

Chapter 1

Elmer & Eva Wilson



Elmer, Eva, Tom Forbes, Ida, Orli



ELMER and EVA WILSON and DAUGHTER, GRACE
Photographer: Mrs. A.M. Reeves, Norton, Kansas



L-R Abbie & George Snow - Brother of Eva Elmer & Eva Wilson, Deda Mae Forbes, Tom Forbes, Lore Forbes, Rev. Miller. (Tom Forbes is Husband of Lucy Snow, Eva's Sister)

*Grandpa's home in
Nekoma Kans.*



Elmer G. & Eva Wilson's Home in Nekoma, Kansas 1929



EG. WILSON WALDROW KAN.



Roy, Elizabeth, Elmer, Delmer, Harold



L-R Lawrence, Max, Floyd, Elmer, Robert, Delmer

1936

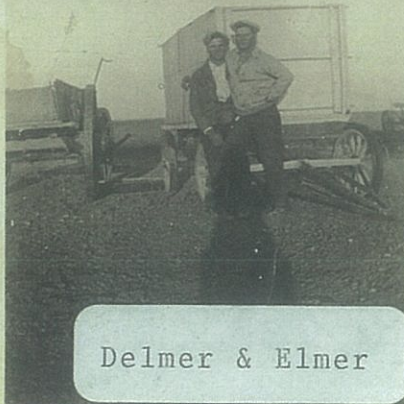
Minnie, Elizabeth, Eva-Mother



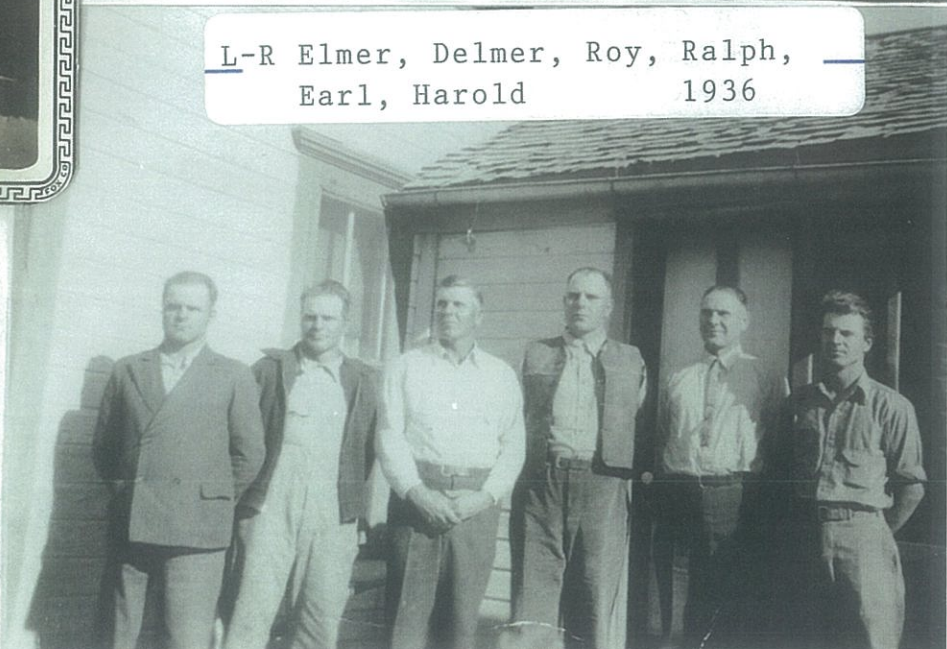
B-Roy, Elizabeth, Ralph, Earl
F-Minnie, Delmer, Harold, Elmer



L-R Elmer, Delmer, Roy, Ralph,
Earl, Harold 1936



Delmer & Elmer





B- Ralph, Roy Grace, Earl 1910
F- Minnie, Eva, Delmer, Elizabeth, Elmer, Elmer Sr.



Grace & Lewis Hughes
April 1910



L-R Harold, Delmer, Elmer,
Ralph, Earl, Roy, 1922



Elmer & Elva Wilson
1949



Minnie & Warren Hobson
1945

Nell & Roy Wilson
Reunion Sept. 1967



Elazabeth & Tom Baldwin
Dec. 1970



Delmer & Ina Wilson
July 1970



Clara (Johnson) Wilson



Ralph



Earl & Connie Wilson
August 12, 1924

Agnes, Harold, Donald, Dale, Joyce
August 27, 1961



ELMER GARDNER AND EVA WILSON

Elmer Gardner Wilson was born September 5, 1862 near Bryant, Indiana in Jay County. He departed this life on January 14, 1940 at his home in Nekoma, Kansas at the age of 77.

His father, Judson and family left Indiana on April 1, 1878 in a covered wagon and came to Kansas. Judson placed a claim on the east side of Norton County about 4 miles north of Alma, KS. There they built a house that was part dugout and part sod.

