure my older sisters and brother had fond memories of their life there.

I never had a cousin (or grandparents) until later years when my brother's Hugh's wife, Ora, told me that I had a double cousin in Oregon (Hugh and Ora visited in Missouri and Illinois several times) and to look him up, which we did in 1978. Daughter Mae and husband Art, took me to see Delbert and Effie Hughes. Delbert was the son of my mother's brother, Henry Hughes, and his mother Jane Barnard Hughes, a sister to my father; Henry Hughes and his mother Jane Barnard Hughes, a sister to my father. I visited in their home again in 1979 where I obtained much of the family information.

In 1980 I visited Effie. Delbert was in the hospital. He had a stroke the seventh of December. We visited him on Christmas Day. Later, he was transferred to the convalescent home where I had a good visit with him several times. I just wish we could have met sooner. I feel real close to Delbert and Effie and thank God for the time He gave us together here. Their family was one son, Lewis Hughes and family. They lived near Delbert and Effie. I left Oregon on March 2, 1980 and Delbert died March 11, 1980.

1983 I went to Oregon with Mae and Art on May 27, 1983. We called Effie's home June 8th and her grandson said she had died Friday, June 3, 1983. We will meet again someday, Delbert, Effie and I. What a blessed hope.

Back to 1898. I remember crossing the river on a ferry, June 3, 1898, The Missouri. The ferry was small and my father and brother, Hugh, had quite a time quieting the horses and getting them on. I wished mother would let me stay and see the fun, but she took me below with my ? lady, like sisters. I do not know how long our trip to Kansas was. We made one stop in Wichita where mother had a cousin

Papa and Brother Hugh made our livelihood by doing small jobs along the way, either single handed or with team and wagon. With the wagons, they would set the side-boards that held the canvas top onto a grassy spot and we lived in them until the job was finished. Always had a green carpet for a while.

We got as far as Corwin, Kansas where papa got better and longer jobs. My youngest brother was born here, October 1, 1901. This may have been the reason for a longer stop, but it paid off. Here my folks met a family that lived a mile from Corwin by the name of Sheehe. They had a baby girl and Mrs. Sheehe gave mother her clothes for Virgil. We lived in a house now, about one and half mile west of them and it was probably through them papa got the place to live and better jobs. However, moved again not too far, as I can remember Sheehes coming to visit. Here I started school at four years of age.

While we lived in several houses in this vicinity and attended the same school. Our nearest neighbor and one we visited with, lived a half mile south, and the school was half mile west of them. Their name was Milen. The mother was older than my mother and she smoked a pipe. I would rather watch her smoke her pipe, than go play. She would smoke when just us kids went, but if mother went to visit she put her pipe under the heating stove.

The next house we lived in was one mile west, one south and one and half back east of the same school where I started. I was eight now. Faye started to school and Hugh drove a horse, and we had a one seated open buggy. Here I had typhoid fever. Mother was my nurse. One doctor came from Hazelton, Kansas. I was in bed eight weeks with two teaspoons of potato soup every two hours. What a burden that must have been for my mother but none of the family took it.

Was also here I learned to ride "side saddle", (in fact, to ride). I herded cattle on the right-away of the road, and so did a nice neighbor boy, but I learned from my dad I better keep my eyes on the cattle.

Our next move was half mile west of this house and several miles (a trail through a ranch to the house). We had to go through a big white gate then the half mile west to the corner, then the mile north and the mile east to the same school. This nice boy lived one quarter mile west of this corner. He wrote his name on the gate for me, I'm sure, but Hugh wrote, "Fools names, like their faces, are often seen in public places". The next morning, when we went to school, it was all painted over or scrapped off and I never heard of him again. I don't know how many months we lived here, but not long. Either my father didn't work there any longer or they needed a vacation or another place to live, so they loaded us in the wagon and started to Henry McRaes, my dad's cousin. They lived near Amorita, Oklahoma. We had camped by the road one night as it was a two day drive.

While we were eating the good food mother fixed for us, two neighbors came out and visited with my father, one Mr. Chenny and Mr. Soper. During the conversation, they told papa of a man named Taylor, and it seemed they didn't care too much for him, who had staked a claim just across Rush

Creek, which crossed the road about a mile south of where we were camped, and one and one half mile south of the Kansas State line. They told papa he ran in the Cherokee Strip Drive, but never proved up on the land which was one and half mile. Dad contested it and the year 1902, we moved to Oklahoma. Dad moved a 12x12 shack from the back of the land to about the middle, but on a 24 foot long room, all dirt floors, and we moved in to stay. We lived in it the allotted time of six months or a year. Why not a home, no more moves, but some sleepless nights worrying about the fourteen dollars cash they would have to have to prove up and pay for the legal work. Maybe the Lord found my dad another job as they did get the cash somewhere. I was still eight, my baby brother one year. I lived here until 1914, when I married, and my parents until their deaths, papa May 22, 1938 and mother December 9, 1942. School was in progress when we arrived at our new home.

My oldest sister had completed the eighth grade in Kansas, but went part time and in the spring, took examination for teacher's certificate and started teaching the next fall. Our school was "Valley", just across the meadow from our house, about one-fourth mile.

Papa had moved a 12x12 building from the back of the place to this site and added a room, as he was required to make some improvements. This room was 12x36, and had a rounded roof, and for some reason, or maybe none, papa had not sawed off one the boards about 1x4 and 2 feet long, just right to run, jump up and catch and turn your body through your arms. I guess Faye was a little short as she didn't clear the board and fell, which scared me, but I never could see why it was my fault she couldn't "skin a cat".

Also, some years later, after we acquired school friends, a neighbor boy would stop at our place to play awhile after school. This time we were playing "clod throwing". Faye was always wanting to play, but never seemed to know the rules of the game. You were supposed to throw your clod and turn, always keeping your back to the other thrower, but Faye turned just in time to get one in the face, that ended the game. The boy went on home like my mother thought best. I went to my chores, where I was supposed to be any way, and Faye went inside to get cleaned up.

I think the most fun time was on the creek. Rush Creek came in from the northeast and Rush Creek cut off about ten acres of dad's farm on the north. Then, the Orient Railroad cut off about a fourth of an acre of that ten, on the northwest corner. Sand Creek came in from the northwest and Rush Creek emptied into Sand Creek under the railroad trestle and there was a big fishing hole there, but I was not allowed to fish there as divers of our day, so it was told, could not find the bottom, but we could walk the rails without stepping off or run on the ties without missing one.

There were two good fishing holes on my dad's place, and a lot of knee-deep water between, to wade in. These "wash outs" or deeper holes was idea for skating in the winter. In summer, they were shaded by giant cottonwood trees. In winter, I would take the cows to the creek to water. I broke the ice for them and while they drank, I ice skated.

Then there were times when the creek would flood and if the cows were in the north pasture, they were sure to be on the other side of the creek and we couldn't get them across at milking time, which really didn't bother me too much, but as I have thought back, I am sure it was a worry to my dad. The creek might go down in the night and leave a washed out fence where the cows could get out onto the railroad tracks or into a neighbors field. Part of the time dad rented grass land from a neighbor. We had to drive the cattle though a gate and under the railroad bridge to get them into the rented pasture. One morning as I was about to get off my horse to close the gate, a tramp (hobo) raised up and looked at me. I didn't shut the gate that morning.

Might add here, there was one passenger train a day. Same train went south at ten o'clock in the morning, past our place and back at four in the afternoon. Freight trains were not on regular schedule, but we always had a time to get off the tracks. We could look down the tracks and see when the train left Waldron. Another fun thing for us kids was going to the peach orchard, about eight to ten miles from home. Mother fixed our lunch. We filled baskets and boxes and sometimes in between, on the wagon bed. Dad put on two spring seats so we could put peaches under us. Usually we kids sat on straw in the wagon box which I like much better.

