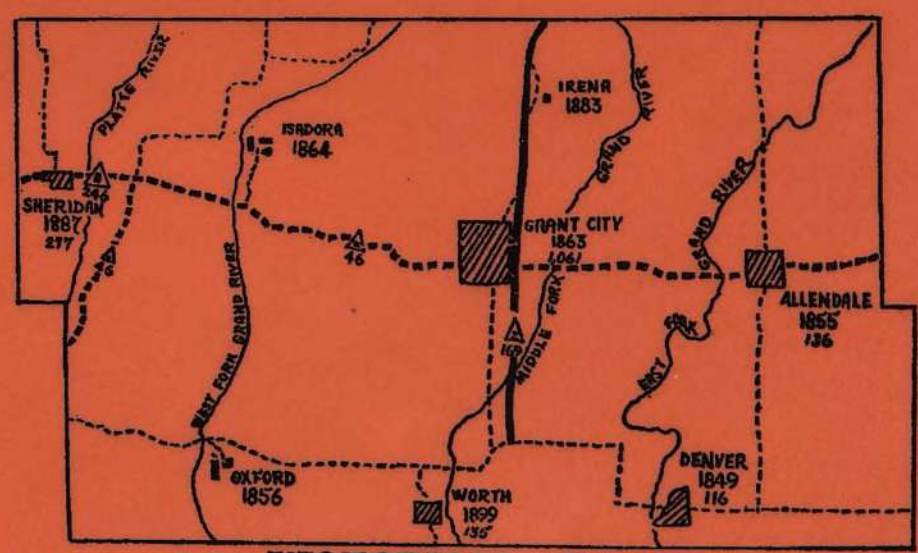


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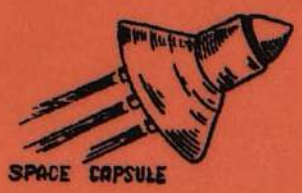
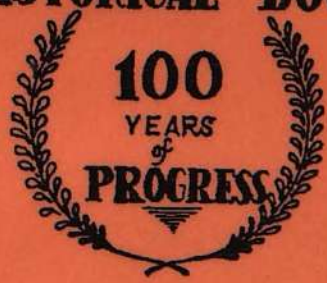
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A Brief Word . . .

This Centennial Historical Booklet has been prepared in response to a general demand for a souvenir booklet commemorating the one hundredth birthday of Worth County, Missouri. In no sense may this be considered a complete history of the first one hundred years, but rather a concerted attempt to give a written and visual presentation of the growth of the community into a dynamic force which made for progress in the middle west.

It contains, to the best of the knowledge of its contributors, a true and accurate record of our county structurally and economically, recording in pictures some of the old and some of the new. Needless to say none of us can remember back to the beginning of the county so we have had to rely on information handed down through the generations and a History of Worth and Gentry Counties published in 1882.

Residents have been liberal in lending the committee pictures of early industry, pioneers, and of buildings long since removed or demolished to make way for progress. Local business people and wholesale suppliers have liberally contributed funds to provide the advertising herein which not only financed a major portion of this book but also gave us a printed record of our county as we know it today.

Much time has been spent in collecting and editing the copy, and none have profited personally from its publication. Care has been taken to prevent errors in information as well as the spelling of names and the committee makes apology for any that might appear. We appreciate the liberal contribution of pictures and regret that limitation of space prevents the use of all of them.

We herewith present the Panorama of events which led to the founding of a community which helped to build the west during an era when our country was emerging from a struggling pioneer nation to a great Democracy.

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We are pleased to take opportunity to extend a "Thank You" for the time and effort of anyone contributing to the success of our Centennial Celebration. It has required persistence, and support of all county residents, and we are indeed grateful for the spirited teamwork and enthusiasm that has characterized the Centennial project from beginning to end.

While the interest, hard work and achievement of members of the centennial organization (Page 4) are well known, we acknowledge too, the assistance of countless others who wore centennial badges, donned centennial apparel, participated in the various events or merely extended approval.

We feel it has been a time of enjoyment for the residents and former residents of the surrounding communities, and that it has, more than any event in many years, brought about a closer bond and spirit of unity, toward community progress among our citizenry.

With appreciation,

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History of Worth County

1861 - 1961

Worth County is located in the northwestern part of the State and is bounded on the north by the state of Iowa, on the east by Harrison County, on the south by Gentry County, and on the west by Nodaway County. It is twenty-one miles east and west by thirteen miles north and south and contains 174,720 acres.

Original settlers of Worth County came from Gentry County. Among the pioneers of Gentry County was Henry Lott, who came from South Missouri (although he came originally from Clark County, Kentucky). He settled west of the present town site of Albany in 1837 and there remained until 1840 when he moved to what is now known as Lott's Grove in Smith Township, Worth County. Here he stayed for two or three years—the solitary settler, not only of the large grove where he settled and built his cabin, but of Worth County.

Indians and wild animals were still there. A strip of land across the west side of Worth County, a mile and a half wide was originally territory of the Otoe Indians. The east boundary line was about where Sheridan now stands and the land extended west to the Missouri River. The Otoe tribe originated along the Platte River of Nebraska and migrated here. They were a peaceful tribe, although they were descendants of the hostile Sioux Indians. This area was included in lands covered by the Platte Purchase agreement of 1832, between the federal government and the Indians, whereby the government gave them a few thousand dollars and some land in Southwest Iowa with some housing on it. This land was given to the State of Missouri and formed what is now part of Worth, Nodaway, Atchison, Holt and Andrew Counties. Many Indian relics are still found along this boundary line on Platte River in Worth County. As late as the early fifties groups of Indians came back



Henry Lott's children, Laura Hull, Johnny Henry and Henrietta Duckworth. Henry Sr., left with an Indian woman and the Musquackie tribe. Later was victim of an Indian massacre and was buried near Boone, Iowa.

to the river hills on West Fork Grand River annually for the fall hunt. They camped near Isadora by the old Indian trail. Smith Township was the last place in Worth County where the Indians wintered before they were compelled to take up their march farther into the western lands where white men had not yet gone. The Musquackie Tribe lingered until 1853 about the Grand River country from which they were loath to leave its sylvan woods, its sheltering groves, and its murmuring streams for these had doubtless been the scene of their childhood homes. To them no land on which the Great Spirit smiles was more fitting for a hunting ground, no streams teemed with finer fish, and there were no prairies where the trophies of the hunt were so varied and abundant.

Henry Lott made friends and companions of the Indians and managed a meager sustenance for himself and his family. After he had been there about three years, a man named Wolfe emigrated to the county with a few others and settled in Lott's Grove. He purchased from Lott all of his possessions, after which Lott moved to what was called Lott's Branch in the

same township. Sometime during the years 1844-1845, he departed suddenly in the company of a tribe of vagrant Indians.

After this settlement of Lott's Grove, a small colony from Platte County, consisting of John Fletchall, Daniel Cox, Sr., Daniel Cox, Jr., Joseph Campbell and E. W. Lynch, all coming originally from Indiana, settled in what is known as Fletchall's Grove, in Fletchall Township. After coming here Lynch married Fletchall's oldest daughter and many descendants of these families still reside here.

The next settlements were made in and about Black's Grove, named after Judge Adam Black, who was one of the first county judges. Black's Grove is in Allen Township, about two miles south of Grant City.

Buildings, churches and mills, were erected in all these groves and from these settlements the population began to spread and increase until, not only the groves, but every nook and corner of the county became the home of civilized and progressive white men.

The county still retains the boundaries set out in that act. The act

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Oldest Living Resident of Worth County John Dallas Scadden



Mr. Scadden was born on December 16, 1860, in Meigs County, Ohio, the son of James Scadden and Samantha Barrett Scadden. He was the oldest child in a family of five boys and one girl. When 15 years of age, he came to Grant City with his parents in a covered wagon. One of his first jobs as a young man was carrying the mail on horseback from Grant City to Mount Ayr, Iowa.

On January 6, 1884, he was married to Miss Lucy Lavesta (Bessie) Tilford. Mrs. Scadden passed away in December, 1943, just before they were planning to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in January, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Scadden were the parents of nine children, three of them dying in infancy, and Virgil, who passed away in 1955. Those living are Mrs. Mamie Wiley and Mrs. Goldie McClellan of Grant City; Earl Scadden of Hawthorne, California; Mrs. Gertrude Harvey and Eardly Scadden of St. Joseph.

His children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and friends helped him celebrate his 100th birthday in December, 1960, at the home of his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClellan.

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also provided for and named three commissioners to select and locate a seat of justice for the county. The commissioners were David Brubaker, Nathaniel Mothersead of Gentry and John D. Williams of Davis County. They met for organization of the County in the town of Oxford on the 4th day of March, 1861.

Records of proceedings show no allusions to the action of the State Commission or to the location of the County Seat until May 7, 1862. On this date an order of a higher court instructed County Seat Commission to lay out three rows of lots at the west end of the original town of Smithton, that it be designated the County Seat and that it be named Worthville. A survey of this addition was made and a plat submitted to the County Court. A controversy arose among the people whether to make a new town the County Seat or make Smithton the County Seat, and local influence delayed official action. During this time the Circuit Court, County Court and County officials transacted their business from the upstairs of Eli Smith's store building. In the meantime John Fletchall started a petition which resulted in a Legislative Act which moved the County Seat to its present location, the geographical center of the county, in 1863. County business was still done at Smithton until some-



Gabriel W. Frakes and wife, born 1821, picture 1863. Gave land for Grant City.



First County Court House of Worth County, located on present court yard, 1863.

time in 1864 when a Court House was provided.

The act authorized the Governor to appoint county officials and Circuit Court officers to supervise county business until regular officers could be elected legally.

The county was laid out in townships and each township was usually named for some person who had been active in organizing the new county. Andrew Black of Middlefork Township, William Milligan of Greene, who is grandfather of Mrs. Bessie Boll and Mrs. Opal Danner, and Andrew McElvain of Allen were appointed judges of the County Court by Governor Clayborne Jackson. Richard S. Coffey was appointed commissioner to represent Worth County in transferring of the revenue from the records of Gentry County to the new records of Worth County. The county seat at Smithton was located about two miles south of the present town of Grant City. The first Circuit Court was held at Smithton in 1861 with the Honorable James McFerran as Circuit Judge. The Governor appointed the following officers: John Patton, Sheriff; Wellesly W. Thornton, Clerk; and W. O. Lewis, Prosecuting Attorney.

In 1863 G. W. Fletchall of Fletchall Township presented a petition signed by three-fifths of the taxable inhabitants of the county asking for the removal of the county seat from Smithton to the center of the

county. The geographical center of the county is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S.E. of the present courthouse. The same day the county court appointed Manlove Cranor, Johnson Miller and Allen Adkins of Gentry County and Moses Stingley and Captain Bentley of Nodaway County as commissioners to select the site of the new county seat. In the meantime, the election was called to determine if the county seat should be moved. The election returns showed 225 for and 90 against the move. In the same year the present county seat was located where it now stands and was named Grant City in honor of General Ulysses S. Grant. G. W. Frakes and Isaac Miller each donated twenty-five acres of land for the county seat.

Corn, wheat, and oats, timothy, clovers, and alfalfa are the principal crops. In recent years soy beans have been grown extensively. This is fine stock country and many fine horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, and poultry are fattened annually for markets of the world.

The land is principally upland and what was once called prairie land, although there are some river valleys that are very productive.

Good, pure water is abundant. The three main forks of Grand River and the Platte River traverse the county the entire length from north to south and, with their numerous tributaries, supply water in un-

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The Soil and Water Conservation District of Worth County

A HISTORY

L. C. LUTES

Like most of the lands acquired by the United States in the Platte Purchase, the hills and small stream bottoms of Worth County, Missouri, were found by the early white settlers in the 1840's to be very fertile for grain and forage crops. As bottom timber was cleared and the prairie sod turned by plow, this desirable condition continued until well past the turn of the century. One of the early newspaper editors, discussing crops and yields in his own columns, referred to his county as "The Kingdom of Worth."

However, as the crop years rolled by, it was noticed that the mellow, black earth was leaving the hillsides, and in its place yellow clay, stones and gullies met the eye. The streams, once clear and full-running, despite dry spells and heavy rains, were by the late 1920's, either raging muddy torrents, or mere trickles. Bottom fields were beginning to be either too sandy, or had larger and larger areas of "gumbo." The mid 1930's, with the drouths, dust storms and insects brought the realization that much of our crop land was virtually worthless.

Hugh Hammond Bennett, whose name ranks with those of Washington and Lincoln as saviours of America, had long been experimenting and working with the problems of Soil and Water Conservation, and had some of the answers. He was named by President Franklin Roosevelt as first head of our Soil Conservation Service. In addition, he was wise enough to see that the dimensions of the job to be done were too big for even the huge resources of the Federal government. So he evolved the idea of local Soil Conservation Districts, in which the programs were planned and administered by local landowners through their elected supervisors, with the help and technical know-how of Service men. The right of each farmer to do much or little, or nothing at all on his own farm was kept inviolate.

Such a Soil Conservation District was voted into existence by Worth County farmers in April of 1944. The first board of supervisors consisted of Earl Rinehart, O.