Elmer started out for himself in 1880 and worked several places in central Kansas. On January 25, 1889, Elmer was united in marriage to Eva C. Snow at the home of a sister who lived in Norton county.

Eva, daughter of Elijah and Phoebe Snow, was born November 14, 1869 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Her family left Massachusetts and moved to Ennis, Texas. They then moved to Alma, Kansas early in the year of 1885. Eva passed away on December 5, 1938 at the age of 69.

They first lived on their claim in Norton County. They then moved to Texas where he worked in the hardware business, then to Harper County at Waldron where he owned a machinery shop and farmed. Elmer sold it and moved to Gove County on a farm west of Jerome in 1920. In April 1923 the family moved to Rush County and engaged in the blacksmithing trade. He worked at this until he was forced to retire on account of sickness.

Elmer and Eva united with their first church in 1890. It was the original Christian Church down south of Alma, Kansas. They have kept up their church affiliation all through the years. Wherever they went, they have worked in the community church. Eva became a charter member of the Nekoma Methodist church and her funeral services were held in the Nekoma Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Bressler officiating on Wednesday, December 7, 1938 at 2 PM.

Elmer and Eva had three daughters and seven sons.

Grace Marie	Waldron, Kansas
Roy Elmer	Goodland, Kansas
Earl Andrews	Gove, Kansas
William A.	Alma, Kansas (?)
Minnie Rosaella	Bartlesville, Ok.
Ralph Theodore	Gove, Ks.
Elizabeth May	Nekoma, Ks.
Delmer Loyd	Gove, Ks.
Elmer Floyd	Nekoma, Ks.
Harold Clayton	Nekoma, Ks.

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.

Elmer & Eva Wilson Genealogy

I. Elmer Gardner Wilson

Birth: September 5, 1862

Place: Jay County, Indiana

Death: January 14, 1940

Cemetery: Nekoma, Kansas

Married: January 25, 1889; Norton County, Kansas

Children Born To This Union:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A) Grace Marie | July 13, 1890 |
| B) Roy Elmer | September 24, 1892 |
| C) Earl Andrew | May 30, 1894 |
| D) William A. | April 27, 1897 |
| E) Minnie Rosella | August 14, 1898 |
| F) Ralph Theodore | January 5, 1900 |
| G) Elizabeth May | August 14, 1903 |
| H) Delmer Loyd (twin) | June 17, 1906 |
| I) Elmer Floyd (twin) | June 17, 1906 |
| J) Harold Clayton | April 21, 1912 |

Eva Carolyn Snow

November 14, 1869

Worcester, Massachusetts

December 5, 1938

Nekoma, Kansas

A) Grace Marie Wilson

Birth: July 13, 1890

Place: Norton County, Kansas

Death: July 24, 1932

Cemetery: Waldron, Kansas

Married: April 11, 1910; Cherokee, Oklahoma

Children Born To This Union:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Harry E. | 1911 |
| 2) Dale K. | November 24, 1911 |
| 3) Dean Wasley | November 30, 1913 |
| 4) Geneva Olive | October 29, 1916 |
| 5) Ruth Freida | |
| 6) Gladys Irene | June 29, 1922 |
| 7) Glennys Fern | May 22, 1924 |
| 8) Lula Nadine | December 24, 1926 |
| 9) Berniece Maxine | April 12, 1929 |

Lewis Nelson Hughes

March 26, 1884

Monica, Illinois

June 14, 1950

Waldron, Kansas

B) Roy Elmer Wilson
Birth: September 24, 1892
Place: Alma, Kansas
Death: January 28, 1972
Cemetery: Goodland, Kansas
Married: June 26, 1914, Goodland, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1) Frances Elizabeth | June 17, 1915 |
| 2) Virgil Oren | June 26, 1918 |
| 3) Vivian Faye | June 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 |

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

C) Earl Andrew Wilson
Birth: May 30, 1894
Place: Norton County, Kansas
Death: June 29, 1947
Cemetery: Gove, Kansas
Married: August 12, 1924, Quinter, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1) DeLila Belle | September 3, 1927 |
| 2) Dean Earl | April 4, 1929 |
| 3) Keith Eugene | July 14, 1933 |
| 4) Amy Carolyn | March 21, 1935 |
| 5) Rex Leland | November 14, 1937 |
| 6) Ella Jane | January 19, 1940 |

Consuella Fullmar
December 8, 1901
Gove County, Kansas
August 17, 1999
Gove, Kansas

Re-Married: Henry Forrest York
Birth: September 19, 1891
Place: Illinois
Death: November 12, 1957
Cemetery: Healy, Kansas
Married: February 1, 1948; Dighton, Kansas

D) William A. Wilson
Birth: April 27, 1897
Place: Almena, Kansas
Death: September 13, 1897
Cemetery:

E) Minnie Rosella
Birth: August 14, 1898
Place: Almena, Kansas
Death: May 6, 1951
Cemetery: Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Married: August 1916; Waldron, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

1) Opal Mae Leslie July 25, 1916

James Tyler Leslie
Birth: April 4, 1896
Lewis County, Missouri
December 28, 1974
Waldron, Kansas

Re-married: Warren Hobson
Birth: January 7, 1877
Place: Washington, Indiana
Death: November 3, 1962
Cemetery: Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Married: March 3, 1924; LaCrosse, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

1) Wilma Glennis December 24, 1924
2) Virginia Lee July 13, 1927
3) Vivian Arlee January 26, 1932
4) Marilyn Maxine September 20, 1934
5) Robert Warren September 27, 1938

F) Ralph Theodore Wilson
Birth: January 5, 1900
Place: Almena, Kansas
Death: September 2, 1943
Cemetery: Gove, Kansas
Married: February 4, 1923; Gove, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

1) Ralph Floyd August 5, 1924
2) Delbert E. (Bill) November 7, 1925
3) Max Dale January 26, 1928
4) Alta Faye April 8, 1928

Clara E. Johnson
March 22, 1896
Gove County, Kansas
June 23, 1930
Gove, Kansas

G) Elizabeth May Wilson
Birth: August 14, 1903
Place: Almena, Kansas
Death: November 5, 1976
Cemetery: Nekoma, Kansas
Married: August 5, 1925, Goodland, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Albert Merle | December 28, 1919 |
| 2) Peggy Ilene | March 29, 1926 |
| 3) Melva Ronella | March 29, 1928 |

Thomas Harold Baldwin
September 8, 1903
Nekoma, Kansas
July 27, 1972
Nekoma, Kansas

H) Delmer Loyd Wilson (twin)
Birth: June 17, 1906
Place: Almena, Kansas
Death: September 22, 1970
Cemetery: Gove, Kansas
Married: May 28, 1928, Burlington, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Ina Mae | January 1929 |
| 2) Lawrence | December 20, 1929 |
| 3) Loyd Glen | June 30, 1932 |
| 4) Eva Minnie | December 9, 1933 |
| 5) Delmer Floyd, Jr. | April 18, 1935 |
| 6) Deloris Faye | November 6, 1937 |
| 7) Calvin Oliver | May 22, 1939 |
| 8) Carmellia Joyce | April 21, 1942 |
| 9) Trisha Ann | May 17, 1945 |
| 10) Floyd Earl (twin) | March 17, 1948 |
| 10) Boyd Merle (twin) | March 17, 1948 |

Ina Edith Merritt
October 21, 1907
Decator, Kansas
September 26, 1999
Gove, Kansas

I) Elmer Floyd Wilson (twin)
Birth: June 17, 1906
Place: Alma, Kansas
Death: December 17, 1959
Cemetery: Nekoma, Kansas
Married: March 27, 1930, Ness City, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:
1) Betty Irene February 3, 1931
2) Floyd Edward June 1, 1932
3) Robert Eugene February 1, 1936

Elva Mendehall
June 7, 1905
LaCrosse, Kansas
May 26, 1988
Nekoma, Kansas

Re-married: Thomas C. Tiller (Tom)
Birth: June 7, 1896
Place: Atchinson, Kansas
Death: March 7, 1969
Cemetery: Hoisington, Kansas
Married: August 7, 1962;

J) Harold Clayton Wilson
Birth: April 21, 1912
Place: Harper County, Kansas
Death: December 30, 1961
Cemetery: Nekoma, Kansas
Married: July 15, 1933, Larned, Kansas
Children Born To This Union:
1) Donald Ray July 20, 1936
2) Dale Howard February 27, 1938
3) Joyce Ann September 26, 1942

Agnes Mae Mendenhall
September 20, 1914
LaCrosse, Kansas
August 3, 2013
Nekoma, Kansas

Remarried: Joe McKenney
Birth: July 3, 1894
Place:
Death: January , 1982
Cemetery: Coby, Kansas
Married: November 5, 1964; Colby, Kansas



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Suel

Wilson

7 Children

Esther

John

Stanley

Thomas

Stanley

Mariah

Stanley

12 Children

Leah

Votaw

Martha
Hutchens

Judson C.
Wilson

7 Children

Elmer Gardner
Wilson

10 Children

Eva Carolyn
Snow

Elijah Clapp
Snow

5 Children

Phoebe
Lamberton

David Jr.
Snow

5 Children

Salome
Bartlett

David Sr.
Snow

5 Children

Jemima
Hayward

Elijah
Bartlett

Delmer

Waldron Kan
April 14, 1919

Post Master at Jerome Kan
Sir I am hunting a good
location for to farm and raise
stock I have a large family and
would like a place close to school
if can get it dont want high
priced land as I am a poor man
and dont have much to buy
with. There may be some land
in your neighborhood that I can
buy so I can pay for it and make
me a home will be much obliged to
you if you can help me get a good
location

Yours Resp
E. G. Wilson

Waldron, Kan
April 14, 1919

Post Master at Jerome, Kan

Sir, I am hunting a good location for to farm and raise stock. I have a large family and would like a place close to school, if can get it don't want high priced land as I am a poor man and don't have much to buy with. There may be some land in your neighborhood that I can buy so can pay for it and make me a home. Will be much obliged to you if you can help me get a good location.