We enjoyed the picking and eating, and also the trip. Not very often we got eight miles from home. It was an all day trip. The next day was work. I think I was the only one that had to get in the cobs and water. I don't know what Faye and Virgil did, if anything, but the peaches had to be canned before they spoiled. The last ones were made into peach butter, so good in the winter on mother's famous biscuits, almost as good as peaches and cream. They went to the apple orchard too, but we kids were in school and the apples were stored in barrels and didn't have to be worked up.

This brings up another after school job of peanut harvest. We pulled and stacked them, nut side up, in a pile. When they were dry, we picked the nuts off, stored them in gunny sacks in the basement to roast in the winter while I learned my multiplication tables and combinations. Picking them off the vines was an after school job in September and October.

At age twelve to seventeen, I helped my dad in the field cultivating corn and putting up hay. When the corn was matured, dad cut it with a sled he made a platform with a knife and seat on it and pulled by one horse. As the knife cut the corn, he gathered it in his arms until he got an arm loaded then would stop and form it into shocks. In winter, he hauled in a hay-rack load of fodder; we husked it, fed the fodder to the cows and threw the ears in the granny. This too was an after school job and on Saturday, we shelled the corn with a hand-sheller. This corn was sold in the spring for seed corn and was a "cash crop".

Beatrice, Hugh and Edna were teaching school when we finished eighth grade. We took examinations, went to county seat in April. One month, wrote on teacher's examination for teacher's certificate. The three older ones attended normal school in Alva, Oklahoma, Woods County. I remember Edna sending Hugh a card of a man leading over the edge of a ship, sea sick. It said, "Things came up today, long forgotten".

By the time Faye and I graduated from the eighth grade. They divided the county. Our county seat now was Cherokee, Alfalfa County. We attended Normal School there. I taught one term. Faye went on to high school at Spring High School. She was the only one that went on to high school. It was not required to teach.

When my brother and sister taught five to eight miles from home, they drove or rode horses back and boarded at home. Farther away, they boarded away from home. My sister also taught the home school. Beatrice taught five years before she married and five after. Edna taught three years. They married brothers in years 1906 and 1908.

Beatrice and John lived on the Rockwell home place, about a mile from home, and Edna and Jim started housekeeping in Waldron, about two and one half miles from home, where Jim owned the town's dray line. Vera Olive and Merle (Tom) were born here. Latter years, they moved to western Kansas where Jim run a tractor for Elmer Rivers, breaking sod, thrashing grain, etc....Lou was born in Sherman County where they lived until the girls were ready for high school. They moved to St. Francis, where they lived until their deaths, Jim in 1952 and Edna in 1979.

Beatrice and John's oldest boys, Gerald and Vallas, were born in Oklahoma on the farm. They lived in Waldron, Kansas. Later, when John worked on the railroad, then to Lewis, Kansas where he was a mail carrier. Another son, Vernon, and two daughters, Eleanor and Evelyn, were born in Lewis, Kansas. I was married and lost track for a while, where they lived. He operated a barber shop in Scott City and died there in 1947. When the girls were ready for college, Beatrice moved to Hays, Kansas and was a housemother there several years. She died in 1963 in Lyons, Kansas.

During the earlier years of my sister's marriage, Hugh was still teaching school. He went with a girl that had attended school when he taught at Victory. They went to Rosedale Church of Christ where he gave his life to Christ.

We had a neighbor whose farm joined my dad's. He would curse terribly at chore time in the evening. We could hear him. One evening, as mama and I started down the path, (no inside plumbing) we heard a voice. I thought it was neighbor, Hauge, and put my hands over my ears and started back to the house. Mother said, "listen, that's not Hauge, that's Hugh in the chicken house, praying. My children have asked me if Hugh and Ora met while he was teaching. No, he and his girlfriend, Sylvia Bith, had differences. He quit teaching, left home and went to Arkansas City, Arkansas, and learned the barber trade, much to mother's dislike. He came back to Waldron and worked in a barber shop there, then bought a shop in Milton, Kansas, Ora's hometown. She was a teacher there. They were married June 1916, went to Byers, Kansas, a new town. About the first building was his barber shop. My dad helped him build. He also carried rural mail and she worked in the bank. They moved from there to Wichita, Kansas, where he established a business of Made to Measure Shirt factory. Slogan was, "Made to Fit - Fit to Wear". He operated this business until his retirement. They had two adopted daughters, Mary Margaret and Jo Ann, and later a boy of their own, Hugh. He remained a faithful Christian throughout life, died June 26, 1956, and Ora, October 1, 1981.

Faye taught several terms of school while at home. She married Maurice Rife in 1920. They met when she was attended Spring High School. Margaret Nell and J. B. were born here. They moved to Sherman County, Kansas, where Bea Mae, Dick and Frank were born. Later they moved into Lamar. Maurice died in 1971. Faye has lived in nursing home since his death.

My youngest brother, Virgil, and his wife, Violet, built a farmhouse near our parent's house, farmed the land and cared for our parents until their deaths, papa in 1938 and mother in 1942.

Virgil and Violet bought the home place, one-fourth section from rest of us, and later, the three sections surrounding the quarters, making a section which they farmed. When their children were ready for high school, they moved to Anthony, Kansas. Some years after their boys were grown, and her mother died, they retired and moved to Newton, Kansas, where their son Duane lived. They still own and manage the farm which they rent out.

About the year 1910, a family moved into our school district. The oldest girl, Clara and I became more like sisters than friends. She had two brothers and three sisters. On Sunday afternoon, Faye and I would walk to their place and play croquet. She also had a cousin Roy, that lived about four miles from them and he would also come to visit and this is how I met my husband. I was sixteen and Roy and I went together for three years, but I did have other suitors too. I remember in particular, (both school mates) but never dated anyone but Roy. One lived with his grandparents and cut across our place, when walking to school. One evening he stopped in to visit, a little longer than the walk from school allowed. I guess time passes faster than we thought, for here was grandpa in the buggy. Cliff never even waved good-by, but left in a hurry and after then, he took the long way home, around the road.

The other one lived just catty-corner across from our place. In summer of the year when I was about thirteen, dad rented a pasture and I drove past this boy's home to go to milk the cows. When I went home with a lovely bouquet of roses, mother said, "did you stop at Boyer's?" I said, "no, Alf left them for me in a tin can nailed to a post along the road", we would have both been in trouble if we had been seeing each other. Once in a while, we left a note, too.

Mother always boarded the teacher. Laura was about Roy and my age, enough so, it was proper to ask her to go to the picture show with us, or so mother thought. This rainy evening, Roy had a livery stable team instead of "Old Pumpkin", who knew the road. Laura, or Miss Westfall as were to call her, was a little on the heavy side and some way, the wheels got out of the ruts and we upset in the mud. Roy always said if she had been on the high side instead of the slant, we wouldn't have upset, but that was the driver's side.

This same fall, the preacher from Rosedale Church of Christ held a three week meeting at our school house just across the meadow. Mother, Faye and I walked over and attended these meetings each evening. This preacher was from the church my brother Hugh and Sylvia attended. Mother and I gave our lives to Christ, and we drove the three miles on a Sunday to the Rosedale Church. My father never attended church after they left Illinois. At fourteen he was saved and united with the First Baptist Church in their community.

One Sunday morning, as mother and I were returning from services, we drove up onto the bridge over Rush Creek and a boy fishing raised up out of the weeds at the other end of the bridge and frightened J.N. He backed the two back wheels of the buggy off the abutment. We were hanging in mid-air, eight feet from the ground. Mother dropped the eight feet to the ground. I took the whip out of the socket. Old J.N. gave a lunge, pulled the wheels over the boards of the abutment and ran for one-half mile before I could stop him. I am sure he was as frightened as we. Mother got in, I led him across the bridge, and we drove the three-fourth mile on home. The Lord was with us, but to this day, I don't know what became of the fisher boy, or do I remember of either of us telling my dad.