C. Troutman, Gilbert Gladstone, and E. R. Prest, elected by their neighbors, and the County Agent, D. E. Bellairs, served as secretary by Missouri law, as have his successors, Charles Elwood, John Cassell, Frank Miller, Merritt Potter and Kenneth Romang. Other elected supervisors through the years have been J. C. Payton, Paul Gates, Wm. R. Penney, C. A. Scott, C. C. Foland, Virgil Goff, L. C. Lutes, Billy D. Harding, Carl Hiatt, Laz Hawk, Delbert Jackson, Carl Winemiller, and A. J. Robertson. In this Centennial year of 1961, the board consists of Chairman Carl Winemiller, Paul Gates, Marvin Mercer, A. J. Robertson, and Kenneth Romang.

The Worth District has been assisted by several men of the Soil Conservation Service. The first conservationist was Roger E. Sherman and his assistant was Robert Frazier, who still serves on the Worth staff. Mr. Sherman's successor was and is Dale Mitchell who came in 1956. Others who have worked here are Charles Paige, Charles Campbell, Pat Kelley, Conrad Wilkinson, R. R. Conrad, John Gibson, and Burton Brown, an Area man, who lives in Grant City.

Believing that Soil and Water Conservation for future generations is a matter for holy consideration, the Worth boards have tried to implant it in the minds and hearts of all our people, with a very high degree of success. While much remains to be done, a comparison of progress in the Worth District with that of any other District, even nationally, gives us a creditable showing. Worth was first in Missouri to win the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* award for administrative excellence; sponsored the first Watershed, the Platte Tributaries Watershed, to be built in Missouri; won the Goodyear Award for distinguished service; put on the State Plowing Matches and Soil Conservation Field Days in 1858. Worth supervisors have achieved both state and national recognition. Two have been Missouri Association directors and one has been State president and National councilman, and been keynote speaker at a National Association convention.

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limited quantities for stock and farm purposes.

There are six political townships in the county. Allen Township, located in the southeast corner of the county, was named for Aaron M. Allen who came from Illinois in 1843. A few of the pioneer men who helped in the settlement of this part of the county are Judge Patterson Cadle and Andrew McElvain from Illinois, C. R. Dawson from Casey County, Kentucky; Nathaniel Blackeley and William Dry from Tennessee; John Hunt from Ohio and Samuel Vassas from Kentucky.

Fletchall Township, situated in the center of the county was named for John Fletchall who came from

Indiana in 1844. Phillip Haas, Jake and Henry Stope came from Ohio sometime after 1850. Alfred McKin and sons, Taylor, Daniel and Alfred, settled one and one-half miles northeast of Grant City about the same time.

Greene Township, named in honor of Greenbury Spoonemore, who came from Illinois in 1855. Simeon Willgite came from Woodson County, Kentucky about 1860, and William McCord came from Pennsylvania in 1864 and settled in Greene Township.

Smith Township lies in the northeast corner of the county. Some of the early settlers here were Tillman Guess who came from Tennessee in 1845; John Petry and Ruben Roach, from Ohio 1847, and James and J. W. R. Adams, from Copper Coun-

ty, Missouri in 1847.

Union Township is located in the northwest part of the county. Among the earliest settlers mentioned here were John H. Hagans, who came from Platte County, Missouri in 1848; Willis Ray from Kentucky in 1847; Joel Simmons from Andrew County, Missouri in 1850.

One of the earliest settlers of Middle Fork Township was Joseph Campbell, who emigrated from Indiana in 1842. Others who settled here were David Dailey, Z. P. Cadle, and Abraham Cunningham from Jackson County, Missouri. Noah Cox, Sr. came from Indiana in 1851; Zachariah Morgan from Iowa in 1856, and N. W. Howell came from Tennessee in 1853.

1885 Saw Mill at Grimes Ford



Charley Silvey's saw mill in 1885 at Grimes Ford on Blanche Welsh farm. Charley was Mattie Wilkerson's father.

They Don't Make 'em Like This Anymore



First Buicks in county, photo taken in 1911. FIRST ON LEFT—Hiram Andrews 1909 car, third new car in county, Jess in front seat. SECOND—Dr. O. P. M. Mills and his car. THIRD—Ben Andrews, with foot on fender and his Buick demonstrator. Pete Wyman and Walter Childers on each side. FOURTH—Lewis Elliott car, Leslie Dooley at wheel and Maude Elliott in rear seat.



First cars shipped to Worth County by rail, Studebakers. Owners: Dr. Bill Robertson, Allendale; Ike Rinehart, Allendale; Ed Tilton, Allendale; John Tilton, Allendale; Joe McElvain, Denver; W. H. Tilton, child in center back.

The W. H. Hathaway Family of Worth County

W. H. Hathaway, the adopted son of Rev. and Mrs. Simeon B. Hathaway, was born in Worth County September 3, 1862. He died in 1948. Elizabeth Morgan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, was also born in Worth County April 24, 1873, and married Mr. Hathaway in 1897. They were lifelong farmers northwest of Grant City.

Pictured are—seated, left to right—Simeon S. Hathaway, born in 1901; Elizabeth Morgan Hathaway, W. H. Hathaway, Leland S. Hathaway, born in 1914. Standing, left to right—Chloris Hathaway Lutes, born in 1910; Joseph M. Hathaway, one of twins, born in 1905; Arel Hathaway, born in 1900; John A. Hathaway, the other twin, born in 1905; and Lorraine Hathaway Hatfield, born in 1898.



The Lutes Family of Worth County



Pictured are

Seated, left to right—James C. Lutes, Lester C. Lutes, born in 1906; Mary Emma Bressler Lutes. Standing, left to right—Merle Lutes Jennings, born in 1892; and Eugene K. Lutes, born in 1888 and died in 1948.

A Brief Family History

James C. Lutes was born in Michigan, July 7, 1859, and came as a boy with his parents to Worth County in 1870, settling on a farm north of Worth. Much of his life was devoted to public service and he served as Worth County Representative, Worth County Collector, and was several times Mayor of Grant City. In business he was a merchant, operated the first grain elevator, and was finally a banker at the Citizens Bank.

Mary Emma Bressler, the daughter of William and Sarah Bressler, was born in Worth County Septemebr 29, 1867. Her family was closely associated with the pioneer days and she was a descendant of Squire Frakes, who gave the land for Grant City. She married James C. Lutes March 8, 1887.

Persons in the picture are

Standing, left to right—William R. Lutes, born in 1935; James L. Lutes, born in 1932; Helen Bragg Lutes, the wife of James L.; John E. Lutes, born in 1944; Merle Lutes, born in 1946. Seated, left to right—Chloris Hathaway Lutes, born in 1910 and married to Lester C. Lutes in 1930; Lester C. Lutes, born in 1906 and holding granddaughter, Sharon Leigh Lutes, born in 1958.



Schools of Worth County



Left to right—Allendale, Denver, and Worth R-1 Elementary Schools.

Comparatively little has been made a matter of record relating to the early schools and churches of the county. From the records and what has been remembered by the old settlers the first schools were held in homes or in a one room building made of logs and were taught by one teacher.

In Allen township, the first school of the county was a subscription school taught by John M. Ginley. The school house was made of logs and the teacher took his pay in anything—such as potatoes, corn, rails and flax.

Mr. Sandford taught the first school in Fletchall township in a small log cabin which was located about three-quarters of a mile northwest of Fletchall Grove.

The first school in Greene township was probably the Oxford school and was well attended.

Horace Hunter from New York taught the first school in Middlefork township. The term began in July, 1860, and the school was opened in the old court room at Smithton, but was finally concluded in a small frame building across the street.

One of the earliest attempts to establish a school in Smith township was that of Major Calvin Hartwell, who taught in the north east part of the township. He opened a free school for the benefit of his own and his neighbor's children. The first school house

(and church building) was erected in Lott's Grove in 1855.

The first school in Union township was taught by Mrs. McClain about 1850. It was located in the timber of the West Fork.

Worth County has had a number of rural and town schools since pioneer days and before the present reorganization the county was divided into 59 districts. The names and numbers of these districts were as follows:

- 1 Butler
- 2 Jackson
- 3 Hunt
- 4 Molar
- 5 Victory
- 6 Honey Grove
- 7 Pleasant Valley
- 8 Platt Dell
- 11 Sheridan
- 13 Isadora
- 14 Pleasant Ridge
- 15 Lone Star
- 16 Hass
- 17 Fletchall
- 18 Ross
- 19 Center East
- 20 Adams
- 21 Eureka
- 22 Allendale
- 23 Jones East
- 24 Knie
- 25 Scott
- 26 Grant City
- 27 Prairie Star
- 28 Echo Dell (Simpson)
- 30 Grand View
- 33 Batson

- 34 McKean
- 35 Salmon
- 36 Bressler
- 37 Maple Grove
- 38 Freeland
- 39 Amity
- 40 Dry
- 41 Williams
- 42 Pine
- 43 Hurst
- 44 Center South
- 45 Smithton
- 46 Sheridan Rural
- 47 Willhite
- 48 Oxford
- 50 Mt. Zion
- 51 Concord
- 52 Leonard
- 53 Worth
- 55 Peddler
- 56 Brushy
- 57 Denver
- 58 Neiger
- 59 Pebble Ridge
- 31 Jones West
- 29 Gravel Hill
- 54 Round Grove
- 10 Columbia
- 32 Mt. Everett
- 9 Mission Ridge
- 49 Miller C-57, April 19, 1917
- 12 Pleasant Hill

These districts remained until they were closed by consolidation, lack of pupils or reorganization.

Worth County R-2 Consolidated District at Sheridan was reorganized in August 1949 and a new building built in 1950 at Sheridan. This

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The Goff Family



Nancy Harrison Goff, widow of Leonard, came from Virginia in 1856, with son Lisbon.



Mary Stabe Goff and E. H. (Zeke) Goff with Gordon.



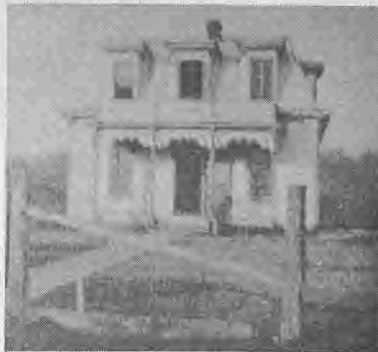
Sarah Emerson Goff and her husband Lisbon, came from Virginia, and homesteaded here in 1856.



SEATED: Frances House Goff, Harold and Jane Gladstone Goff. STANDING: Gordon with daughters of Harold, Susan and Beverly.

The six generations have lived on the original homesite of the homestead entered by Lisbon Goff, October, 1856. The Goff family held a centennial celebration here at the farm in 1956, with a one and one-half hour pageant attended by 350 people and members from eight states.

BELOW: The three houses that succeeded the squatter's long cabin that Lisbon purchased, and the family used more than five years. The first was all black walnut with maple floor and ceiling, and was started before the Civil War. Bushwhacker activity forced the carpenters to abandon the job until the war was over. The square house was put there in 1897 and the present one in 1938.



Extension Service

Part of the Adult Extension work is carried on by nine Women's Extension Clubs with a membership of one hundred sixty. They are Honey Grove Loyal Homemakers, Pleasant Ridge Friendship, Lone Star Boosters, United Neighbors, West Grand, Cherrie Workers, Denver Home Economics, Jolly Janes and Sunny Corner.

The Agricultural Extension Council consists of one man and one woman elected in each township and governs the activities and finances of the Extension Service in the County. Carl Winemiller is the chairman.

4-H Club Work

4-H Club work started in the county before 1930 with Drew Belairs as the first County Agent in 1933. In 1961 there are seven 4-H Clubs in the county with 142 members, thirteen community and assistant leaders and thirty-seven project leaders. Clothing and woodwork are the most popular projects with foods, livestock, electricity, and horticulture next. The clubs are Irena Supers, Allendale Aces, Willing Workers (Grant City, Sheridan Shamrocks, West Fork Boosters (Isadora), Denver Rockets and Worth 4-H Bears. There are fifteen older members doing Junior Leader work. Waurine Stephens is the County Home Agent, Kenneth Romang, County Agent and Bonnie Crockett the office secretary.



R-1 Grade School, Grant City.

Banks of Worth County

The first bank established in Worth County was at Allendale in 1876. Calvin Tilton was president. Worth County now has two banks. Citizens Bank at Grant City was established in 1881, John C. Dawson, president. Today W. M. C. Dawson, a son of John C. is president and John P., a grandson, is cashier. The Farmers Bank at Sheridan was established in 1895 with S. F. Shidler as president. Today Vesta Jackson is president and Reece Streeter cashier.

SCHOOLS OF WORTH COUNTY

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building cares for the Elementary and High School pupils.

Worth County R-1 Consolidated district was reorganized in August, 1951. In 1956 lightning struck the main building and it burned. A modern Junior and Senior High School building was constructed at Grant City in 1959 at a cost of \$580,000. Elementary schools are located at Worth, Allendale, Denver and Grant City. Another elementary school was located at Oxford but was discontinued in 1960.

Through the years the salaries for teachers have ranged from room and board and a few dollars to \$7,500.



Early oil burning plow tractor, 1916 model, also used for threshing. Zeke and Virgil Goff on tractor; George and Gordon on separator.



Tilton's bank at Allendale was originally Worth County Bank, first bank in the county.

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Churches of Worth County

At the present time there are about thirty-five churches in the county. The denominations are: Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian, United Brethren, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Advent Christian, Church of Christ, and Assembly of God.

The first church organization in Allen township was effected in 1843 at the house of Thomas Reynolds, by Rev. Curry, a Baptist. The pioneer church building was located at Black's Grove, and was partially erected about the year 1858 by the Missionary Baptists. It was never fully completed, and was moved to Grant City to the lot which is now the Christian parsonage. In June 1883 the Christian Church bought the building from the Baptists for \$700.00 and moved it to their present location.