Yours Resp.
E. G. Wilson

Announcing the birth of
Esther & Elaine Wilson.
on April 25th. 1929.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson.



Announcing the arrival
of a Girl born at 3:30
on Feb. 3. 1931 weight 7 lbs
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Name Betty Irene



Announcing
the birth of

Name Delila Belle
On Sept. 3 Weight 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Wilson

1927



Announcing
the arrival
of

Dean Earl
on April 4, 1929
Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Wilson



Announcing the arrival
of Peggy Sue born at 12:10 P.M.
on March 29 weight 9 lbs
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin

1926



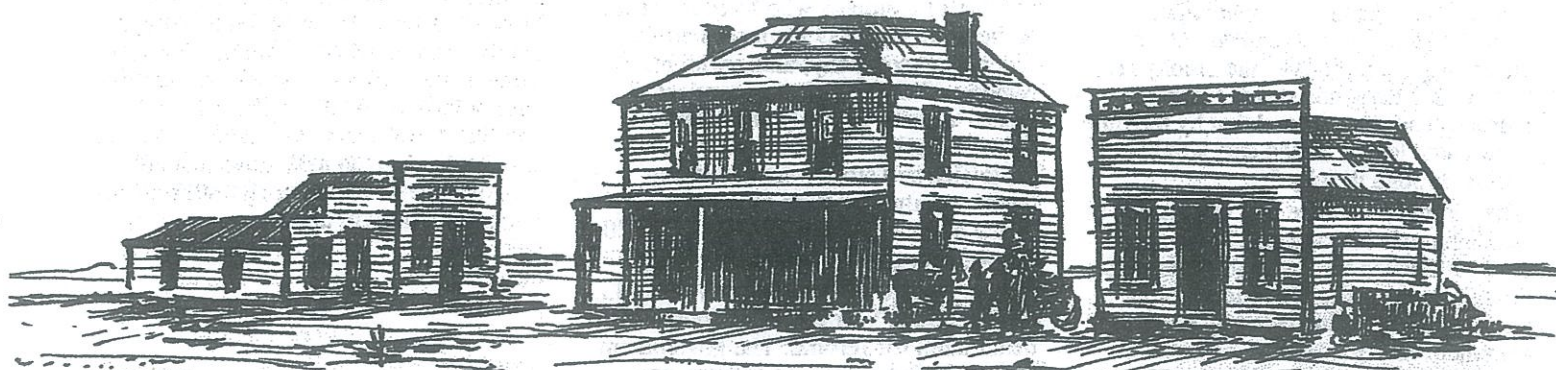
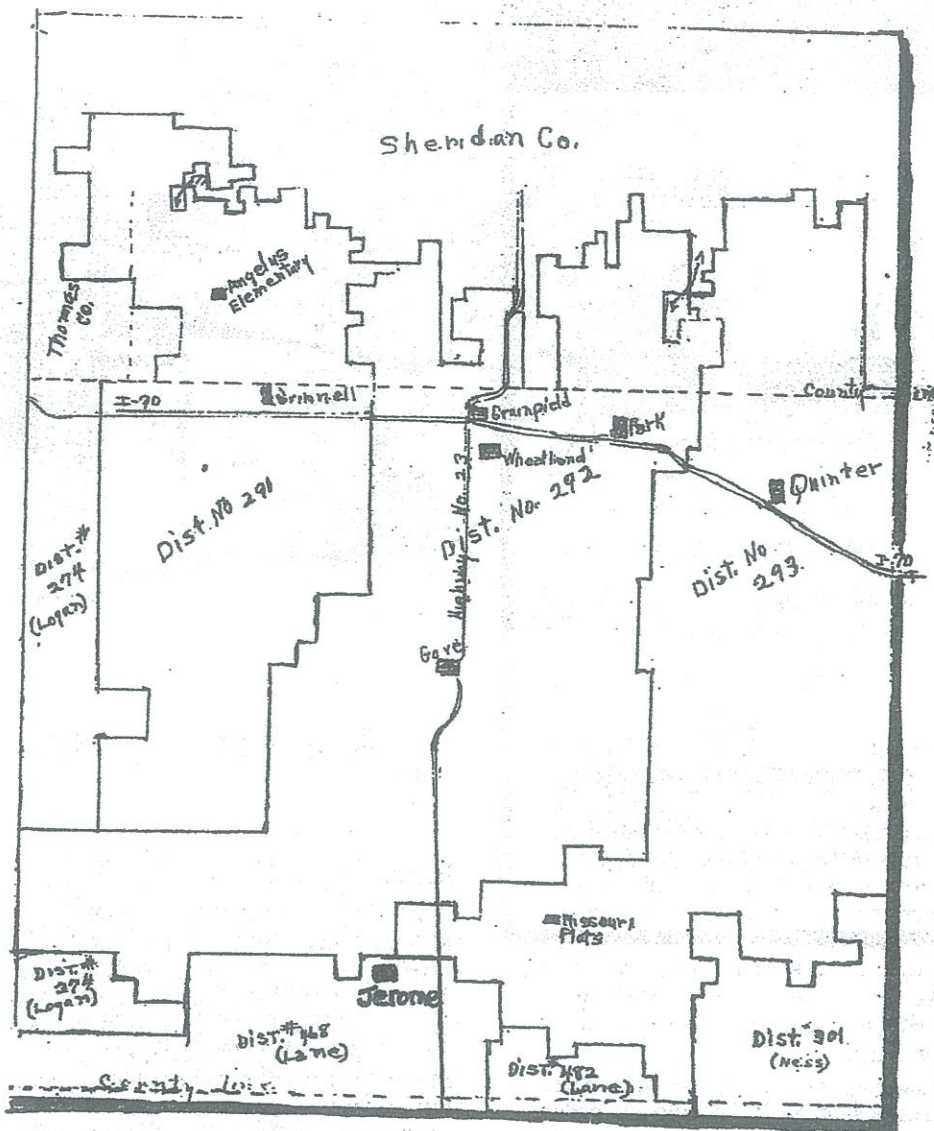
Announcing the arrival
of Ralph Floyd born at 8 a.m.
on Aug 5. 1934 weight 7 lbs.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson

DOWN THE TREASURE TRAIL

THE GHOST TOWN OF JEROME
 CLYDE W. BLACKBURN

The building of railroads in Western Kansas during the 1880s prompted the founding of dozens of towns, all with the expectation of becoming a metropolis when the ribbons of steel arrived. For a few it became a reality, but for most the anticipated railroad never materialized and the towns soon faded away. Such was the situation in Gove County, Kansas, in the 1880s.

With railroads pushing west on the Kansas plains, it was rumored tracks would be laid up the Smoky Hill valley in south Gove County. This prompted the founding of three towns: Teller and Alanthus in the southeast part of the county, and Jerome, 14 miles south and



Jerome - old Miller Hotel and two store buildings.



A store in Jerome about 1919.

one mile west of the town of Gove City, the county seat. This town has always fascinated me as I remember being in the town when several buildings still existed. In July of 1886 the town had two general stores, a restaurant, blacksmith shop, livery stable, hotel, drugstore, feed store, real estate office and fifteen or twenty homes. By 1887 it also had a newspaper, The Jerome Smoky Globe, and it was also during this year a school house was constructed.

At the peak of its population Jerome contained about 100 people but, according to the advertising done by the town company, that was going to change. According to the Gove County history book the company proclaimed: "it was the coming metropolis of the Smoky Hill Valley; that the grade stakes for three railroads had been set and that by the time snow came the varnished cars would be sailing through the city."

The Jerome postoffice was established in December of 1886 and was in operation until 1943 when the town ceased to exist. That the town was optimistic about its coming success is indicated by the amount of land its confines contained. With the additions later platted it was a mile long from north to south. Jerome was also in contention for the county seat of Gove County but, in contrast to many Western Kansas counties, there was no violence when voting for the site was done. Due to its distant location from the center of the county it was pretty much

agreed Gove would be chosen. One diehard did cast his vote for Jerome, however.

As it happened in most of Western Kansas, the summer of 1887 was one of drought and it affected Jerome. Many settlers left, which caused a couple stores to close. This took away much of the paper's advertising and in April of 1888 the newspaper closed its doors. With the coming of rain other people moved into the area and things looked good until the Missouri Pacific Railroad built through Shields, ten miles to the south. This took some of the business away from Jerome but it continued as a center for a large number of residents who lived in the area at the time. By 1889 the town had an investment company, along with regular Sunday school and church services. As late as the mid 1930s Jerome fielded an outstanding baseball team, and the postoffice and store were still doing business. Another store along with a dance hall were constructed in the 1920s.