I graduated from the eighth grade in 1911. We wrote on fifteen subjects. Examinations were held in different schools around the county and teachers, other than our own, oversaw the examinations, which took two days. My two sisters and brother had taught in these schools. Ours was Valley, others were Rosedale, Jog, Victory. In April, I went a month to normal school in Cherokee. We rode from Waldron to Cherokee on the Orient passenger train. Faye and I both went, so did our teacher of the last term, just because she wanted to. She and my mother thought surely Roy wouldn't make it to Cherokee, but Mrs. Sears told mother the train hadn't gotten out of town and there he was. I hadn't even seen him. He said he just swung on to the last coach.

I taught eight miles from home that winter, and drove old J.N. Roy spent this winter in Texas with those same cousins in whose home I first met him. In the meantime, they had moved back to Texas. He got a job in the harvest from Lyford, Texas to Phillipsburg, Kansas. There he got a job running a steam engine threshing wheat and alfalfa and in the winter, shelling corn. He came home in June and we were married the 26th, 1914. I stayed at home until fall when they brought the machine back to Phillipsburg. He rented a house there. Phillipsburg was their headquarters. Mr. Rivers lived there and had eleven outfits pulled in there each fall. Roy did repair work on them during the winter.

We lived here about three years. Roy loaded one outfit on a flat car and shipped it to Goodland, Kansas. They broke prairie along with threshing shelling corn, also graded roads. Roy graded the first graded road from Goodland to Wheeler with blade-grader and an Altman Taylor steam engine, now 27 highway.

Our first child, Frances, was born in Phillipsburg, June 17, 1915. Our first mode of travel was a Harley Davis motor cycle with a side car. One evening we went for a joy ride. The side car came loose and left Frances and I sitting by the roadside. Roy came back and hooked us on again. We didn't upset, no graded roads, just stayed in the rut.

We moved to Goodland in the spring of 1918. Our oldest son, Virgil Oren, was born in Goodland, Kansas, June 26, 1918. This was war time. Roy leased a farm from a Mr. Climins. We moved seventeen miles north of Goodland and one half mile west of highway 27.

Our second daughter, Vivian, was born here, July 21, 1920. Frances started to school here and later taught here. Our third daughter, Edna Mae was born here March 10, 1922.

In the fall of 1923, we had a farm sale. I spent most of this winter with my parents in Oklahoma where our fourth daughter, Clara Fern, was born here, January 19, 1924.

Frances attended Valley, my home school, until March 1924. Roy rented a home in Goodland. Frances finished that term in Goodland and we moved to the Donne place, where Roy had rented and where he and the corn huskers had batched in a soddie, while I was in Oklahoma, and while they gathered the corn on this place and then on the Climins place. The kids and I moved from Goodland to the soddie when school was out in the spring. We lived here until the fall of 1924. During this summer, a cyclone came through and took a corner off the soddie roof while we were hovered in the other end of the south room. Also, it bent the windmill tower in double, over turned a grain separator and blew away a tent and bedding where the kids played and sometimes slept.

Our next move was in the fall of 1924 to a place we bought, one mile west of highway 27 and one-fourth mile north on the county line in Cheyenne County. This was our home for twenty-three years. Our other six children were born here, Guilford, January 17, 1927; Esther, April 25, 1929; Roy, Jr., January 9, 1932; Eleanor, December 3, 1933; Ralph, July 4, 1936; Ellis, August 6, 1938 and also died August 6, 1938. Our oldest son, Oren, also died here of pneumonia, January 4, 1937.

The school the children attended here was three miles north. Their school mates and our neighbors were the people Roy had stayed with when he broke prairie and graded roads in and around Sherman and Cheyenne Counties, before we moved to Goodland. The Halley's, Keller's, Wickwar's and others.

Lawn Ridge was our church. With these families, plus the Roger's, Smull's, Whistnat's, Curry's, and Evans', Roy, Oren, Vivian, Edna Mae, Fern, Guilford and Esther were baptized here, Frances in the Christian Church while in high school in St. Frances.

Our entertainment while the children were in grade school here was church programs, literary at the school house on Sunday afternoons, ball games on the County line, Sherman and Cheyenne, and visiting neighbors. Hardly a Sunday that we didn't go to a neighbor, or they came for Sunday dinner.

The six older children attended high school in St Francis. During these years, Roy served on the township and school boards.

Roy got his first tractor and Guilford helped farm the place where we live and my brother Hugh's and in Sherman County. In 1944, after two years of high school, Guilford entered the Army.

In 1948, we bought a house in Goodland. However, we were not ready to move to town, but Ray and Sarah were. We sold them the place in town and moved onto this farm north of Edson. Roy had wheat out on both places and with the first crop in thirty years, we paid off the back interest

on the place we started to buy at the start of the thirty's and our other debts. With Roy, Jr. And Esther's help, Roy still farmed Hugh's land

Esther, Roy Jr., Eleanor and Ralph went to school in Edson and Pleasant Home Church. Frances and Harry lived in that community and attended Pleasant Home Church. On October 26, 1950, Roy, Jr., Eleanor and Ralph were baptized at Goodland Christian Church. The preacher was from Goodland, also Pleasant Home where they were members.

We lived here for four years then bought another house and in 1951, moved to Goodland. The four youngest finished high school in Edson.

Roy continued to farm Hugh's land until 1957 when Ralph took over the work. Roy continued to work some even after a heart attack in 1969. He worked as he felt life, and wished, until his death January 27, 1972, at our home in Goodland where I still live.

What I haven't written would make a bigger book. As I set and think things of the past, but if my children wish, they can write from here, for their children.

This date is October 31, 1983. God bless you all – I love you all.

Your mother, Nell Wilson

by Wilma

I asked Aunt Nell about our Grandparents, Elmer and Eva Wilson, living in Brownsville, Texas at one time. This is her answer.

Yes, Grandpa Wilson's went to Texas when Roy was 16, from Norton County. He told me about riding all the way in a wagon bed fastened in top of emigrant car so they wouldn't have to pay his fare. Grandma and rest rode in pullman car. I don't know how long they were in Texas. Grandma didn't like it there. When they came back, they unloaded in Byron, Oklahoma, but some way made it to Waldron where Grandpa had an implement store, sold farm machinery. Soon went broke and moved to a farm about five miles west of Waldron, Kansas (my home town) and about one and half mile north of Kansas State Line. We lived about that far south of state line in Oklahoma, five miles apart. Landreth's lived in our school district. They came before Roy's folks or they might have all come together, anyway it was at these cousins I met Roy on a Sunday afternoon, my sister Faye and I visited back and forth with Clara and brothers and sisters and went to same school, but they returned to Texas and then to Colorado. I think Earl Landreth got some government land at Bayfield and his folks lived on it. That is where Aunt Mary died. Guess I could figure up about how long they were in Texas, only I don't know how long they lived in Waldron before I knew them, but we were married in June, 1914 and Roy would be 21 in September and me in 19 in October. I suppose it was when Landreth moved away that he started coming to our house to see me and we went together about three years. That would be about five years from time they left Norton County until we were married. I do know Harold was born in Waldron and Roy was 20. Closer yet, I see by the book the twins were born in Almena in 1906 before they went to Texas. They must have been in Texzx about two years.