In Fletchall township the Missionary Baptists organized the first church in the township and held services at George Fletchall's house in Fletchall's Grove. David Stiles was the first minister.

The first church organization in Greene township is not known, but the first church building was erected in 1876 by the Cumberland Presbyterian. Rev. John Wayman was among the first ministers to serve this church.

In Middlefork township, the Baptist, Methodist, United Brethren and Christians had organizations and held meetings in various places. The United Brethren erected an early church called Prairie Chapel in 1877.

The earliest church, perhaps, organized in Smith township was the Christian in 1855 at Allendale, the organizing members being Richard Williams and John G. Crecekins and wife.

Rev. David Osborn was the pioneer preacher of Union township. He helped to organize a Christian church at Joseph Watsons in 1855. The minister was Rev. Hiram Warner.



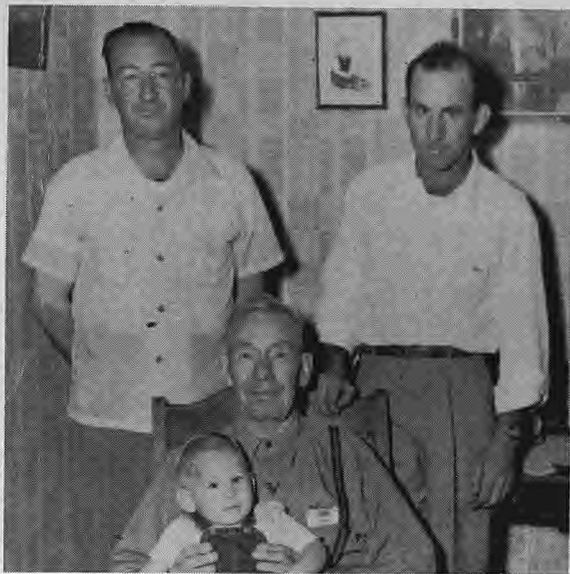
The first church in Worth County was built by the Baptists at Black's Grove in 1868. It was never completed and was moved to Grant City in 1869 and put on the lot of the Christian Church parsonage. Later the Christians bought it and moved it to their present location.

Representatives of Worth County

1862 J. J. Young	1913 James C. Lutes
1864 Lawrence Dry	1915 W. W. Aldrich
1867 Martin Hickman	1917 J. E. Wyman
1869 Andrew McElvain	1919 J. E. Wyman
1871 Rawland T. Scoan	1921 John J. Haas
1873 Lawrence Dry	1923 Charles T. McLaughlin
1875 Robert Walker	1925 Charles T. McLaughlin
1877 John D. Horn	1927 Lawrence B. Day
1879 Andrew McElvain	1929 Lawrence B. Day
1881 Elias S. Garver	1931 Oscar Fletchall
1883 Elias S. Garver	1933 N. R. Aldrich
1885 Elias S. Garver (resigned)	1935 N. R. Aldrich
1887 John Ewing	1937 J. W. Haley
1889 Elijah Miller	1939 J. W. Haley
1891 Allen Scott	1941 J. W. Haley
1893 Elijah Miller	1943 Gordon Goff
1895 Clifford M. Harrison	1945 Gordon Goff
1897 Simeon Davidson	1947 Guy W. Hall, D.D.S.
1899 William V. Hauber	1949 Guy W. Hall
1901 Othniel B. Hudson	1951 H. F. Holland
1903 Othniel B. Hudson	1953 H. F. Holland
1905 W. W. Aldrich	1955 Horton F. Holland
1907 W. W. Aldrich	1957 Horton F. Holland
1909 A. O. Stanley	1959 Horton F. Holland
1911 James C. Lutes	1961 Joe A. Jackson



Captain Sparks



Wm. E. Sparks in chair with Bill on his lap.



Three generations.

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Everybody in the pictures above bears the same name, Bill Sparks, and they are all related to each other. The distinguished looking gentleman with the high silk hat is the "Grand Daddy of 'em all," Wm. P. (Captain) Sparks. He was best known among the early pioneers of Worth County for his outstanding loyalty to America as a Civil War veteran and his talent as a speaker, actor, and poet.

One of Captain Sparks' sons, William E., is seated in the rocking chair, holding on his lap another Bill Sparks, the son of the Bill Sparks who stands behind his left shoulder. He is the son of Harry (Spooner) Sparks, and lives in Sacramento, California.

The Bill Sparks who lives in Grant City is in the two end pictures, wearing glasses. In the right hand picture, three generations of Bill Sparks are from top to bottom, William C. Sparks, Grant City; William M. Sparks, Detroit; and William D. Sparks.

Old Defiance

by ROSE MITCHELL MILLER



House in Defiance, moved to Sheridan and was first residence, now a part of Nobel Aldrich home.

In 1868 there was a small business center with very few dwellings. In 1869 the first grist mill was owned and operated by Jacob Winemiller on the north bank of Platte River and run by a water wheel. It was sold to Charles Freemyer in 1877 and around 1878 to George Orr and sons William and Ed.

John Weaver operated the first store in 1868. Weaver sold his store to Nathaniel DeWitt about 1870. DeWitt sold his store to Alonzo Stone in 1872.

Isaac Davis and Jake Winemiller laid out the town in 1872. Jacob Winemiller was the first postmaster and Dr. Skinner the first doctor. His wife died and was the first to be buried in the cemetery. P. Fletchall had the first blacksmith shop. He sold to my father's brother, Styles Mitchell, around 1882. The first railroad was around 1887.

I, Rose Mitchell Miller, moved with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, my brother Bryant Mitchell, and Walter and Kate from Bedford, Iowa, in February, 1882. At that time there were seven residents. My father farmed for Jacob Winemiller. They were farmers but lived in this small town. At that time there was a room in the second story of his home that served as the Masonic Lodge Hall.

Dr. Frank Cooper was the doctor at that time. Alonzo Stone had the

general store and carried a line of merchandise and groceries. An old bachelor by the name of Cox owned an art shop and sold wood carvings and souvenirs. Some years later there was a brick kiln. I don't remember who operated this place of business.

The school house stood where the Vilas Hibbs house is and on the north side of the road. My first school was at this place. My brother Bryant, sister Kate Mitchell Young, and I all started at the same time in the first grade. The teacher who taught at that time in 1882 and 1883 was Rheube Wyatt. Children from the country came there to school, about 20 in number.

The second teacher was Georgia Thompson in 1884. Some of the children that went to school there were June and Elsie Davidson. June in later years married Dr. O. P. M. Mills and Elsie married Ed Gates. Bill Rickabaugh's children also went to school there.

At the time we lived there the cemetery had very few graves in it. Now the original plot is filled and new ground has been added.

In 1885 the town of Old Defiance was discarded and moved and a new name given in honor of Gen. Sheridan. The town was built on the James Boyle land who lived west of Sheridan. The Chicago Great Western railroad was built in 1887.



Business house in Defiance moved to Sheridan for first business house there.



Glenn Miller, famous band leader, started his training in Worth County. While attending school, he shined shoes in a shoe shine stand, owned by the late J. D. Mosbarger, band director. Mr. Mosbarger financed the purchase of a trombone and gave him his first lesson. Later Glenn paid in full for the trombone. Major Glenn Miller, director of U.S. Air Force Band, went down in a plane crash on flight from England to Paris. Picture autographed to Jack and Mrs. Mosbarger.

Platte River Tributaries Watershed

Worth County moves forward with the first Public Law 566 Watershed in Missouri.

Through the efforts of Worth County Soil District Cooperators with lands draining into Platte River and the Soil Conservation District Board, the first watershed in Missouri is now under construction. This watershed consists of 13,500 acres of Worth County land farmed by over 100 land owners.

The watershed program is administered by the Soil Conservation District Supervisors with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

The first elected watershed trustees which serve in an advisory capacity to the District board were Carl Winemiller, Lloyd Jenkins and Art Scott.

This watershed will stand as a monument to the progressiveness of Worth County farms in soil and water conservation.

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The Prugh - Verbeck Family



Benjamin Prugh
1832-1917



Isabelle Drake Prugh
1850-1898



James H. Verbeck
1846-1912



Emily Wright Verbeck
1849-1899

Migrated from Corydon, Iowa, to Grant City, Missouri, in 1868. The Prugh sons are William, Orr, John, an Bert.

Migrated from Illinois to Worth County, Missouri in 1875.



Minnie Verbeck
1873-1945



William C. Prugh
1867-1941



Alice Verbeck Prugh
1872-1944

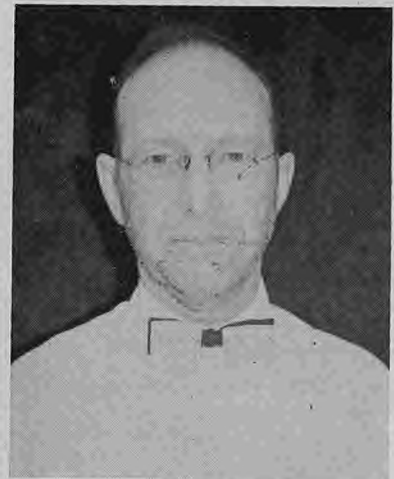
Children of William and Alice Prugh



Emily Prugh Green, 1900-1931



Isabelle Prugh Meyer, 1902-1952



J. Benjamin Prugh, 1907



Arch C. Dunfee
1903



Bernice Prugh Dunfee
1905

Children and Grandchildren of Arch and Bernice Dunfee



Billy Arch and Betty Maudlin Dunfee
Sharon, Norman, Cynthia, Neal



William and Marianne Dunfee Findley
Jacqueline, Jennifer, Billy

Sheridan, Missouri

James Boyle founded the town of Sheridan in 1887. Boyle was an orderly under General Philip Sheridan during the Civil War and in honor of the General, the new town was called Sheridan.

Walter M. Bond erected the first building in Sheridan, which was used for a hotel. Volley Davidson, for many years with the Citizens Bank in Grant City, was operator of the first store. Dr. J. M. F. Cooper was the first physician and Judge Dale was the first lawyer. Simons and Mitchell ran the first blacksmith shop and F. D. Wetherald the first lumber yard. First banker was Fred Looke.

The first residence was built for the purpose of boarding workmen building the new Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City railroad, being built down the west side of the Platte River. Real estate in the vicinity was soon divided into lots and sold. Thus Sheridan began to grow and the population of Defiance, one-half mile to the east of it began to lose population.

In 1901 gas lights were installed in the business section. Many private electric lights appeared by 1916 and in 1923 they gave a franchise to Maryville Light and Power for electric service. In 1949 Sheridan put in a city water system with a well in the park.

Sheridan is located in the level valley of the Platte River, twelve miles west of Grant City. It was made a 4th class city in 1947.



Jim Calkin's livery barn built at the beginning of Sheridan. It was by the railroad track on the old road into Sheridan from the east. At this time there was no road in front of the barn, open pasture land.



East side of Seridan Square, about 1890.

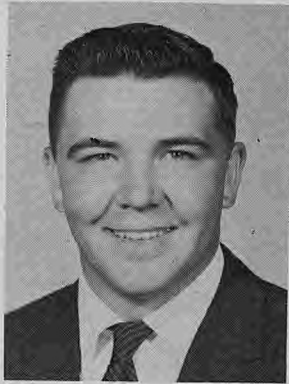


First gasoline tractor in county, bought by W. W. Aldrich and son, Roy, near Sheridan, March, 1914. Instead of rear drive wheels it had a drum 5 feet wide with spade lugs on it. Seat on rear steering shaft was past end of drum.



View of Sheridan original plot in early 1890's.

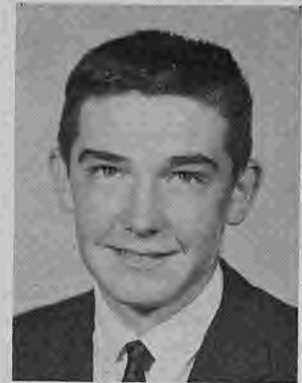
Melville Mathews – Kathryn Prugh Mathews



Stephen Mathews



Melville Mathews, Kathryn Prugh Mathews



Neil Mathews



Dr. Jack Mathews, Dorothy McGladney Mathews



Daniel Curtis Mathews



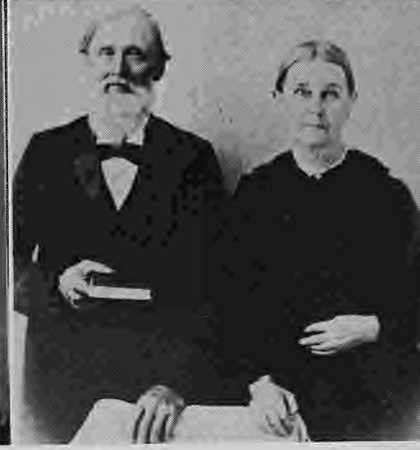
Ruth Mathews Comp, Joe Comp, Mrs. Joe Comp II, Joe Comp III, Dr. Joe Comp II, Blanch Hill Mathews, Nathaniel R. Mathews, Joe Comp III. Nathaniel R. is the grandson of Nathaniel Mathews who came to Worth County in 1867.



Wesley Whitfield Thornton, 1837-1921. Brother of Clementine Thornton Seat. He was first Circuit Clerk of Worth County.



Sarah Morgon Thornton, 1799-1870, came to Worth County 1846. Wife of John Thornton. Born in Cocke County, Tennessee.