It was the establishment of an aerial gunnery range in Gove County, in 1943, during World War II, which sounded the death knell for Jerome. The government leased the land from the owners, and Jerome was within the range area and the people had to move out. What store buildings remained were either sold and moved or were torn down. The old hotel was moved to Scott City 48 miles away, and school was held in a private home out of the gunnery range. The postoffice was

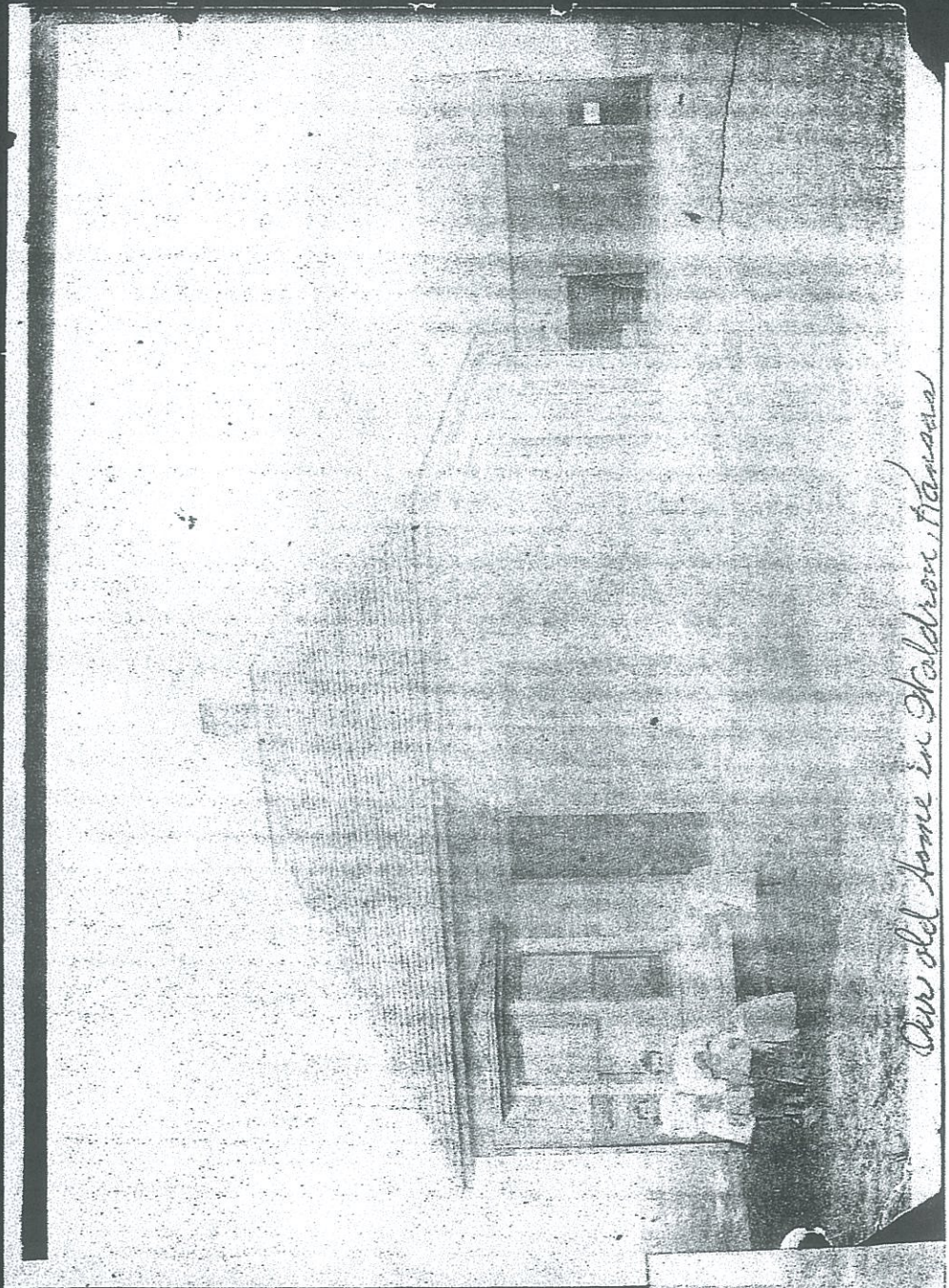
closed May 31, 1943, as was the store it was in. My father had a state job at the time and often traveled the area. It was when the store was selling out that he purchased many items.

The amount of land the gunnery range leased amounted to around 300 square miles of southwest Gove County. Altogether, close to 100 families were affected, and had to leave their homes and friends. The rent the government paid amounted to the grand total of 35 cents an acre for grass and 65 cents an acre for cultivated ground. For this pittance, friends and neighbors were scattered and many of their homes and buildings left to deteriorate. For two years, life was hushed in southwest Gove County, and the town of Jerome became a memory, with only foundations and streets to indicate it ever existed.

(Credit is given to the Gove County "History and Heritage" for some of the material used in this story.)



Eva & Elmer Wilson



Our old home in Waldron, Kansas

**Our old home in Waldron, Kansas
Minnie, Delmer, Elmer, Eva, Elizabeth**

DEED RECORD.

GENERAL WARRANTY.

45103 Grant & Company, Toledo

FROM
Elmer G. Wilson and wife

 TO
J. B. Eitel

This instrument was filed for record on the 25TH day
 of May, A.D. 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M.
J. L. Mumford
 Register of Deeds.
 By _____ Deputy.