I) Roy Elmer Wilson
Birth: September 24, 1892
Place: Alma, Kansas
Death: January 28, 1972
Cemetery: Goodland, Kansas
Married: June 26, 1914; Goodland, Kansas

Nellie Olive Barnard
October 18, 1894
Adams County, Illinois
June 5, 1996
Goodland, Kansas

Children Born To This Union:

- 1) Frances Elizabeth June 17, 1915
- 2) Virgil Oren June 26, 1918
- 3) Vivian Faye July 29, 1920
- 4) Edna Mae March 10, 1922
- 5) Clara Fern January 19, 1924
- 6) Guilford Elmer January 17, 1927
- 7) Esther Elaine April 25, 1929
- 8) Roy Eugene January 9, 1932
- 9) Eleanor Jean December 3, 1933
- 10) Ralph Glenn July 4, 1936
- 11) Ellis August 6, 1938

A) Frances Elizabeth Wilson
Birth: June 17, 1915
Place: Phillipsburg, Kansas
Death:
Cemetery:

Harry Peter
September 20, 1913
Cheyenne County, Kansas
August 29, 1980
Goodland, Kansas

Married: January 14, 1936, Goodland, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

- 1) Harry Dean January 3, 1936
- 2) Donald LeRoy February 27, 1937
- 3) Betty Kathryn December 4, 1938
- 4) Mary Carolyn July 10, 1942
- 5) Anita Kay April 30, 1953

Frances Remarried: Theodore Robert Anderson
Birth: November 12, 1903
Place: Ponca City, Oklahoma
Death: December 9, 1988
Cemetery: Greeley, Colorado
Married: November 2, 1985; Boulder, Colorado

B) Virgil Oren Wilson
Birth: June 26, 1918
Place: Goodland, Kansas
Death: January 4, 1937
Cemetery: Lawnridge, Cheyenne County, Kansas

C) Vivian Faye Wilson
Birth: July 29, 1920
Place: Sherman County, Kansas
Death:
Cemetery:
Married: December 2, 1938, Benkleman, Nebraska
Children Born To This Union:
 Raymond LeRoy November 3, 1939
 Collen Faye December 29, 1941

Vivian Remarried: Charles McDunn
Birth: August 20, 1911
Place: Barnsville, Minnesota
Death: February 28, 2001
Cremated: Third Crow Lake, Minnesota
Married: December 6, 1943; Louiston, Idaho
Children Born To This Union:
 William Roy July 20, 1951
 Jo Linda October 18, 1956

D) Edna Mae Wilson (Eddie)
Birth: March 10, 1922
Place: Goodland, Kansas
Death: February 6, 2015
Cemetery: Portland, Oregon; Willamette National Cemetery
Married: July 21, 1947; Vancouver, Washington
Children Born To This Union:
 Roy Arthur February 28, 1948
 Gerry Steven July 22, 1951

E) Clara Fern Wilson (Fern)
Birth: January 19, 1924
Place: Amorita, Oklahoma
Death:
Cemetery:
Married: August 31, 1941, St. Francis, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:
 Cloyd Dale July 6, 1942
 Leo Dallas October 19, 1943
 Clara Evelyn September 15, 1945
 Vincent Roy November 3, 1946
 Meredith Loretta June 13, 1952
 Karen Lynn February 19, 1956

F) Guilford Elmer Wilson (Gip) Betty Jo Hammer
 Birth: January 17, 1927 June 21, 1930
 Place: St. Frances, Kansas Edson, Kansas
 Death: June 18, 2006 August 9, 2000
 Cemetery: Lafayette, Colorado Lafayette, Colorado
 Married: January 11, 1949, Edson, Kansas
 Children Adopted:
 Jackie Lynn April 10, 1962
 Randal Scott November 25, 1963

G) Esther Elaine Wilson Eugene Floyd Elliott (Gene)
 Birth: April 25, 1929 March 2, 1927,
 Place: Cheyenne County, Kansas Sherman County, Kansas
 Death: September 26, 2004
 Cemetery: Goodland, Kansas
 Married: December 26, 1947; Colby, Kansas
 Children Born To This Union:
 Michael Eugene November 23, 1948
 Marilyn Sue November 28, 1949
 Maxine Elaine September 18, 1951
 Martin Duane December 27, 1952

H) Roy Eugene Wilson Shirley Margaret Smutz
 Birth: January 9, 1932 September 15, 1935
 Place: Cheyenne County, Kansas
 Death: June 24, 1991
 Cemetery: Valley View, Garden City, Kansas
 Married: April 14, 1956; Goodland, Kansas
 Children Born To This Union:
 Valerie Jean August 13, 1959
 Brian Smutz October 2, 1970
 Divorced: 1973
 Remarried: Pearl L. Persinger
 Birth: May 1, 1938
 Place: Johnson, Kansas
 Death:
 Cemetery:
 Married: July 27, 1974; Garden City, Kansas
 Step Children Added To This Union:
 Joe Bob Persinger April 29, 1957
 Elly Persinger December 24, 1958
 Darla Persinger December 6, 1962

D) Eleanor Jean Wilson
Birth: December 3, 1933
Place: St. Frances, Kansas
Death:
Cemetery:
Married: November 20, 1952, Boulder, Colorado
Children Born To This Union:
 Guilford Jack January 17, 1954
 Richard Glenn May 2, 1956
 Rebecca Jean March 7, 1958
 Matthew Stephen July 2, 1964

John F. Elliott
June 5, 1932
Edson, Kansas
October 31, 2013
Goodland, Kansas

J) Ralph Glenn Wilson
Birth: July 4, 1936
Place: Cheyenne County, Kansas
Death:
Cemetery:
Married: July 21, 1962; Goodland, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:
 Stony Ray September 1, 1963
 Joni Kay July 18, 1965
 Cody Kip January 13, 1968

Shirley Sivey McBride
November 6, 1938
Goodland, Kansas

K) Ellis Wilson
Birth: August 6, 1938
Place: Cheyenne County, Kansas
Death: August 6, 1938
Cemetery: Lawnridge, Cheyenne County, Kansas

MARRIAGE LICENSE

IN THE COUNTY COURT

State of Oklahoma } ss
Alfalfa County

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting: You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage
Mr. Roy E. Wilson and Miss Nellie C. Bairard
of the county aforesaid, whose ages, residences, etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES		AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
Roy E. Wilson	Groom	24	White	Kansas	Waldron Kans
Nellie C. Bairard	Bride	19	White	Kansas	Amorita Okla

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Cherokee, in said

County, this 24 day of June 1914
Judge of the County Court

Two witnesses required.
Ministers required to file credentials in Alfalfa county before performing ceremony.
This license is not good in any county but Alfalfa.

By _____ Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

State of Oklahoma, County of Alfalfa, ss:
I, Stuart Edmore, Minister of Gospel of the Church of Christ
of Near Manchester, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in Marriage the persons named in and authorized by
this Court to be married, on the 7th day of June A. D. 1914 at Burdick house in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, in the presence of
Henry Stamba of Manchester Okla and Earl Wilson of Waldron Kansas
Phillip Allen
Witnesses
Wallace Stamba
Stuart Edmore Minister of the Gospel
(Official or Clerical Designation)

April 20, 1992

Dear Betty & Harry,

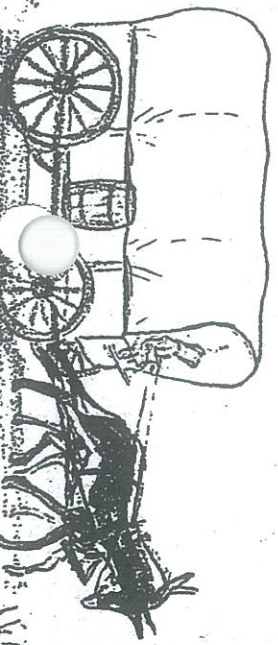
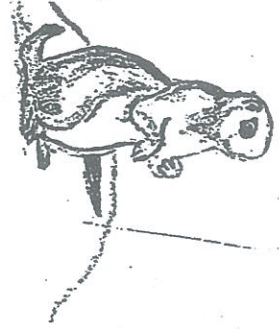
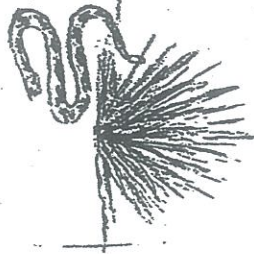
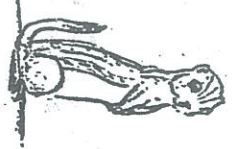
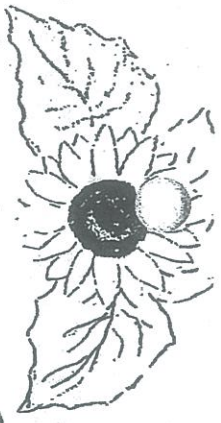
We are getting ready for an auction May 9, 1992 to sell the property, car and personal items out of Mom's house and thought maybe some of the family might be interested or just to let you know what is going on.