Henry Newton Seat, 1826-1899, to Worth County 1844.
Clementine Thornton Seat, 1826-1901, came to Worth County 1846.



Elizabeth Montgomery Seat, 1795-1878. Came to Worth County March, 1884. Wife of Littleton Seat.

THE SEAT FAMILY



Robert E. Lee Seat, 1866-1939. Son of Henry Newton Seat and Clementine Seat.
Teresa Raridan Seat, 1864-1945, daughter of Thomas and Ellen Raridan.



Emmet Seat, son of Robert E. Lee Seat and Teresa Seat.
Leah Dunfee Seat, daughter of H. C. and Rebecca Dunfee.

The Seat family was among the earliest English settlers in North America. The first known ancestors of those living in Worth County were Robert and Annie Seat of Charles City County, Virginia, who passed away about the time of the American Revolution. Littleton, a grandson, came to what is now Worth County in 1844. He was born 1788, died 1845 and has the oldest dated monument in Miller Cemetery. Henry N., son of Littleton, entered land in Sec. 22, Township 65, R. 30, which is still in possession of his descendants. The wife of Henry N. Seat was the daughter of John and Sarah Morgon Thornton. John Thornton, born in England, coming to America prior to the war of 1812, and was a member of Andrew Jackson's Army at the battle of New Orleans. He died in 1853 and was the first person buried at the Hoblet Cemetery. The Seat family have, almost without exception, adhered to the Baptist faith. The most of them have followed the pursuits of agriculture and have been Democrats since the beginning of the Democratic Party.



Large building at left is old Oriental Hotel, built on present site of Akard Hotel and part of same building, built by Amos Frakes, 1867, Mrs. Garver's father.



Home of ex-governor Leonard Farwell (Wisconsin Governor) who is buried in the Grant City Cemetery.



Grant City School building erected in 1904, struck by lightning and burned in 1956.



Oriental Hotel after Frakes built addition to the original structure.



South side of Square looking west, showing ruins of fire August 13, 1882. Large building shown was Spafford Hotel.



Part of 5000 turkeys driven by Allendale Produce Company to Grant City for rail shipment before the days of trucks.

1861

1961

Worth County

The history of *The Times-Tribune* closely parallels that of Worth County. It is the successor to *The Enterprise*, Grant City's first newspaper, established in April of 1867, the *Grant City Star*, the *Worth County Times*, and the *Worth County Tribune*. It was formed in 1929 by a consolidation of the *Worth County Times*, and the *Worth County Tribune*. An independent newspaper, its circulation is in excess of 3,000.

The Times-Tribune is a modern newspaper developed through years of constant improvement in mechanical, news, and advertising techniques.

The Times-Tribune is in its ninety-fifth year as the "front page" of Worth County. During these years it has been more than a business. It has been a public trust, a solemn responsibility and no newspaper worth its salt will avoid that responsibility even in the face of criticism or attack.

The Times-Tribune

1867

1961

The Frank Lowder Family



The Frank Lowder home on West Lovers' Lane



Frank, Edith, and Linda Lowder

Frank was born in 1909 and came to Worth County in 1931, where he started his present business. He is the son of Mrs. Clarice Lowder of Sterling, Colorado. Edith was born in 1911, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Slagle of Grant City. Linda was born in 1942. She will be a sophomore in college this coming fall.

Oxford, Missouri

The town of Oxford, when laid out, was called West Point, after Carter West, who was its founder and pioneer business man. West did business there before the town was laid out, which was in 1856. He was succeeded in business by Henry

Bowers.

Among the earliest settlers was Samuel Harris, who was a dry goods merchant and a farmer. Dr. William Cox was the first physician and surgeon.

The first postmaster was Jackson

Sharp. McElroy and John Black were the first blacksmiths. S. B. Willhite was the druggist and Henry Miller, the first wagonmaker.

Oxford is located ten miles southwest of Grant City.

A meeting of State Commission appointed by the Governor to form the county met here and appointed the first County Court and county officers and chose the place for the county seat.



Sunday afternoon at Oxford General Store.



Old Minnick blacksmith shop at Oxford, later purchased by Jap Elkin's.



Wilson Store at Oxford, about 1920. Building later burned.

The Stabe Family



Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Stabe

Oliver S. Stabe and Daisy Willhite Stabe were married October 4, 1899. They lived on a farm two miles east of Grant City. They are the parents of Frank Stabe.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stabe

Frank W. Stabe and Madonna Davidson Stabe were married June 9, 1929, and live on the old home place. They are the parents of one son, Clark Stabe.



Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stabe

Clark V. Stabe, was born July 26, 1937. On June 5, 1960, he was married to Elaine Thompson. He entered the army in October of 1960, and at present he and Elaine are in Germany, serving an eighteen months assignment with the armed services.

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Irene Thrasher

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Blaine Adams, Worth Mayor
Rev. D. J. Henderson
Kelton Shipley
Frank Barker
Kenneth Romang
Arthur Knight
Lois Miller

Soil Conservation

Noble Aldrich, Sheridan Mayor
Willie Scadden
Ruth Hunter
Dale Mitchell

Youth Day

Frank Barker, Grant City Mayor
Richard Swift
Lowell Darnell
Bob Frazier
Bill Dunfee
Mac Spainhower
Richard Houk
Raymond Stephens

Pioneer and Homecoming Day

W. G. McFadden, Allendale Mayor
Martha McLaughlin
Burl Wilson

Parade Day

Kermit Bram, Denver Mayor
Guy Allee

All County Religious Day

D. J. Henderson
Howard Weddle
Austine Penny
Glenn Hunter

COUNTY OFFICIALS — 1861 - 1961

County Judges Commissioned by Governor—1861

Adam Black, 1861-61
Wm. Milligan, 1861-62
Andrew McElvain, 1861-62
Eli Smith, 1862-62

Election—1862

Wm. Milligan, 1863-64
David Mull, 1864-65
Hiram Andrews, 1863-72
D. C. Woodruff, 1865-66
W. R. Glenn, 1865-66
Lawrence Dry, 1867-68
John Kirkpatrick, 1867-70
G. F. Bram, 1869-1873
A. J. McElvain, 1871-1873
J. Ross Magee, 1873-73

Special Election, November, 1873

D. S. Ethington, 1873-74
P. W. Jones, 1873-76
E. W. Rice, 1873-76
Bedar Judd, 1873-74
L. W. Jones, 1873-76
William M. Cox, 1875-76
M. T. Willhite, 1875-77

George Hass, 1876-77
W. C. Hudson, 1876-77

July, 1877—Court was reorganized. Judges were appointed by Governor. Associate Judges were to be elected by districts as they are today.

George Hass, Pres. Judge, 1877
L. G. Jones, East Judge, 1877
M. T. Willhite, West Judge, 1877
Franklin Hardwick P. J. (4 years), 1879-82
James A. Robertson, E. J. (2 years), 1879-82
William H. Foland, W. J. (2 years), 1879-80
Wm. C. Hudson, W. J., 1881-82
Charles M. Hunt, P. J., 1883-86
John W. Freeland, E. J., 1883-84
Samuel A. Wilson, W. J., 1883-84
A. H. Butler, E. J., 1885-86
Geo. F. Townsend, W. J., 1885-86
John A. West, P. J., 1887-90
P. R. Cadle, E. J., 1887-88
B. F. Herndon, W. J., 1887-90
John J. Haas, E. J.

A. L. Conn, P. J., 1891-94
Theodore Williams, E. J., 1891-92
John B. Ewart, W. J., 1891-92
C. M. Hunt, E. J., 1893-94
R. T. Arnold, W. J., 1893-94
John Stalder, P. J., 1895-98
C. T. Shaw, E. J., 1895-96
James Hennegin, W. J., 1895-96
Emory McCleary, E. J., 1897-98
W. L. Addy, W. J., 1897-1902
Theodore Williams, E. J., 1899-1900
Henry W. Simpson, W. J., 1899-1900
John F. Hardrick, E. J., 1901-04
John Nash, W. J., 1901-04
William C. Gladstone, P. J., 1903-06
A. M. Jones, E. J., 1905-06
G. A. Merckling, W. J., 1905-06
G. A. Merckling, P. J., 1907-14
H. C. Dunfee, E. J., 1907-10
O. O. Herndon, W. J., 1907-10
Willard E. McElvain, E. J., 1911-12
C. E. Martin, W. J., 1911-14
S. J. Foland, E. J., 1913-14
Willard E. McElvain, P. J., 1915-18

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The Barker Family



John J. Barker, 1846-1918; Cordelia F. McCandless, 1851-1917. Married 1869, moved to Worth County, Missouri, 1895.



Alex Gladstone, 1854-1939; Nancy Jane Maxwell, 1860-1928. Married 1878, moved to Worth County, Missouri, 1890.



Jay W. Barker, 1888-1959; Bessie Gladstone. Married 1913.



FIRST ROW: Bruce Mincks, Jay Jeffries, Tom Mincks, Jim Farrell, Alex Minck. SECOND ROW: Cora Bess Farrell, Helen Ruth Jeffries, Jean Mincks, Charles Farrell, Frances Farrell, Bess Barker, Louise Farrell. THIRD ROW: Thomas E. Jeffries, Robert H. Mincks, Victor M. Farrell, Jay W. Barker.

Allendale, Missouri



Interior of Tilton Bank at Allendale, about 1900. J. T. Tilton, front; Ed Tilton and John Robertson, inside. Eagle over cashier's window was knocked down with a club, south of Allendale.

The town of Allendale was laid out September 5, 1855, by two brothers, Joel and William C. Allen, who christened the town Allenville. They soon found that another town in Missouri was named Allenville and changed it to Allendale. The town is situated about eight miles east of Grant City and rests on a level plane that seems to rise gradually back from Grand River, a mile to the west.

The first business in the town was that of James Conrad, who was a saloon keeper. The first store of general merchandise was opened by Joel and W. C. Allen.

The first school building in Allendale was a log cabin built in 1856 and a teacher was employed. In 1869 the log cabin burned and a two story frame building was built at the cost of \$2,500. From 1866 to 1870 they had only one school di-

rector, then they increased it to three.

In 1911 an effort was made to locate a vein of coal which geologists believed to underlie the village. Money was raised and the project carried out. Three veins of coal were located but they were all at too great a depth to render mining of the mineral practical.

In 1881 a newspaper was issued each Saturday by W. H. Conn.

Allendale is still a live business town and in 1955 celebrated their 100th anniversary at which time they had a 5-mile parade and 28,000 people in attendance.



Edd Carr Grocery, 1894, at Allendale. Left to right, Cad Hammer, Edd Carr, Minerva Carr, Laura Carr, with son, Ransom; Alma Carr, Ruth Carr, Andra Carr, Henry Jones, drayman from Allendale to Grant City.



Allendale blacksmith, William Warner, Charley Farrell.



Allendale marker

The Tandy Family



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT—Arch P., born 1854; Jane C., 1845; Samuel M., 1855; Francis M., 1847; Jackson T., 1843; Edward B., 1849. SEATED—Reese B., 1857; Narcissa B., wife; and Lucy E., 1860.

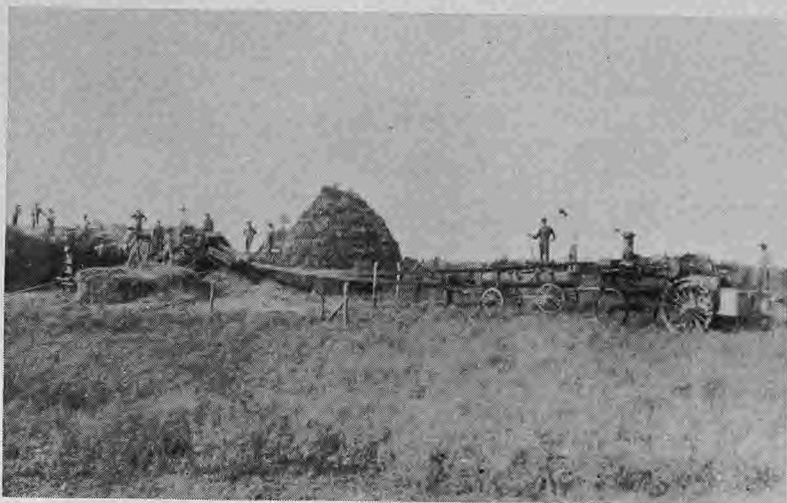
Henry J. Tandy was born in Kentucky in 1818, later moving to Lexington, Missouri, in 1837. From there he moved to Trenton, Grundy County, where he conducted a harness business. It was in Trenton he met and married Narcissa B. Perry. To this union eight children were born, named above. He joined the gold rush of 1849, returning after four years of crowning success. He bought and entered 1800 acres of the choicest land in Gentry and Worth Counties. He settled on a farm north of Denver, where he died January 27, 1871.

Reece B. Tandy was born October 26, 1857, in what is now Allen Township, Worth County, Missouri. After acquiring a common school education, he attended Grand River College at Edenburg, Grundy County. After teaching a few years, he spent four years in Montana. In 1880, he entered the drug business, becoming the first registered pharmacist in Worth County. He served as postmaster in

Allendale from the year 1896 to 1900. Later he served a four year term as Justice of the Peace for Smith Township. In Allendale in 1892, he married Mary J. Richardson, born February 18, 1871. Four children were born to this marriage—Lucy, born April 20, 1893; Samuel, born November 18, 1894; Woodson, born November 7, 1899; and Eldon, born March 1, 1906. Later they moved to the family home north of Denver. Upon retiring, he moved to Grant City where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away November 21, 1940. His wife followed him in death on April 4, 1959. Of their children, Lucy married Ward Porter, Decemebr 23, 1914. The children are Donald, Fielding Francis, Harold, and Louise. Samuel married Garnet Porter November 22, 1917. Their children are Russell (deceased), Jewell Rose, Byron, and Phyllis. Woodson married Dean Craven April 25, 1927. They have one son, David. Eldon married Alice Pickering November 27, 1924, and they have one daughter, Joan.