This Indenture, Made this 18th day of April, A. D. 1923, between
Elmer G. Wilson and Eva C. Wilson, husband and wife
 of Gove County, in the State of Kansas, of the first part, and
J. B. Eitel

of Rush County, in the State of Kansas, of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That said part 1st of the first part in consideration of the sum of
One Dollar and exchange of property
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said part 2nd of the second part,
his heirs and assigns, all the following-described real estate, situated in the County of Gove and State of Kansas, to wit:

All of the Northeast quarter of Section Sixteen (16) and the Northwest quarter
of Section Fifteen (15) all in Township Fifteen (15) South, Range Twenty-nine
(29) West of the Sixth P. M. Containing 320 acres more or less according to
U. S. Government Survey

(\$5.00 Doc. Stamps affixed & cancelled)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto
 belonging or in anywise appertaining forever.

And said Grantors
 for themselves, their heirs, executors or administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with said
 party of the second part, that at the delivery of these presents they are lawfully seized in their own right, of an absolute
 and indefeasible estate of inheritance, in fee simple, of and in all and singular the above granted and described premises, with the appur-
 tenances; that the same are free, clear, discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, judg-
 ments, taxes, assessments and incumbrances, of what nature or kind soever; Except mortgage in favor of the Golden Belt
Mortgage Company for \$2000.00 and accrued interest from November 1st, 1922

and that they will warrant and forever defend the same unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against
 said party of the first part, their heirs, and all and every person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands, the day and year first above
 written.

Elmer G. Wilson

(~~\$5.00~~ Doc. Stamps affixed & cancelled)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining forever.

And said Grantors for themselves, their heirs, executors or administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with said party of the second part, that at the delivery of these presents they are lawfully seized in their own right, of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance, in fee simple, of and in all and singular the above granted and described premises, with the appurtenances; that the same are free, clear, discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, judgments, taxes, assessments and incumbrances, of what nature or kind soever; Except mortgage in favor of the Golden Belt Mortgage Company, for \$2000.00 and accrued interest from November 1st, 1922

and that they will warrant and forever defend the same unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against said parties of the first part, their heirs, and all and every person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands, the day and year first above written.

Elmer G. Wilson
Eva G. Wilson

State of Kansas, Gove County, ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 16th day of April, A. D. 1923, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, came Elmer G. Wilson and Eva G. Wilson, husband and wife

who are personally known to me to be the same persons who executed the within instrument of writing, and such persons duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial seal, the day and year last above written.

Chas. G. Spier
Notary Public.

(Term expires May 15th, 1924.)

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safety pin help?—Voo Doo.

Stude—They told me this flyver was twenty horse power but I've only been able to find four plugs.—Phoenix.

On Holding Hands.

As he placed that hand in his own, And pressed it close to his chest,

Is the chicken I ordered for my dinner half an hour ago?"

Mine Host—"Hold your horses, mister. it'll be along directly. The cook ain't killed it yet, but she's got in a couple of nasty blows."—Humbug.

A Want Ad will Sell It.

—Vann Wait, 21.

Physiology Drawing:

- 1—George Deges, 43E.
- 2—Ester Seibert, 10.
- 3—Kermit Johnson, 13.

First Grade Booklet:

- 1—Mildred Glick, 16.

The High-Point Man

Harold Lundgren was high-point man of the meet with two firsts and two seconds, making a total of 18

Public Sale!

The undersigned will sell at the Wilson farm one mile west and one-fourth mile north of the Jerome. (Kansas.) store on—

Tuesday, April 17, 1923

beginning at 10:00 o'clock a. m., the following property:

5 HEAD OF HORSES

One black horse about 1100 smooth mouth; bay mare coming four yrs old wt about 1100; bay mare smooth mouth, with mule colt by side; bay yearling horse colt.

62 HEAD OF CATTLE

22 milk cows; 10 two-yr-old heifers; 9 yearling steers; 10 yearling heifers; 10 spring calves; ONE WHITE FACE BULL.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

One McCormick mower 6-ft cut; McCormick hay rake, 3-section harrow, grain drill, lister, Canton 2-row weeder, riding plow, walking plow, Sandwich sweep grinder, riding cultivator, one wagon and rack, one wagon with box, one roll hog wire 32 inches high, one 1 1-2 h. p. Emerson gasoline engine, one 6-bbl. galvanized salt tank. Some hay in barn. 8 shoats wt about 140 pounds each. Four dozen Plymouth Rock chickens. Two Bronze hen turkeys and one Tom. Three ducks,

One 6-hole cooking range, one heater, one cupboard, one inubator, one 5-gallon Bentwood churn, one cream can, one organ in walnut piano case, some chairs, fruit jars, and other articles.

Lunch will be Served on the Grounds.