As some of you probably already know Mom has been in the 'Swing Bed' care at the hospital since Sept. 3rd. She is pretty much confined to her bed except to go to the bathroom and sit in a chair to eat. Her hands are pretty much numb but she still manages to feed herself.

Tuesday Apr. 21 she is going to have surgery for a cataract on her left eye. She is in pretty good health physically but her legs just won't hold her up anymore.

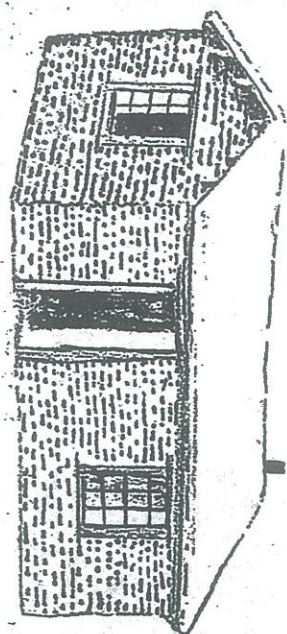
Hope this finds all well.
Please share this information with other members of the family as we won't be able to contact everyone.

With Our Love
The Roy Wilson 'Kids'



Sons and Daughters of the Soddlers, Inc.

Lifetime Membership Certificate



Headquarters at SOD TOWN near Colby, Kansas
The Prairie Homestead Capital of America

THIS CERTIFIES that Mollie Olive Barnard Wilson

was Born in a SOD HOUSE

State or Territory

Kansas

County or Province

Wichita

Town or Post Office

Eastland

Lived in a SOD HOUSE

State or Territory

Oklahoma

County or Province

Wagoner

Town or Post Office

Wagoner, Okla.

earlier lived in Wagoner and is entitled to Lifetime Membership in this organization.

Issued this 20th day of August 1970 at Sod Town.

Attest:

Ronald E. Child
President

Secretary

Wilson Celebration

Draws Crowd

Oct. 21, 1984

Dale and Bonnie Hawks, Kort and Kyle, Goodland; Meredith and Kenny Farr, Kelly and Stacy, Lehti; Art Altman, Oregon; City, Ore.; Charles McDunn, Park Rapids, Minn.; Jim and Betty Cress, Goodland; Mary and Gary Wickwar, Wheeler; Jo Ann Wickwar, St. Francis; Kay and Mark Perry and Luke, Boulder, Colo.; Tim and Elizabeth Cress, Hays; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Barnard, Newton; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barnard, Anthony, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Valis Rockwell, Hays; Mr. and Mrs. Giles Speer, Consuella York and Keith Wilson, Dighton; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson, Gove; and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Manlove, Wichita.

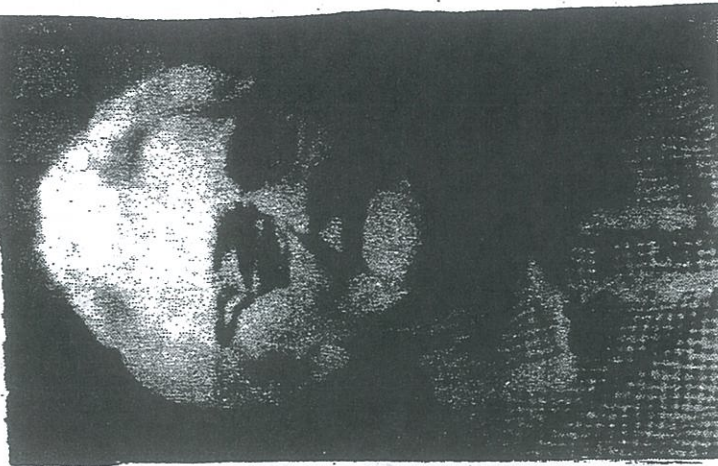


Peter, Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Wilson.

Other relatives enjoying the dinner, were: Shirley Wilson, Joni and Cody, Ruleton; Stony Wilson and Jennifer Edgar, Aurora, Colo.; Gordon Lohr, Goodland; John Elliott, Edson; Matt Elliott and Vickie Rose, Aurora, Colo.; Jack and Kathy Elliott and Clayton, Goodland; Becky and Eddie Garcia and Anthony, Burlington, Colo.; Gene Elliott, Edson; Marty Elliott and Marilyn Linnell, Jody and Gary, Goodland; Maxine and Dennis Howard, Tribune; Betty Jo Wilson, Randy and Leola Wilson and Brian and Jackie Gibson, all of Broomfield, Colo.; Clayton, Minn.

Mrs. R. E. (Nellie) Wilson celebrated her 90th birthday with a dinner and open house Oct. 21 at the V.F.W. Hall in Goodland.

The event was hosted by her nine children pictured above. From left to right and youngest to oldest, Ralph Wilcox, Ruleton, Eleanor Elliott, Edson, Roy Wilson, Jr., Garden City; Esther Elliott, Edson, Guilford; Wilson, Broomfield, Colo.; Fern Hawks, Goodland, Mae Altman, Oregon City, Ore., Vivian McDunn, Park Rapids, Minn., and Frances



Mrs. R. E. Wilson to celebrate ninetieth

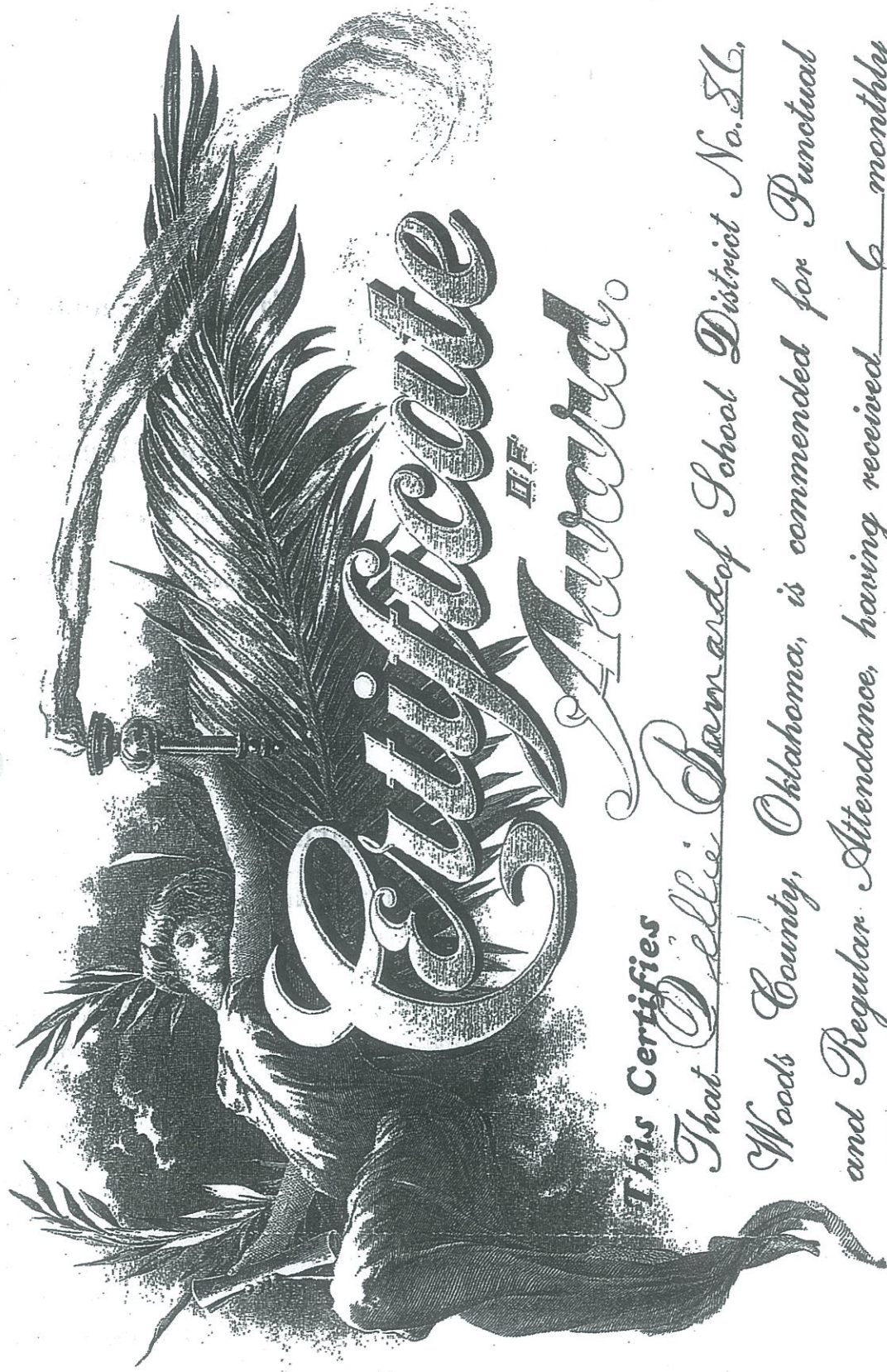
A Western Kansas pioneer to celebrate her 90th birthday, Mrs. R. E. Wilson (Nellie) and her family invite you to the celebration at an open house. It will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Oct. 21, Sunday at the V.F.W. Hall in Goodland. Your friendship is a treasured gift.