Frank Hall Saw Mill near Isadora.
Frank at the control, about 1900.



Frank Hall steam thrasher with slat
straw stacker, about 1900, near Isadora.



Old horse power wood saw, us-
ing five teams to furnish power to saw
the stove-wood. Same horse power was
used to run the threshing separator. Left
foreground John Simpson; third from
left, Ed Goff. Taken about 1890.

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William Jennings Bryan (opposite steering wheel), spoke at Grant City Chautauqua in 1912. Sim Sanders bought this Reo car that morning to go to Sheridan and meet him at the train. Lester Marrs (at wheel) sold the car and drove it. Beside him, Milton Sanders. Also in picture—Fred Dawson, J. L. Tilton, Henry Hood.



Dodge car in front of J. B. Dawson Co. store was a forerunner of the panel truck. Roll down curtains closed the sides and it carried samples for Wheeler and Motter Wholesale Dry Goods Company.



Houser Verbick Park about 1900. James Verbeck, Bill Erwine, Al Smith, Dal Scadden (still living at 100 years.) Note gas light hanging on tree and hand power peanut roaster at left.

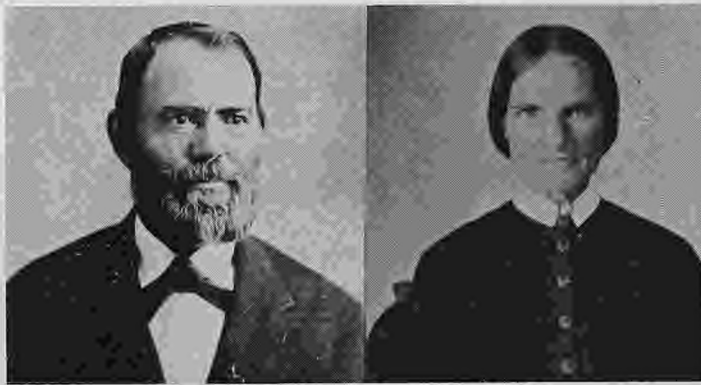
Grant City was organized in 1863, but the first recorded act of civilization affecting the land on which the county seat of Worth County is now located was the land entry made in 1857 by Mrs. Lydia Frakes. Her preemption of the south eighty acres of the southwest quarter of section 28, of township 66, range 31, west of the fifth principal meridian, established a civilized foothold that has developed into the thriving commercial, educational, religious and social center that bears the reputation of being in the front ranks of towns its size. Mrs. Frakes sold one eighty acre tract to her son G. W. Frakes for \$2.00 per acre and sold the other eighty acres to another son, Amos Frakes, who later sold it to Mrs. Frakes' son-in-law, Isaac Miller. G. W. Frakes donated twenty-five acres and Isaac Miller donated twenty-five acres to the site of the new county seat.

With the rumor that the county seat would be established at Grant City came efforts to establish the

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Amos Frakes, wife and daughter, later Mrs. Garver. He was born in Indiana, made the California Gold Rush, settled in Worth County, 1857. Had a store on Effie Witmer farm, east of Grant City, built first building in Grant City, 1863, for store on prospects of County Seat being located here. Later in 1867 built first hotel, the Overtal House.



Joseph and Nancy Saville



Charles and Ida Saville



Children of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Saville



The Saville Family

Joseph and Nancy Carpenter Saville and family moved to Denver, Missouri, in 1869, from Mitchell County, Iowa, where they had lived a few years after moving to the West from Covington, Kentucky. Mr. Saville was born in England in 1823 and came with his parents to America in 1827. Their three children were Libbie M., Dana M., and Charles J. Saville. The home they bought in Denver is still standing although somewhat changed by later owners.

Joseph Saville was a blacksmith and mechanic by trade. His shop was across the street from his home.

He was recognized as a good musician for that day. He organized and directed a band for several years. His two sons were members of the band. The daughter played the organ and later the piano.

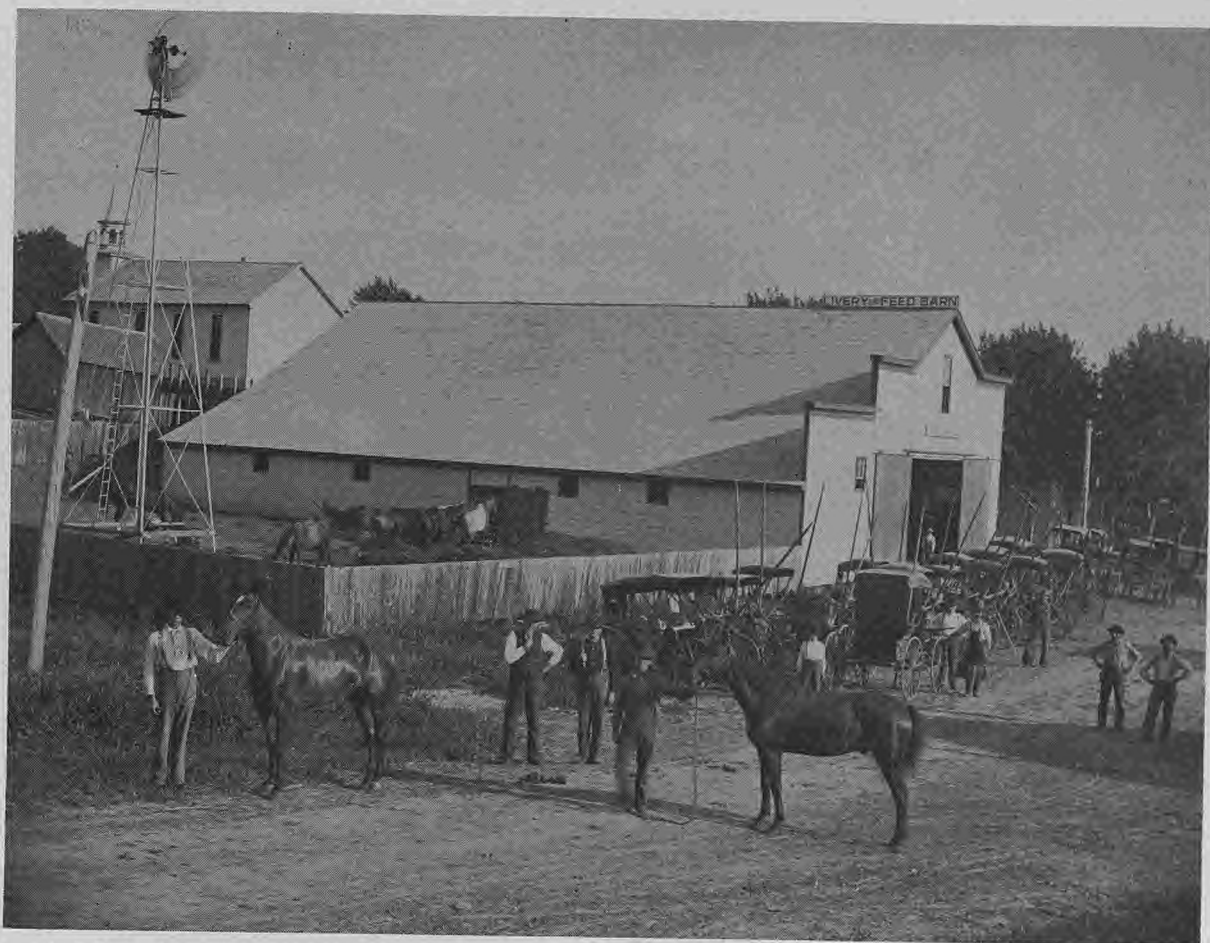
Libbie M. Saville was a teacher in the Denver and Grant City schools. While teaching in Grant City, she was married on December 24, 1885 to Prof. J. W. Wilkerson who was principal of the school. They moved to Mt. Ayr, Iowa, a year or two later and resided there the remainder of their lives.

Dana married Sarah Jones in 1883 and a few months later returned to Nebraska. The only surviving member of their family is Elsie Saville Mackey who lives in the home town of Ansley, Nebraska.

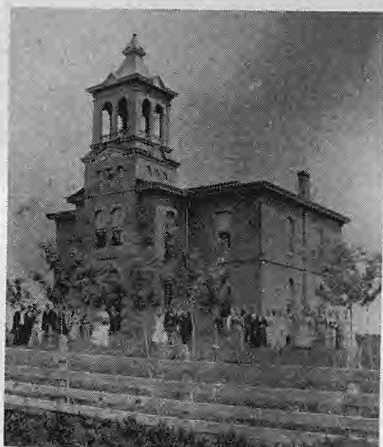
Charles was a teacher in the country for a few years. He attended the Denver school, then went to Kirksville, Missouri, and the Normal School in Shenandoah, Iowa, for further education. While in Kirksville, he wrote a letter to the editor of *New Era*, the home paper, in 1885. He stated that tuition was \$5.00 for a ten weeks term, and board from \$2.25 to \$3.50 per week.

Charles was married in 1890 to Ida Walker who had also taught school. They bought a farm four miles southeast of Grant City in 1894, and resided there during the remainder of their lives.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Saville are Mayhew, Mahala, Chauncy, Virgil, Roscoe, Nell, Galen, and Dorothy. All except the first two were born on the farm. The children attended school at the Freeland. Six went to high school in Grant City. Mayhew and Mahala did their high school work at the Northwest Missouri State College. The family set quite a record by all eight graduating from the University of Missouri. Five became teachers, one graduated in electrical engineering, and two in civil engineering. Mayhew, Mahala, and Nell taught in Worth County before completing work for their degrees.



J. J. Barker Livery Barn about 1900. J. J. Barker in foreground, J. W. in door, Roy holding dark stallion, Ed in middle of street. Upper left shows first Christian Church to be built on present location in 1883. The Barkers came from Kellerton in 1895. Had 40 buggies. Later were first to introduce auto livery.



First brick school building at sight of present old school. Cost \$8,000. Directors were J. W. Watson, A. H. Price, John Kirkpatrick. Picture taken in 1880 while being used for Summer Normal for teachers.



South side Square showing J. B. Dawson and Crit Dawson store with east front where bank now stands. Built in 1866 and burned down in 1882.

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first businesses and to erect buildings.

The first building to be completed was erected by Amos Frakes and was located on the north side of the public square. James Curry hauled in the first load of lumber. Allen Goff hauled a load of lumber for it from Brown's mill at Isadora.

The first general store was established by Amos Frakes, who had a store in a log cabin about two miles east of Grant City, but when he learned that the county seat was being moved to Grant City, moved his store into the new building which he had just completed.

A Mr. Risdon was the first carpenter to work in Grant City. He lived on a farm about one-half mile west of Irena.

Charles Cissna established the first furniture store and Rebecca Cissna taught the first school in a small house just outside the western limits of Grant City. In the winter 1866-67, W. J. Gibson taught the first school in a school building in Grant City. He had forty-one pupils.

Asa Hilsabeck was the first blacksmith. He came from Gentry County and he and his family stood very high in social circles.

Henry Austry was the first shoemaker but later became a hardware merchant at Denver, Missouri.

Dr. Newman was the first physician to locate in Grant City. He sold his horse and buggy to Dr. J. H. Houser, who came from Indiana

and was a physician in high standing.

David Spencer built the W. S. Hudson house. Mr. Hudson purchased this house from Asa Hilsabeck. For many years this house was considered the best in the country.

Robert Sloan was the first practicing lawyer, with John H. Pierce and Thomas H. Collins coming soon afterwards.

J. M. Thompson was the first jeweler to locate in the town of Grant City. He came here from Iowa.

The first postmaster was Charles Swarhout. The second postmaster was F. P. Houser, who also was the first druggist.

The first schoolhouse was built by John France.

John Prugh established the first hardware store.

G. W. Frakes operated the first butcher shop and a Mr. Brinkerhoff ran the first dray.

The first hotel was erected by James Curry and was located on the east side of the square.

Nathaniel DeWitt came in 1865 and was the first resident minister in Grant City.

The first blacksmith shop was owned by James Fletchall and had the sign over the door "All kinds of blacksmithing done except welding."

The Baptists erected the first church edifice.

The first birth was that of McClellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sloan.



Putting up ice at Asher pond, Dr. J. S. Matteson, regular employee, in doorway of icehouse.

The first adult buried in the Grant City Cemetery was Hannah Dye, daughter of Daniel Dye.

Amos Frakes built the first brick house, the Orient Hotel, in 1867.

The first newspaper published was The Enterprise. It was established in April 1867, and was a six column folio, edited by C. G. Bridges. This paper changed hands several times in the next few years. In 1880 S. M. Zuluff purchased one-half interest in it and installed a Campbell power press and enlarged the paper to an eight page folio. This was August 1880. In 1869 the name of the paper had been changed from The Enterprise to The Grant City Star. J. W. S. Dillon became the sole owner of The Grant City Star in February 1899, and continued to publish the paper until the 1920's when he sold his holdings. The Star was the leading Republican paper all through its many years of publication. E. S. Garver was editor and publisher of The Worth County Times, a Democratic newspaper, for many years. Upon his death, the Times changed hands several times. Larmer and Russell Marshall were two energetic young men who operated it for several years and then sold their holdings to C. L. McLaughlin. In 1929 Mr. McLaughlin purchased The Tribune from D. C. Simons and consolidated the two papers, changing the name to The Times-Tribune. Times-Tribune Corporation is publisher and Chase M. McLaughlin, is editor. It is published as a non-partisan paper and has a cir-

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North side square center building, William McKinley Livery Barn, now site of Prugh Hardware, next building Frakes store, first building and was built on prospects of County Seat being established here.