TERMS: All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash. On sums over \$10.00 a credit of 6 months' time will be given on approved security, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date of sale till paid. 4 per cent discount for cash on time sales. No property to be removed until settled for.

E. G. Wilson, Minnie Leslie and Earl A. Wilson, Owners.

COL. GUY V. BRETZ, Auctioneer.

CLAUDE THOMAS, Clerk.

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Obituary

OBITUARIES

Mr. E. G. Wilson, Eva, daughter of Elmer and Phoebe Snow, was born November 14, 1862, in Waukesha, Mass. Her family left Massachusetts and moved to Ellis, Texas, they then moved to Alma, Kansas, early in the year 1886.

On January 25, 1889, she was united in marriage with Mr. E. G. Wilson, at the home of a sister who lived in Norton County. In this almost 14 1/2 years have come many and varied experiences. No one is more aware of the loss than is Bro. Wilson. To this union were born three daughters and seven sons. Grace M. and William preceded their mother in death. Those left to mourn her passing are: Roy E. of Goodland, Earl of Gove, Mrs. Warren Hobson of Alexander, Delmar of Shields, Elmer of Rush Center, Mrs. Tam Baldwin, Ralph and Harold of Nekoma. Bro. Wilson has forty grandchildren and four great grandchildren who love him and are touched by his grief.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson united with their first church in the early 90's. It was the original Christian Church down south of Alma, Kansas. They have kept up their church affiliations all through the years. Wherever they have gone, they have worked in the church in that community. They have belonged to several different churches. A proof of that interest and intensity is wrapped up in the fact that it was just 18 months to the day after their arrival in this community, that there was held a meeting at which this very church was organized. Mrs. Wilson became a charter

member of the Nekoma Methodist Episcopal church, as she was in the living room of her own home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were a part of the same work.

My heart is here,
Where on distant hills, my
loved one dwelle

Among the lilies and anemones,
Glad in the brightness of the
great white throne.

Glad in the smile of him who sits
thereon.

The glory shading all her wealth
of hair.

And making her mortal face
more fair.

My heart is there,
With her who made all earthly
life so sweet.

So ill to live, with her life so
meek.

So mild, so grand, so gentle and
so brave.

So ready to forgive, so ready to
save.

Her fair, pure spirit makes the
Heavens more fair.

And further raise all my longing
prayer.

There is my treasure, and my
heart is there.

Pall bearers were Anthony Hall,
John West, Homer Workman, Fred
Phillips, Dan Phillips, and Rudolph
Maresch.

Singers were Mrs. Harold Mil-
ler, Mrs. Maudie Cochell, John
Feldman, Jr. Bill Feldman.

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Elmer G. Wilson

Elmer G. Wilson was born Sep-
tember 5, 1862, near Bryant, Jay
County, Indiana, and departed
this life on January 14, 1940, at
his home in Nekoma, Kansas,
aged 77 years, 4 months, and 9
days.

His father and family left Indi-
ana on April 1, 1878 in a covered
wagon and came to Kansas, locat-
ing on a claim on the east side of
Norton County. There they built
a part dugout and part sod house
for a home.

He started for himself in 1880
and worked several places in cen-
tral Kansas.

On January 25, 1889, he was
united in marriage to Eva C.
Snow. They first lived on their
claim, then moved to Texas, later
he ventured into the hardware
business.

To this union were born three
daughters and seven sons. Two,
Grace M. and William preceded
him in death. Those who are left
to mourn his passing are, Roy E.,
Goodland, Kansas; Earl A., Gove,
Kansas; Ralph E. and Delmar L.,
Shields, Kansas; Elmer F., Rush
Center, Kansas; Mrs. Minnie Hob-
son, Alexander, Kansas; Mrs.
Elizabeth Baldwin and Harold C.
Nekoma, Kansas. 43 grandchild-
ren and 6 great grandchildren
are left to miss his kindly atten-
tion. Also a brother and sister,
Mrs. Zerepha Stuart, Laverne,
Oklahoma, and D. O. Wilson,
Prairie View, Kansas, remain to
mourn his passing.

In April 1923 the family moved
to Rush county and engaged in
the blacksmithing trade. He work-
ed at this until he was forced to
retire on account of sickness.

This church was organized in
their home. He and his wife be-
ing charter members. His beloved
wife departed this life on Decem-
ber 5, 1938. This sad event left
him lonely, but steadfast in the
belief they would meet again.

On Christmas eve he was called
upon to give the opening prayer.
This will be a blessed memory
to those who were there. We can
ill afford to lose such a beloved
member.

"There is no death! The stars go
down

To shine upon some other shore;
And bright in heaven's jeweled
crown

They shine forevermore."

Funeral services were held at
the Methodist church at Nekoma
Wednesday afternoon, January
17, Rev. C. D. Gambriell conduct-
ing it. The Feldman quartette
sang and burial in Union town-
ship cemetery.