CARD OF THANKS

Sincere thanks to my family and their families for a wonderful birthday celebration. Thanks to the 134 or thereabout, loved ones and friends whose attendance at the dinner and open house made it a great day to remember by my family and I.

Thanks to friends, old and new, for the blessings and joy I received through you cards, and messages, prayers, flowers, plants, gifts and calls, both in person and by phone.

God's Richest Blessings Be Yours.
Mrs. R. E. (Nellie) Wilson



This Certifies

That Ellie Barnard of School District No. 36,
Woods County, Oklahoma, is commended for Punctual
and Regular Attendance, having received 6 monthly
Certificates of Perfect Attendance, and is therefore entitled
to this Testimonial.

Given at Alva, Oklahoma, this 4 day of April, 1905

Willa Williams Teacher

J. S. Cooper County Superintendent



Board of Education.

H. P. Snyder	President
E. A. Dennis	Treasurer
A. E. Harmon	Clerk

Teachers

Mabel Penrod	Principal
Sylvia Arith	Primary

The
First Commencement

of the
Victory School

will be held at the

School House

Eight Thirtly P. M.

Thursday May 22, 1913

Program

Motto: "We Learn by Studg."

Commencement March	
Invocation	
Oration "Education"	Harold Hughes
Oration "Beaulies of Nature"	Alma Harmon
Music	
Oration "Progress of Mexico"	Nellie Barnard
Oration "Temperance"	Frank Potter
Music	
Oration "Character"	Ethel Harmon
Oration "The Great American Commercial Invasion of Europe"	Elsie Hess
Presentation of Diplomas	J. W. Higginbotham

Graduates.

HAROLD HUGHES.

ALMA HARMON.

NELLIE BARNARD.

FRANK POTTER.

ETHEL HARMON.

ELSIE HESS.

NELLIE BARNARD.

POT LUCK

at

EDSON SCHOOL BUILDING

Edson, Kansas

on

SUNDAY, Oct. 15th at 12:00 noon

to

CELEBRATE the 101st BIRTHDAY

of

NELLIE WILSON

NOTICE!!!

There will be a gathering, Saturday evening, Oct. 14th
at the home of Dale & Bonnie Hawks at 1523 College,
Goodland, Ks.

Come at 4:00 p.m. to visit and get acquainted.

Bring finger food. Drinks furnished.

Please let your family members know!!!!!!

Obituary

NELLIE OLIVE WILSON

Longtime Sherman County resident Nellie Olive Wilson died June 5, at the swing bed unit at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. She was 101.

Wilson was born Oct. 18, 1894, in Adams County, Ill., the daughter of Guilford and Cora Mae (Hughes) Barnard. In 1898, her family left Illinois and started west. They homesteaded in land in Alfalfa County, Okla., one and a half miles south of the Kansas state line.

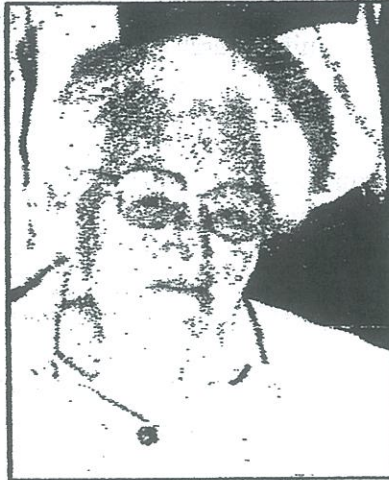
She received her education at Valley School District 31, graduating from the eighth grade in 1912. She attended normal training school for one month in Cherokee, Okla., and received her teaching certificate. She taught school for one year before she was married. She was 17 when she was baptized. She joined the Church of Christ and had been a faithful member until her death.

On June 16, 1914, she married Roy Elmer Wilson at the home of her parents. At the time of their marriage, Roy was running a steam engine for a harvest crew which was headquartered in Phillipsburg, where they lived until 1918, when they came to Sherman County.

They lived on various rented farms until the fall of 1924, when the couple bought a farm in Cheyenne County. In the summer of 1945, they moved to the Stanley Ranch, north of Edson. In 1950, they bought a home in Goodland where Wilson lived until September of 1991 when ill health required her to enter the Goodland Regional Medical Center swing bed unit.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three sons, three sisters, two brothers, and one great great-granddaughter.

Wilson is survived by six



daughters: Frances Anderson, Goodland; Vivian McDunn and her husband, Charles of Park Rapids, Mich.; Edna Mae Altman and husband Art, Oregon City, Ore.; Fern Hawks and husband Cloyd, Goodland; Esther Elliott and husband, Gene, Edson; Eleanor Elliott and husband John, Edson; two sons: Guilford Wilson and wife Betty, Westminster, Colo.; and Ralph Wilson and wife, Shirley, Ruleton; 31 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; 32 great, great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 22 step great-grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m. (MDT), at the Church of Christ in Goodland with Jim Cress and Norman Morrow officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may pay their respects on Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until services at Koons Funeral Chapel.

Memorials will be directed to the Church of Christ in Goodland or the swing bed unit of the Goodland Regional Medical Center and may be left at Koons Chapel.

OBITUARY

Roy Elmer Wilson was born September 24, 1892 and was called from this life on January 28, 1972 at the age of 79 years.

On June 26, 1914, he and Nellie Olive Barnard were united in marriage at Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Mr. Wilson spent all of his adult life in Sherman and Cheyenne Counties in Kansas. He moved to this part of Kansas in his early twenties.

He spent those early years breaking much of the virgin prairies with the first steam powered tractors. He also helped in building the first roads in Sherman County. Later he was foreman of a threshing crew using steam engines. He was engaged in farming in western Kansas all of his active life. He was highly respected by friends and neighbors and was always available to answer their inquiries or help repair their farm machines.

He accepted the Lord as His Saviour at the Lawn Ridge Church in Cheyenne County in May of 1931. He was baptized at that time along with other family members and neighbors in a long, narrow stock tank in the church yard.

He was a dear and devoted husband and father and lived a full active life centered around his family and friends.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his widow, Nellie of the home; six daughters, Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Peter, Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Vivian Faye McDunn, Wasilla, Alaska; Mrs. Edna Mae Altman, Corbett, Ore.; Mrs. Clara Fern Hawks, Goodland, Kans.; Mrs. Esther Elaine Elliott, Edson, Kans.; Mrs. Eleanor Jean Elliott, Edson, Kansas. Three sons, Guilford E. Wilson, Broomfield, Colo.; Roy Eugene Wilson, Jr., Garden City, Kans.; Ralph G. Wilson, Kanorado, Kansas. Thirty one grandchildren and thirty one

great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, Nakoma, Kansas and many other relatives and friends.

Two sons, Ellis and Virgil Oren, preceded him in death.

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We wish to sincerely thank all our many friends and neighbors for the contributions to the Memorial, the lovely floral arrangements, delicious food and other expressions of sympathy and love in the loss of our beloved husband and father.