The Shipley Family



Edna Barker Shipley



Ivor L. Shipley



John R. Neal and Grace Pinkerton Neal

Their family—Kelton Arthur, Neil Leroy, Jay Barker, Leota Batt, and Maxine Shipley.

Their family—Ella Clements, Gertrude Hinderks, Blanche Shipley, Victor, Herbert, and Myrilee Baker.



SHOWN ABOVE—Kelton and Blanche Neal Shipley, married August 4, 1935. Their children: Sharon Kay, age 17; Madelyn Rogene, age 16; Russell Leroy, age 12.



Part of family flower garden.



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culuation of 2,801 subscribers.

The coming of the railroad in 1882 marked the first boom for the town of Grant City. It grew rapidly for several years following this memorable event. The C B & Q took over the railroad and extended its line south to Albany to connect with the main line from Chariton to St. Joseph. In 1945 the Burlington declared this branch to be non-profitting and ordered the line from Grant City to Mt. Ayr, Iowa abandoned. Passenger service has been discontinued and a bus line put in operation. Grant City now has

freight service three times weekly from the south.

In 1882 a disastrous fire destroyed the south side or the principal business section. The buildings were constructed immediately, but were again burned in 1888.

In 1896 the city voted bonds for a system of waterworks to be owned and controlled by the city. In 1897 the courthouse was erected in the center of the square, costing \$23,000.00. The entire county was bonded for this amount and the indebtedness was paid in 1907. In 1904 electric lights were installed and a new \$25,000 school building was erected, which has had an addition built

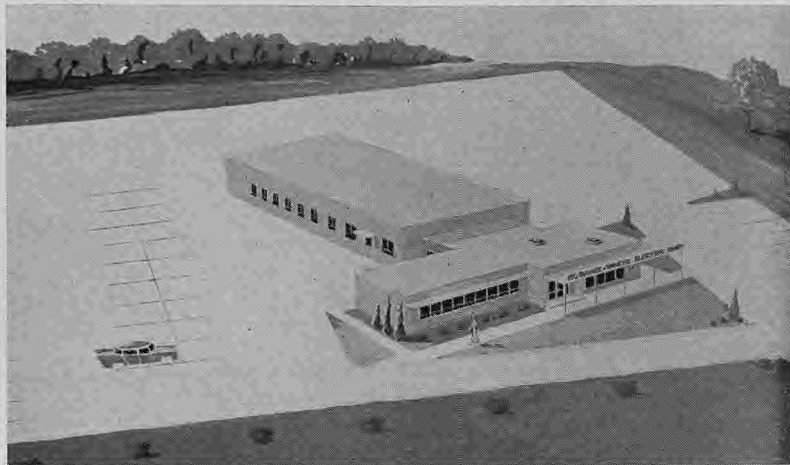
since then. In 1914 the property owners paved 14 blocks of the business section of the town. The white way was installed in the town along with the paving. Other streets have been paved and gravelled and in 1947 the city completed oiling and graveling most of the remaining streets at a cost of \$10,800.00, which is paid by the property owners.

Down through the years, a skating rink and Lynch's Sale Barn have been built, a Legion Memorial building and City Hall were erected, which has served for about every kind of public meeting. City fire equipment has been improved

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Three store buildings built by John C. Dawson, president of Citizens Bank and J. B. Dawson of Dawson's Store in 1882. After the south side fire again in 1907, J. B. Dawson and sons, Ben and C. K., housed three departments in the three buildings. This shows W. J. Gibson Law Office upstairs and Times Printing Office in basement. Note gas street light.



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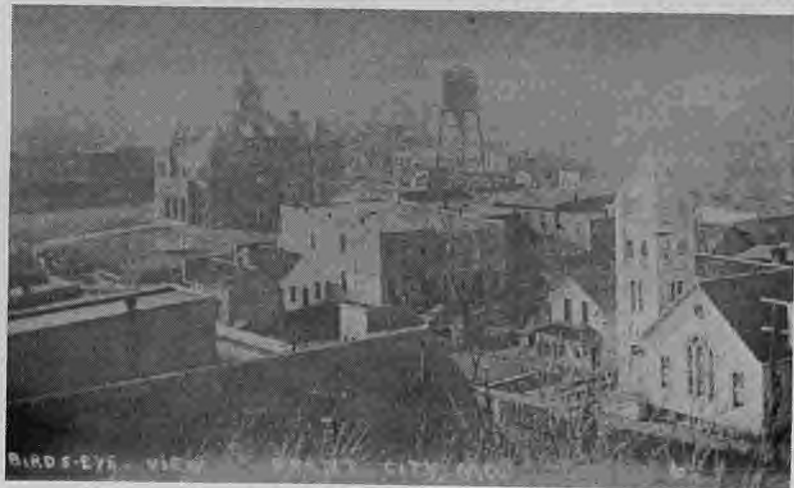
through the years. A new modern fire house was built in 1954 and another new fire truck added in 1960. The city now has a modern water system with reserve supply of well water. By cooperation, a nice golf course and scout cabin has been acquired. In 1958, by bond issue, a new \$45,000 swimming pool was built, and a bond issue in 1960 put new blacktop on every street in town. Also a new modern postoffice building was erected in 1960.



Al Beezley's shop, 1910.



First business building in Grant City. Amos Frakes store and living quarters, 1863. Picture taken 1908, building still standing, Harold Foland house northwest Grant City. Allen Goff hauled some lumber for this building from Browns' mill at Isadora.



View of Grant City business section, 1912. No trees.



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John C. Hunt, born December 20, 1889
Ethel A. Waugh Hunt, born September 3, 1890



Hugh Foland, born February 21, 1882
Elizabeth Jane Adams Foland, (1881-1949)

The Jerry Hunt Family



Jerry O. Hunt, born January 19, 1923
Virginia Foland Hunt, born October 20, 1921
David Leroy Hunt, born March 26, 1947
Paul Dean Hunt, born February 4, 1949
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GOLDEN BELLES

Back Row: Marilyn Calhoun, Nellie Payton, Marguerete Fattig, Martha F. Foland, Joyce Ross, Jessie Rauch, Geneva Proctor, Virginia Hunt.

Front Row: Vesta Hall, Blanche Foland, Tena Coy, Audrey Meek, Hazel Switzer, Aloha Carroll.



JESSIE'S BELLES

Back Row: Nettie Allison, Alice Eagon, Larry Proctor, Neva Rauch, Deva Downey, Grace Foland, Vera Hensley, Bertha Chapman, Bessie Boll, Jean Rinehart.

Front Row: Linda Calhoun, Linda Rauch, Jimmy Proctor with Allan Calhoun in front, Steven Proctor, Jerry Rauch, Jane Fattig, Ronnie Meek.

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Elmer and Blanche Humphrey in front of their store in Irena about 1910. Elmer also did a large business in buying grain and livestock. Hogs and cattle were driven to Irena and many times were herded in groups on the railroad acreage awaiting turn to get in stock yards for loading into cars. Blanche's father, Bill White, was also an early stock dealer.

Irena, Missouri

When the C B & Q Railroad came through to Grant City in 1882, a post office was desired south of the Iowa-Missouri line. This little town was named Irena, by William Richards, an Englishman, in memory of his first wife.

Mrs. Sally A. Skeen was appointed first post mistress of Irena.

Irena declined with the railroad, and has disappeared completely. It remains only in the memories of Worth County citizens, as not even a trace of a landmark remains.



Irena Advent Church built on the George Glenn land and the only church built in this part of the country. Built about 1900.

Marietta, Missouri

Marietta was a small business point on the ridge on the east side of West Fork. It had a postoffice and Caleb Canaday was the first and the last postmaster. He also owned and operated the first store.

Robert Dryden was the blacksmith and went to Kansas. Dr. Froman was the physician of the township and located in Marietta. He came in 1857, and went west during the war.

Marietta was located about a mile southeast of the present Isadora Cemetery on land now owned by Jay Goff.

Union Army recruiters came to Marietta and among the enlistments were Joseph and Leonard Goff, brothers of Lisbon Goff. Both lost their lives while serving with the Union Army.

A Brief History of Worth County

By Worth County Historical Society, Ed Eighmy, President

The last of Missouri's 114 counties to be organized, Worth became a county in February, 1861, 6 months and 39 years after Missouri was admitted into the Union, August, 1721, with 25 counties. Encompassing 267 square miles of rolling glacial prairie, it is the State's smallest county. (Texas county in the Ozarks, with 1,183 square miles, is the largest.)

Named for New York General William Jenkins Worth, who served in the Florida and Mexican wars, the county was first settled by Henry Lott in 1840. Early settlers were largely from other parts of Missouri, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. Worth County, in territory ceded by Iowa, Sac, and Fox tribes in 1824, was not free of Indians until the 1850's.

Seat of justice for the newly organized county was first located near the present county seat, in a village named Smithton for Eli Smith. In 1864, the county seat was moved to Grant City. Named for General U. S. Grant, it was laid out in 1863 on land donated by Isaac Miller and G. W. Frakes. Worth was a strong Union county in the Civil War. Grant City grew as a shipping point after a branch of the C. B. & Q. railroad reached there in 1882.

What is now Worth County was the extreme northwest corner of the State of Missouri until 1837 when the Platte Indian Purchase Territory was annexed to the State. Worth now lies two counties removed from the west border. (An

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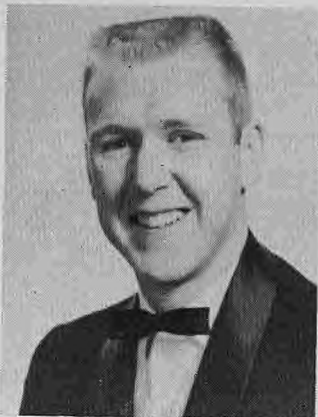
Judge and Mrs. Hiram Andrews came to Worth County in 1852.



Hiram Andrews, 1852-1932
Sarah Hammer Andrews, 1854-1916

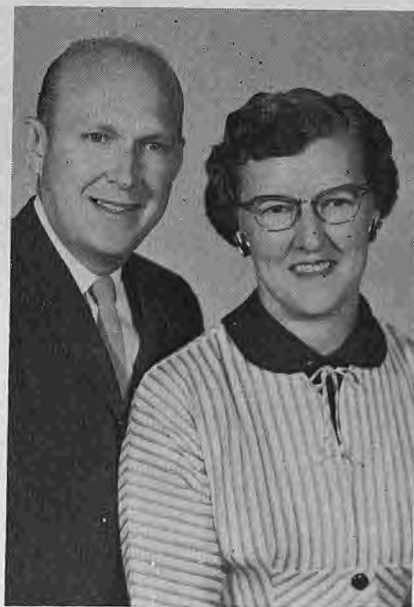


Jess Herbert Andrews, 1893-1955
Lillie Pritchard Andrews, 1895



John C. Andrews, 1940

Five Generations of Andrews



John Herbert Andrews, 1916
Pauline Ferguson Andrews, 1917



Eddie Lee Andrews, 1943



Diane Andrews, 1947



Betty Ruth Andrews, 1950

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The Bunker Family



Fred G. Bunker
1904



Mildred Jones Bunker
1914

Married December 4, 1937

Fred was born in Worth County, the youngest son of John and Hannah Allen Bunker, who were married in London, England, April 28, 1883, and sailed the same day for America.

Mildred Irene Jones Bunker, daughter of W. F. and Nellie Burket Jones, was born near Grant City, Missouri.



Edward Lee Bunker, 1931, son of Fred G. and Hazel Goff Bunker (deceased), married Evanell Lovell Bunker, Bethany, Missouri, 1954. Their daughters are Carol Ann, 1955, and Connie Sue, 1958.



Alma Bunker Thackery, 1940, daughter of Fred G. and Mildred I. Bunker, married Franklin T. Thackery, 1959. They now reside in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Smithton, Missouri

Smithton was founded by Eli Smith from Perry County, Ohio, who purchased land in 1857 and laid out the future town. He built the first business house, a two story rough frame building, and opened a general store. In the upper story were held the first sessions of County and Circuit Courts. First session of Circuit Court was March 28, 1861 and had Hon. James McFerran as presiding judge. The first case tried was State against Robert McCoy, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses. He was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in county jail and \$50 fine.

Records show a court order that the County Seat Commissioners lay out three rows of lots on the west end of Smithton, from Smith's house to the road, that it should be designated the County Seat, and that it be named Worthville. Apparently this was never done by the Commissioners or by the County Court and the controversy between the

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WORTH COUNTY (Continued from p. 52)

Iowa border county, Worth is on the boundary marked by order of the United States Supreme Court in 1851 to settle the 1839 Missouri-Iowa boundary dispute.)

Through Worth County, a fertile grain and livestock farming area, flow the Platte and three forks of Grand River. Mineral springs at the towns of Denver, platted in 1849, and Allendale, in 1855, were utilized as health spots in the 1880's. Among other county towns are Oxford, laid out in 1856; Isadora, 1864; Irena, 1882; and Worth, 1899. Sheridan was founded when the Chicago, Great Western R. R. was built through northwestern tip of Worth County in 1887.