We also deeply thank Melvin Morrow and Fred Dietz for their continued prayers and concern.

Our thanks to the Sage and Smith Funeral Home for arrangement and handling of the funeral in such a thoughtful manner.

The widow and children of Roy E. Wilson, Sr., Mrs. Nellie Wilson, Mrs. Frances Peter, Mrs. Vivian McDunn, Mrs. Edna Mae Altman, Mrs. Fern Hawks, Mr. Guilford Wilson, Mrs. Esther Elliott, Mr. Ralph Wilson, Mrs. Eleanor Jean Elliott, Roy Wilson Jr. 6p889

Edna "Eddie" Mae Altman
(March 10, 1922 - February 06, 2015)

Much loved Sandy resident, Edna Mae Altman died on February 6, 2015 at Avamere at Sandy. She was 92. A Celebration of Life will be held at Aims Community Church on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Edna "Eddie" Mae Altman was born in Goodland, Kansas on March 10, 1922 to Roy and Nellie Wilson. Eddie attended elementary school in a one room school house in Goodland, and high school in St. Francis, Kansas. After graduating, she got a ride with her sister to Portland, Oregon where she got a job as a waitress, but later worked in the shipyard during WWII.

In 1947, Eddie was working at a berry farm in Sandy when she met Arthur Altman, a WWII veteran at a restaurant in Sandy. They soon married in Portland on July 21, 1947. Together they moved a lot, spending about 12 years in the Corbett area until settling in Oregon City in 1971. In November of 2009 they moved to Avamere at Sandy permanently.

Eddie loved quilting, knitting and crocheting. She was an avid reader and enjoyed attending her family members' sporting events. She was a regular attendee and member of Aims Community Church and was a Den Mother for her sons' Cub Scout troop.

She is survived by her sons; Roy (Janet) Altman of Redmond and Gerry Altman of Redland. She also leaves behind four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, five sisters and one brother.

Contributions can be made to Aims Community Church or the charity of your choice.

Arthur Altman

Birth: Mar. 20, 1922

Death: Nov. 26, 2010

Burial:

Willamette National Cemetery

Portland

Multnomah County

Oregon, USA

Plot: SECTION COL-5 ROW 200 SITE A

Altman, Arthur B. 87 03/20/1923 11/26/2010 Arthur was born in Portland He was a lumber truck driver Arthur is survived by his wife, Edna; and sons, Roy and Gerry. There will be a celebration of life at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, in Aims Community Church, Corbett. Arrangements by Sandy Funeral Home.

Published in The Oregonian on Dec. 1, 2010

Jim Cress

Lifelong Cheyenne and Sherman county resident Pastor James Fredrick "Jim" Cress, 65, died Sunday April 18, 2004, at his home in Goodland.

Jim was born March 11, 1939, in rural Cheyenne County to Emma Eva (Peter) and Clarence Luther Cress. He attended school in Bird City and graduated from Edson High School. He then attended Western Bible Institute in Morrison County. He received his Bible Diploma from Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Neb. and his Bachelor and Masters from Covington Theological Seminary in Rossville, Ga.

On June 29, 1956, Jim and Betty Katherine Peter were married at the Pleasant Home Church, north of Edson.

He was the youth director and then Principal and teacher at Goodland Bible Church from 1973 to 1993. He then became Pastor of Pleasant Home Church from 1992 to 2002.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Margaret Lohrene Amsberry; four brothers: Charles Leonard Cress, Donald Ray Cress, William Warren Cress and Bobby Dennis Cress. Also preceding were an infant brother and sister.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife and caregiver Betty, of their home in Goodland. A son Timothy Jay Cress and his wife Elizabeth of Weskan. Daughter Cynthia Beth "Cindy" Cress of Houston, Texas. Two brothers; George Leeman Cress and his wife Lois of Bellflower, Calif., and Clarence Junior Cress and his wife Jerry of Bird City. Also surviving are his mother-in-law Frances Anderson of Goodland and his cherished grandchildren; Natalie, Tiffany, Emma, Wilson, Peter Jay and Hannah all of Weskan, also, nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at the Goodland Bible Church in Goodland. Pastors Chad DeJong, Charlie Busch and Warren Cheek officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery, Goodland.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 20 at Koons Chapel from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.; the family will be present from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made in Jim's name to the Hospice Services of Goodland or to the Pleasant Home Church, and may be left at or sent to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main Street, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Betty K. Cress

Betty K. Cress, 70, retired legal secretary for Mac McGinley, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at her home.

She was born on Dec. 4, 1938, to Harry Peter and Francis (Wilson) Peter in rural Sherman County. In 1956 she graduated from Edson High School of Edson.

On June 29, 1956, she and James F. Cress were married at the Pleasant Home Church, near Edson.

She was a member of the Goodland Bible Church.

Preceding her in death were her father, her husband and a brother, Dean Peter.

Survivors include her mother, Frances Peter Anderson of Goodland; a son, Timothy J. (Elizabeth) Cress of Weskan; a daughter,



Cress

Cynthia B. Cress of Goodland; a brother Donald (Carol) Peter of Longmont, Colo.; two sisters, Mary C. Wickwar of Goodland and Kay (Mark) Perry of Longmont, Colo.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009, at the Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow, Goodland with Pastor Perry Baird officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland.

Memorials to Weskan Baptist Church, Goodland Bible Church, Pleasant Home Church or Hospice Service of Sherman County may be left at the funeral home.

Cloyd Dale Hawks

Cloyd Dale Hawks, 68, retired employe of Northwest Tech, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at his home.

He was born on July 6, 1942, to Cloyd and Fern Hawks at Goodland. In 1960 he graduated from Goodland High School and attended Emporia State. For 10 years he worked for the Rock Island Railroad and for 10 years he was a construction superintendent for Rhoads Construction. In 2004 he retired from Northwest Tech after 15 years.

On Feb. 3, 1981, he and Bonnie Dunker were married in Goodland.

Mr. Hawks was a marathon runner, enjoyed golf, Bike Across Kansas and attending Goodland High School sports.

Preceding him in death were his father and an infant sister, Clara Hawks.

Survivors include his wife of the

home; a daughter, Sammi (Steve) Lynes of Lakewood, Colo.; three sons, Mike Hawks of Parker, Colo., Kyle Hawks of Goodland and Kort (Becky) Hawks of Ellsworth; his mother of Goodland; two brothers, Dallas (Donna) Hawks of Rydal, Ga. and Vincent (Jani) Hawks of Dallas, Ga.; two sisters, Merideth (Kenny) Farr of Leoti and Karen (Danny) Amos of Nixa, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, at the Calvary Gospel Church, 402 College, Goodland with burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation was from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11, Goodland.

Memorials to the Goodland High School athletic department or Northwest Tech Relay for Life may be sent to the funeral home.

WILSON

Betty J. Wilson of Broomfield died Aug. 9 in Thornton. She was 70.

Wilson was born June 21, 1930, in Edson, Kan., to Simon Hammer and Elsie (Hayden) Hammer. She married Gip Wilson on Jan. 11, 1949, in Goodland, Kan. She and her husband were longtime residents of Broomfield and in 1956 purchased a new home in Broomfield Heights known as the "First Filing." They had the 47th home in Broomfield.

Wilson was active in Beeline, square dancing and was a past president of the Broomfield Lioness Club. She worked for Esquire Magazine as a stockbroker and was a Realtor for Vanbuskirk Realty. She loved antiques, traveling to Las Vegas, spending time with her family and playing bingo. She was a dedicated mother.

Wilson is survived by her husband; Guilford "Gip" Wilson of Broomfield; a daughter, Jackie Kovinick and husband David of Broomfield; a son, Randy Wilson and wife Debrae of Brighton; three sisters, Loraine Rohr of

Colorado Springs, Maxine Munk of Broomfield and Darlene Gray of Broomfield; a brother, Merle Hammer of Longmont; and five grandchildren.