Points of interest include the grave, in Grant City Cemetery, of Leonard J. Farwell (1818-1889), Governor of Wisconsin, 1852-54, and the G. A. R. Monument in the cemetery made by Dell Eighmy who also painted the murals in the dome of the 1898 county courthouse.

two towns continued. In the meantime a petition was circulated and a legislative act in 1863 moved the county seat to the present location.

After the county seat was located at Grant City, Smithton declined and died. All buildings at the site of the first county seat have been gone for more than 80 years.



Eli Smith home, first house built in Smithton. Built in 1857 at west edge of town. Only picture ever taken of any building in Smithton.

Only Distillery

About the close of the Civil War Tun Allen and James Allen erected a distillery three miles northeast of Grant City, on the Middle Fork of Grand River. They ran it two or three years, and sold it to George Fletchall, who operated it only a short time. It was the first and last distillery ever run in the county. When running, it was a place of resort for marksmen, and all kinds of gamblers, bad whisky being the chief incentive.

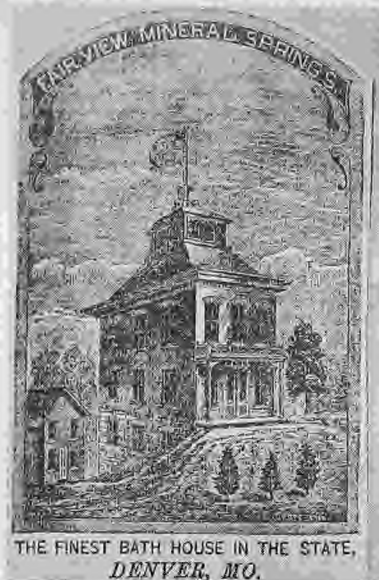


Worth County Court House, built in 1898.

Denver Mineral Springs

About 1884 there was held in the grove north of Denver a camp-meeting of the Advent Church, and to accommodate the worshippers a well was dug on the grounds, but the people soon discovered that there was something peculiar in the water; it would not do to cook or wash with, because of the coloring matter it contained, and the clothes and vegetables assumed an appearance that indicated contact with rusty iron, being colored a dusky red. The slight laxative properties of the water also gave it a bad name, and the people ceased to use it; the wall was taken out, and the well filled up. In the autumn of 1880, some parties, having visited the springs of Arkansas, noticed the same peculiarities, and on returning, the matter was talked of and the old well was again opened up and a sample of the water sent to St. Louis. Regis Chauvenet analyzed the water and said it contained the same elements as the Eureka Springs, of Arkansas, and by the analysis no particle of organic matter, silica, alumina, or other impure, useless or incompatible substance was found. The word went out of

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Bath house and resort at Denver, Mineral Springs built near 1880. Denver and Allendale mineral water was same analysis as Eureka Springs, Arkansas.



Harold W. Dye



Helen June Dye



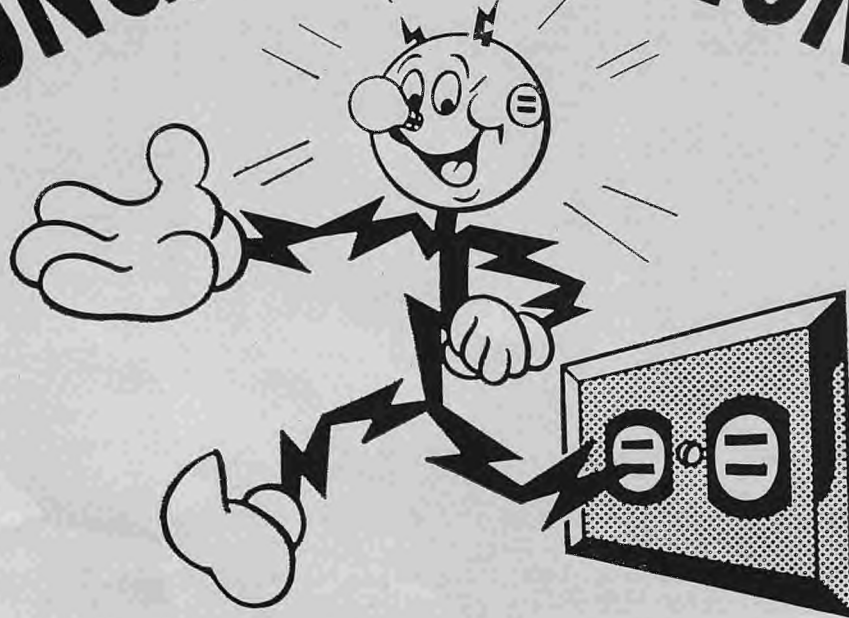
Carol Ann Dye

The Harold Dye Family

Harold W. is the son of George W. and Cora Runyon Dye. June is the daughter of Elva D. and Grace A. Hagans King. Harold Dye was born February 10, 1920. June King Dye was born February 11, 1928. They were married April 5, 1947. Carol Ann was born February 10, 1950. Harold is a veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.



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The R. S. Slagle Family



Reading from left to right. FRONT ROW: Lola Miller, Denver, Colorado; Mr. Slagle, Mrs. Slagle, Lula Elliott, Grant City. BACK ROW: Helen Teasley, Cameron, Missouri; Marie McCann, Aurora, Illinois; Lester Slagle, Yakima, Washington; Edith Lowder, Grant City; and Ruby Swank, Denver, Colorado.

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Ruben Steele Slagle was born July 4, 1877, in Lee County, Virginia. He is the son of the late William and Elizabeth Slagle. Myrtle Lee Slagle was born in Darlington, Missouri, May 15, 1877. She is the daughter of the late Phillip and Mary Jane Richardson. Mr. Slagle came to Missouri in 1880. They were married December 30, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Slagle came to Worth County in 1907 and have resided here since. Mr. Slagle is now a retired farmer, they moved to Grant City in 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Slagle have seven children.

## Denver, Missouri



Main Street, looking east.



Bram Building about 1900.



North side Square showing Denver Drug, Bank of Denver, Post Office, about 1920.

Denver is located on the East Fork of Grand River, ten miles southeast of Grant City. The original town was laid out about the year 1849, the business houses being built around a small square or park. Its founder was William McKnight, who purchased the town site from William Swain, who, although he had built a small cabin, had made no entry of the land. The land is in the northwest quarter of section 31, township 65, range 30, and was entered by McKnight in 1849.

The first business house, a general store, was erected and operated by Charles W. Mattox, who was not only the first merchant in the town, but was the first physician and the first postmaster.

John Newbro opened the first blacksmith shop, just east of the town, in the township, and Henry B. Hull ran the first shop in the town.

Denver was called Fairview until 1871. The post office was called Grant's Hill, but during that year the name of the town and post office were changed to Denver, at the suggestion of W. H. Campbell.

Samuel Pratt taught the first school in Denver. Denver is now on a good state highway and in 1961 added modern fire truck and new fire house. It now has one of the largest merchantile businesses in the county and draws business from various states.

### Coal, Lead and Potter's Clay, Before 1900

A four-inch vein of coal has been discovered two miles northeast of Denver, on what is known as the Carpenter farm, on the creek.

Lead has also been discovered in Allen township, on the farm of B. F. Fonts. The specimens found would compare favorably with the lead ore of any of the famous mines in Utah or Colorado.

Potters' clay is found in abundance, and has been in use for some years.

Mineral paint has also been discovered in the vicinity of Denver, and is said to be the best quality of Terra de Sienna.

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# My Memories Before 1900

by Mr. Ed. Eighmy

We will start at the Verl Hensley filling station at the intersection of highways 169 and 46. Going east we find the P. D. Anderson flour mills which furnished flour for the surrounding communities. It was a brick building powered by steam. Across the highway was the Ed Toughterman cider mills. Ed was also sheriff of the county at that time. Apples were brought in wagon loads to make cider. These apples were put in barrels and shipped out also. All this shipping was done by railroad.

Jim Sinclair ran a large feed lot

and fed thousands of bushels of corn to cattle and hogs. The railroad had a switch run into his feed yard to ship cattle and hogs. This feed yard was located where the sale barn now stands. Coming back south from the sale barn was the roundhouse where the railroad engine was housed. Also there was a large reservoir south of the roundhouse which was large enough to hold large skating parties in the winter time. Abe Robertson built a great many corn cribs and cribbed up thousands of bushels of corn. At this time the price of corn went down so he held his. When he finally sold it, it was at ten or fifteen cents a

bushel. Tom Snyder, a gunsmith and blacksmith had a shop two blocks north of the square. He also was the man that fired a cannon on the fourth of July mornings.

Barkhammer's basket factory was just north of Dr. Irvin Swift's house. They made baskets and sold them all through the country. Bill Jay's brick yard out on Jay Creek made the brick for the present court house, but the outside brick were made away from here. Jim Rybolt also made bricks at the same brick kiln. The Hauser Verbeck park was started sometime before 1900 by James Verbeck and Pig Hauser, and was opened for Memorial Day, the fourth of July, the G. A. R. reunion, and the Worth County Fair. Many prominent men spoke at the park. William Jennings Bryan and Carey Nation and a man with the last name of Hobson were among the many who spoke there. Hobson was the man who predicted that Japan would attack the United States. The largest gathering at the park was on July 4, 1914 when the first airplane came to Grant City. The park was closed in the fall of 1914. At that time Cole Younger made the final speech.

James Rybolt run a brick yard on the farm that is now owned by Hurley Hall. This was also where the old "figure eight" race track was used for the Worth County Fair. Bid Leonard run a brick kiln probably owned by Fred Rybolt now. There was a creamery run in the Hudson's pasture and it was then run by Thy Therber. James Kerr run a creamery on the ground owned by "Shock" Downing which had a pond at that time large enough to have skating parties. The City Stock Yards was located where the Assembly of God Church now stands. That was before we had a railroad. The merchants would have people bring in stock and they would have a scale there to weigh the stock and then it was driven away to market. Kirk and Stadler run a lumber yard wagon and buggy factory. He also had a black-

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Brown's Mill at Denver, originally the first water mill in the county, built by O. Sullivan before 1850.



Turkey Day. Elmer Goose buying, 1912.



TOP—Centennial Belles. MIDDLE—Brothers of the Brush. BOTTOM—Junior Boosters and Little Miss Centennials



## MY MEMORIES

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smith shop in connection. They had a horse tread to run the emery grinder and very often used a cow. The printing offices also used a hog or a goat for power. The city telephone company was organized June 29, 1896, and P. D. Anderson was the president. The farmer's telephone office was organized about the same year. The office was moved to Charlie Snethen's machine company building and run for years and then Tom Anderson run it in the Frank Lowry building. It was then run by Charlie Ward, and then Mont Smith run it. It was then moved to the Lowry building. In June 1913 it was sold out to the city telephone company and Mabel Eighmey was the last operator. The city telephone company started between the hotel and the old post office on the east side of the square. The first operator was Edie Spafford. It was later moved over the post office and Less Fry was the operator. It was passed on to John Jameson, Willard Hull, and then to Link West. In 1904 Haynie moved the telephone crossarm factory from St. Joe to Grant City. As soon as this business was established, Haynie imported the first electric power plant and started the first

## DENVER MINERAL SPRINGS

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this great discovery, and soon patients began to flock to Denver, willing to try the water as an experiment, and the result was, many were healed of their numerous and grievous infirmities.

The Springs were conveniently located, being about a quarter of a mile from town, and had excellent accommodations. The proprietors, Drs. W. E. Forden and B. Reagan, erected on the spot a commodious brick building, consisting of two stories, a basement and attic, the basement containing eight bath rooms. The building was neatly constructed for the comfort of patients, and was surmounted by an observatory, from which may be had a good view of the town and surrounding country. The park connected with the property and constituted an attractive retreat.



Railroad snow plow opening Maylan cut in 1912, north of Irena, Florea farm.

power plant in Worth County. The first fire department consisted of the Phoenix Hose Company Number One made up of 15 members and a chief, Del Eighmey Sr., and the company paraded Grant City in 1898 in full equipment. On the morning of May 13, 1907, the south side of Grant City was again burned out by fire.

The first church in Worth County was a Baptist Church built in 1869. This church was first located at Black's Grove, southeast of Grant City, in the year of 1858 by the Missionary Baptists. It was never fully completed, and was finally taken to Grant City to the lot where the Christian Church parsonage now stands and used in the new church. It was later sold to the Christian Church and moved to the corner where the Christian Church is now located.

We will start again at the present bowling alley and we find that the history has repeated itself. Around 1900 the present building was built and called a ten-pin alley or bowling alley, but this was a much shorter building. The alleys must have been over 20 feet shorter than the ones today. This was quite a flourishing business in that day. The owner of the bowling alley was Mike Worthley.

March Bullfinch was the tailor in

that day and you could get a tailor-made suit anytime. Next was Bill Harrison's harness shop and the Green Produce House. This building was the first business house built in Grant City. The front part was a store, and the back was the living quarters. This was built by Amos Frakes. Harold Foland lives in this building as it was moved to the northwest part of town. There were two meat markets in town owned by Tom Asher and Jim Sinclair. In that time the meat markets opened early in the morning before breakfast as very few people had ice to keep their meat. Each meat market had large ice houses for storage of ice to run the market.