Wilson was preceded in death by her parents, Simon and Elsie Hammer.

Services were Aug. 12 at Ruidus Funeral Home. The Rev. Randy Jenson officiated. Interment was at the Lafayette Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the National Jewish Hospital Memorial Dept., Research for Lung Disease, 3800 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, 80206.

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Wilson

Guilford "Gip" Wilson, 79, a longtime resident of Broomfield, died June 18 at St.

Anthony's North Hospital.

He was born Jan. 17, 1921, in Goodland,

Kan., the son of Ray and Nellie Wilson.

He was drafted during World War II and became a stock clerk in the 8th Qm Depot Company.

On Jan. 11, 1949, he married Betty Hammer.

Wilson's work life spanned from dairy cows to becoming the water chief.

He was a former farmer and Broomfield's first milkman. He

was Broomfield's first walking mail carrier when he worked to the post office in 1958. He started working for the City of Broomfield in 1966. He was the deputy director of Public Works for the city and retired in 1992 at age 65.

He enjoyed gardening and making jelly.

He is survived by daughter, Jackie (Dove) Kaminick of Broomfield; son, Randy Wilson of Fort Collins; grandsons, Nicholas Kaminick of Broomfield, Cole Wilson of Brighton; granddaughters, Breanna (Kandi) Oliver of Broomfield, and Kyle Wilson of Brighton.

A funeral service was Friday at Ruidus Funeral Home in Broomfield. Interment was at Lafayette Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Broomfield Lions Club.

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Guilford Wilson

Cloyd Hawks Sr.

Cloyd D. Hawks Sr., 85, a retired Goodland construction superintendent, died Thursday, July 3, 2003, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 4, 1918, in Norton County, the son of Dessa (Linnell) and Vincent O. Hawks. The family moved to Sherman County in 1925 and he attended a rural school.

On Aug. 31, 1941, he married Clara Fern Wilson in St. Francis. The couple lived in rural Sherman County and were farmers until they moved to Goodland in 1948.

Mr. Hawks was a carpenter and retired as superintendent at Rhoads Construction Co.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Moose Lodge.

In 1981, he was awarded "Excellence in Construction" by Ossman & Associates Architects of Topeka.

He coached Little League and K-18 Baseball from 1953 to 1958. He was an avid fan of Goodland High School sports, especially wrestling, throughout his lifetime.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Clara Evelyn Hawks;

his parents; three brothers, Orville, Lowell and Lyle Hawks; and a sister, Violet Roeder Lampe.

Survivors include his wife, Fern Hawks; three sons, Dale (Bonnie) Hawks of Goodland, Dallas (Donna) Hawks of Rydal, Ga., and Vincent (Jani) Hawks of Powder Springs, Ga.; two daughters, Meredith (Ken) Farr of Leoti and Karen

(Danny) Amos of Liberal.

A brother, Henry Hawks of Goodland; four sisters, Beulah McClung of Goodland, Lelah (Jay) Sweitzer of Greeley, Colo., Ina Mae (Glen) Gwin of Longmont, Colo., and Zona (Dale) Price of Goodland.

Also surviving are 18 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 7, 2003, at the church with Pastor Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation was from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Koons Chapel and at the church before the service.

Memorials may be made to the church or to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.



Hawks

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt gratitude to all who have generously given their help, food and memorial gifts, expressions of love and all other gifts to our family during this time of loss. We joyfully acknowledge your thoughtfulness and have the realization that Dad was rich in his life as evidenced by the gracious out-pouring of so many wonderful people.

Thank you especially to Dr. Younger and his wonderful staff; the ambulance crew and Goodland Regional Medical Center (especially the angel nurses!) for such tender and loving care; and to Pastor Janet for helping us to celebrate a wonderful gift of our husband, father, grandfather and friend.

The family of Cloyd D. Hawks

Clayton Dee Elliott

Clayton Dee Elliott, 22, formerly of Colby, died Saturday, March 11, 2006 in Ridgecrest, Calif.

He was born April 2, 1983 in Goodland. He was an aerospace engineer at NAVAIR China Lake Naval Base in Ridgecrest, Calif.



C. Elliott

Clayton is survived by his parents, Jack and Kathy Elliott; brother Deke Elliott and paternal grandparents John and Eleanor Elliott of Edson.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Eddie Dean Chatfield in 1997 and Virginia Chatfield in 2002.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Colby United Methodist Church with Rev. James Mardock of Colby officiating.

Burial will be at Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Memorials are suggested to the Colby Community College golf program and others to be determined later. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

John Elliott

John Elliott, 81, longtime Edson resident, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013.

He was born on June 5, 1932, to Bert and Nettie Elliott in Edson.

Mr. Elliott graduated in 1950 from Edson Consolidated School. He joined the U.S. Air Force on Nov. 14, 1951, and served his country for the next 20 years.

On Nov. 20, 1952, he and Eleanor Wilson were married.

He enjoyed watching and participating in sports.

Preceding him in death were his parents; five brothers, Edgar Elliott, Leonard Elliott, Elmer Elliott, Gene Elliott and Charles Elliott; two sisters, Reha Elliott and Thelma Felzien; and grandson Clayton Elliott.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jack (Kathy) Elliott of Colby, Dick Elliott of Loveland, Colo., and Matt (Cynthia) Elliott of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter Becky (Chuck) Crisp of Flagler, Colo., a brother Henry (Delores) Elliott of Goodland; a sister Betty Wright of Goodland; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland. Inurnment will be later at the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials to be designated by the family later may be sent to the funeral home at P.O. Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

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.

Roy E. Wilson Jr.

GARDEN CITY — Roy E. Wilson Jr., 59, died June 24, 1931, at St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City.

He was born Jan. 9, 1932, in Cheyenne County, the son of Roy Elmer and Nellie Oliver Barnard Wilson. He graduated from Edson Consolidated School, Cheyenne County, in 1951. A Garden City resident since 1970, he was a service manager for Gigot Irrigation.

He was baptized at Pleasant Home Church, Cheyenne County, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

On July 27, 1974, he married Pearl L. Morris at Johnson. She survives.

Other survivors include: three sons, Joe Bob Persinger, Garden City, Kelly Persinger, Liberal, and Brian Wilson, Denver; two daughters, Darla Persinger, of the home, and Valerie Wilber, Penn Valley, Calif.; mother, Goodland; two brothers, Guilford Elmer, Westminster, Colo., and Ralph Glen, Manhattan; six sisters, Esther Elaine Elliott and Eleanor Jean Elliott, both of Edson, Frances Elizabeth Anderson, Goodland, Vivian Faye McDunn, Park Rapids, Minn., Edna Mae Altman, Oregon City, Ore., and Clara Fern Hawks, Almena; and five grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church, Garden City, with the Revs. Jim Cress and Mike McGuire presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Garand Funeral Home, Garden City. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery, Garden City.

Memorials may be sent to the Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Inc. in care of the funeral home.

Harry Peter

Services set for former Goodlander

Harry Peter, 66, 1455 Caven Court, Boulder, Colo., died Friday at the Boulder Community Hospital.

He was born Sept. 20, 1918, the son of Henry K. and Katherine (Schlepp) Peter. He lived in the Sherman and Cheyenne counties area until 1961 when he moved to the Boulder area.

He was a farmer and retired custodian. For the past several years he has been a Shaker Supervisor.

Mr. Peter married Elizabeth Wilson in Sherman County.

He is survived by his wife at the home. He is also survived by two sons, Donald Larry Peter of Longmont, Colo., and Harry Dean Peter of Greeley, Colo.; three daughters, Betty Cress of Goodland; Mary Wickwar of Wheeler; and Kay Perry of Longmont, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; a sister, Lida Young of Eugene, Ore.; and a brother, Ernest Peter of Goodland.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Goodland Bible Church. Rev. R. Fred Dietz will officiate and burial will be in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Monday, before services on Tuesday at the Sage and Smith Chapel.

The family will be staying at the home of Jim and Betty Cress, 311 E. 10th, Goodland, for friends who wish to pay their respects.