A national bank was on the northwest corner. Across the street where the city hall stands now was Governor Leonard Farwell's home. On this same corner the first merry-go-round that ever came to Grant City was located. It was run by George Snyder. This was quite an attraction in this day. Across the street south was Campbell's Rackett Store, which was the same as a ten-cent store. The first bantam chickens ever brought to Grant City were shown in their windows at Christmas time. People came from far and near to see these tiny chicks.

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## COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Geo. M. Conn, E. J., 1915-16  
J. B. Turner, W. J., 1915-16  
Wm. Beavers, E. J., 1917-20  
R. S. Slagle, W. J., 1917-18  
\*J. T. Marrs, P. J., 1919  
O. O. Herndon, W. J.  
\*Resigned, succeeded by  
J. P. Motsinger, January 3, 1920  
John Bunker, P. J., 1921-22  
R. R. Perrine, E. J., 1921-22  
C. A. Scott, W. J., 1921-22  
G. A. Merckling, P. J., 1923-34  
P. W. Motsinger, E. J., 1923-24  
E. P. Nesbitt, W. J., 1923-26  
James Gross, E. J., 1925-28  
J. K. Phipps, W. J., 1927-28  
Sam Parman, E. J., 1929-32  
Geo. Proctor, W. J., 1929-30  
A. L. Stabe, W. J., 1932-36  
Frank Sego, E. J., 1933-45  
Oscar Fletchall, P. J., 1935-38  
S. B. Ely, W. J., 1937-38  
Henry Havner, E. J., 1939-42  
H. F. (Hoot) Holland, W. J., 1939-46  
E. A. Mathews, E. J., 1943-48  
Homer Costin, 1945-51  
Hazen Bressler, W. J., 1947-48  
Elmer House, E. J., 1949-54  
Chas. Cadle, W. J., 1949-52  
Hazen Bressler, P. J., 1951-51  
E. A. Mathews, 1951-52  
Emery Parman, P. J., 1953-58  
Elmer House, E. J., 1953-54  
Loren Hart, W. J., 1953-58  
Kermit Bram, E. J., 1955-60  
Ralph W. Miller, E. J., 1959-60  
Emery Parman, W. J., 1959-60  
Ralph W. Miller, P. J., 1961  
Lester Fletchall, E. J., 1961  
Loren Hart, W. J., 1961

### First County Treasurer appointed by County Court

\*Daniel Cox, 1861-62  
\*Succeeded by Cornelius Brown

### Election, 1862

John Costin, 1863-64  
John H. Pierce, 1865-66  
S. H. Skinner, 1867-68  
John H. France, 1869-72  
S. M. Zeluff, 1873-74  
John W. Watson, 1875-78

### Offices of Treasurer and Collector combined to August 6, 1877

Benjamin Prugh, 1879-80  
James McLain, 1881-84  
Jacob Stabe, Jr., 1885-86  
Chas. E. Adams, 1887-88  
Robert M. Worthington, 1889-90  
John B. Hibbs, 1891-92  
J. V. Davidson, 1893-94  
Charles F. Rybolt, 1895-96  
Henry Swift, 1897-98  
Adolphus O. Mason, 1899-1900  
Geo. H. Hotaling, 1901-02  
A. J. Anderson, 1903-06  
Amelia Anderson, 1907-08  
Fannie Davis, 1909-12  
E. G. Wright, 1913-15  
W. H. Wright, 1915-20  
Corinne Chicken, 1921-24  
Emma Thompson, 1925-28  
Jessie Key, 1929-32

Jessie Key Thomas, 1933-38

### Offices of Treasurer and Collector combined from January 1, 1937 to October 4, 1947. (Sam Beavers, Collector.)

Jessie Key Thomas, appointed  
Sylvia Parker, 1939-42  
Mayme Rinehart, 1943-50  
Deva F. Austin, 1951-61

### Probate Court, established 1866

John M. Ferguson 1867-68  
John M. Ferguson, 1869-70  
William Milligan, 1871-71  
William B. Yates, 1871-72  
William L. Neal, 1873-74  
William B. Yates, 1875-76  
John W. Florea, 1877-78

### Election 1878 (4 year term)

Lewis R. Norton, 1878-82  
Lewis R. Norton, 1883-86  
John A. Hunt, 1887-90  
C. F. Long, 1891-94  
Robert N. Shipley, 1895-98  
John A. Hunt, 1899-02  
D. C. Mull, 1903-14  
Jesse Benson, 1915-30  
W. H. Spillman, 1931-32  
C. V. Hastings, 1932-34  
J. Harry Kibbe, 1935-46

### January, 1947 the Office of Judge of Probate Court and Ex-Officio Magistrate was established

J. Harry Kibbe, 1947-61

### Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds—First Circuit Clerk appointed by Circuit Court—1861

Wesley W. Thornton, 1861  
D. W. Smith, 1862

### Election 1862, office of Circuit Clerk and County Clerk Combined to year 1871

P. M. Scott, 1863-64  
Zed Morgan, 1865-66  
D. W. Smith, 1867-70  
W. S. Hudson, 1871-74  
William H. Campbell, 1875-82  
W. F. Osman, 1883-90  
William E. Stanton, 1891-94  
W. V. Hauber, 1895-98  
Sampson Caster, 1899-1906  
J. M. Simons, 1907-10  
Cecil V. Wiman, 1911-14  
L. J. Simons, 1915-18  
S. A. Cloud, 1919-30  
Louis Craven, 1931-42  
Dollie Blake, 1943-46  
Leta E. Dawson, 1946-48  
Geo. E. Wilkinson, 1947-47  
Leta E. Dawson, 1947-48  
Robert F. Locke, 1949-54  
Robert F. Locke, 1951-54  
Jack B. Calhoun, 1955-58  
Audene Barnes, 1959-61

### County Clerk, first County Clerk appointed by County Court—1861

P. R. Cadle, 1861

### Election, 1862—Office of County Clerk and Circuit Clerk combined to year 1871

P. M. Scott, 1862-66

D. W. Smith, 1867-70

John C. Dawson, 1871-82  
M. F. Stevens, 1883-86  
John F. Robertson, 1887-89  
John H. Kibbe, 1889-90  
D. C. Mull, 1891-94  
B. R. Williams, 1895-98  
W. P. Spillman, 1899-1906  
W. C. Childers, 1907-14  
J. M. Simons, 1915-18  
J. F. Hunter, 1919-26  
Ray Kier, 1927-34  
Homer Costin, 1934-34  
C. W. McKim, 1935-42  
Geo. Bales, 1943-46  
Austin W. Adams, 1947-50  
Max Beavers, 1954-61

### Circuit Attorney

W. G. Lewis, 1861-64  
Thomas H. Collins, 1864-68  
William Norville, 1868-72

### County Prosecuting Attorney office in 1873

J. H. Pierce, 1873-74  
Rawland S. Sloan, 1875-76  
A. W. Kelso, 1877-80  
Albert D. Austin, 1881-82  
John E. Schooler, 1883-84  
E. F. Lucas, 1885-86  
J. D. Harrigan, 1887-90  
C. H. Lingenfelter, 1891-92  
Leo M. Phipps, 1893-98  
Joseph V. Willhite, 1899-90  
James V. Lingenfelter, 1901-02  
Bert Miller, 1903-06  
John Ewing, 1907-10  
James Anderson, 1911-14  
Phil S. Gibson, 1915-16  
James Anderson, 1917-22  
John Ewing, 1923-24  
C. V. Hastings, 1925-30  
J. Dorr Ewing, 1931-34  
Joseph V. Willhite, 1935-40  
John Ewing, 1941-44  
C. V. Hastings, 1945-48  
John Ewing, 1949-50  
Ellis Beavers, 1951-52  
Wade Beavers, 1953-57  
Joe Beavers, 1957-57  
Franklin T. Thackery, 1957-61  
L. O. Boyd, 61

### Sheriff and Collector offices combined to year 1873. First Sheriff commissioned by Governor—1861

John Patton, 1861-62

### Election, 1862

James W. Curry 1863-64  
John F. Mason, 1865-68  
John Costin, 1869-72  
Charles M. Hunt, 1873-78  
Lindsey Addington, 1879-80  
James W. Roberts, 1881-82  
Gideon T. Smith, 1883-84  
George Cloos, 1885-86  
J. B. Matteson, 1887-90  
David A. Davidson, 1891-92  
C. O. Vancleave, 1893-94  
Sampson Caster, 1895-96  
E. J. Tochterman, 1897-1900  
John McComas, 1901-04  
W. E. Ferguson, 1905-08  
Geo. Oehler, 1909-12  
C. H. Golding, 1913-16

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## MY MEMORIES

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The first Shetland ponies were brought to Grant City by Bill Clark, a horse buyer. The Sanders family later owned these Shetlands.

Ben Prugh's tin shop and hardware store was located where the Pixie Shop now stands. In early days, Ben Prugh run a store three days a week in Grant City, and three days a week in Mt. Ayr, walking between the towns. He stopped at a half-way house which was owned by the Griffith family east of Redding.

The Harding house and drug store was a large building on the west side of the square. Pig Houser's Opera House and the G. A. R. Hall was where most of the shows and entertainment were held. G. A. R. held large bean suppers. They served the beans in tin pans and the coffee in tin cups and they were very well attended as the money went for a good cause. The G. A. R. was the strongest organization in town and whatever they got behind, it went over good. The G. A. R. always had charge of the Decoration day and the fourth of July services. They also put on an old soldiers reunion every year. They had their own tents, and their own equipment to take care of everything. People in this county looked forward to the old soldier's reunion as they would meet with their relation and friends at this time. Many of them camped out for the duration of the reunion.

At this time there were five feed and delivery stables, and three hotels, called the Milligan House, the Harding House, and the Spafford House. The barns were the J. J. Barker Barn, McKinley Barn, Keeler Barn, Ferguson Barn, and the Walton Barn. There were three lumber yards, three hardware stores, six grocery stores, two harness shops, one show shop, three barber shops, two millinery shops, one photographer office, two jewelry stores, four restaurants, and one laundry, and the Eighthmy Granite Works. All the ice cream served was home made and there was two kinds of pop served, strawberry and



Junior and Senior High School building Worth County R-1 at Grant City.

cream. All this had to be brought in by railroad. There were also four blacksmith shops and carpenter shops.

The Baptist church was built in 1869 and the United Brethren church was built the same year. It was built where Jack Andrews lives at the present time. Later, it was sold for a blacksmith shop and it later burned to the ground.

There was another custom in those days. Every morning a young boy would go from house to house taking orders for groceries. Later the groceries would be delivered to the customers. There were no telephones. In the summer time there would be an ice wagon delivering ice from house to house. Band concerts were held every Saturday night in the courthouse yard.

## First Telephone Service in 1897

On the 29th day of June, 1896, a group of persons met in the Farmer's room of the courthouse and formed a company to be known as the Grant City Telephone Company. The stockholders elected a board of directors from their group. At a special meeting of the board of directors, the by-laws were adopted to complete the formation of the company.

On September 24, 1896, the board meeting, in special session, voted to accept the offer for construction of Mr. G. A. Haynie, President of the Conway Telephone Company, and to send him a warrant for the sum of \$240.00. At this meeting it was decided that a charge of \$8.00 per year be made for all resident telephones and \$15.00 per year for all business telephones. A deposit of \$25.00 be required on all telephones. On November 6, 1896, a special meeting of the board of directors was called in the office of the President, and telephone service became more of a reality.

The telephone service actually be-

gan on January 4, 1897, when H. E. Spafford became the first operator at the salary of \$15.00 per month with hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a night bell on so that he would have freedom when no one was using the telephones. The first linemen for the company lines were P. D. Anderson and H. E. Spafford, who were to be paid \$0.25 per trip.

On January 3, 1898, the stockholders elected new directors for the coming year.

On January 31, 1899, H. E. Spafford resigned as operator and L. N. Fry was selected to succeed him.

The telephone service and company had grown to the extent that on January 2, 1900, a special meeting of the stockholders was called to raise the capital stock from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. The motion was placed and seconded for this change in capital stock, the vote was taken and carried. It was not until 1902, that the old stock was called in and the new capital stock issued.

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## James Albert and Mary Jeannetta Allison



James Albert and Mary Jeannetta Allison

James Albert Allison was born February 2, 1886, in Nodaway County, son of the late Milford and Frances Ellen Barks Allison. Mary Jeannetta Morris Allison was born May 20, 1888, in Worth County, the daughter of the late Henry and Geneva Estella Dye Morris. They were married December 27, 1908, and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary December 27, 1958. They have one daughter, Geneva Frances Allison Proctor, born in Worth County, September 20, 1914, who was married October 28, 1933 to Cecil Henry Proctor, born January 20, 1910 in Worth County, the son of the late Morris D. and Amy Maye Simpson Proctor. They have five children and two grandchildren.



Cecil H. and Geneva F. Allison Proctor Family

FIRST ROW—Steven Cecil Proctor, Linda Marie Calhoun, Allyn Duane Calhoun, James Morris Proctor.  
SECOND ROW—Cecil Proctor, Geneva F. Allison Proctor. BACK ROW—Jack B. Calhoun, Larry Eugene Proctor, Marilyn Marie Proctor Calhoun, and Shirley Sue Proctor.



Mr. and Mrs. Galen Phipps

## The Galen Phipps Family

Mr. and Mrs. Galen A. Phipps were married December 22, 1927, at the farm home of Mrs. Phipps' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Motsinger. Mr. Phipps is the son of the late Dr. J. K. and Mrs. Ida Anderson Phipps. His father was born in Nodaway County, Missouri. His grandfather settled in Missouri in 1854. Dr. Phipps received his doctor's degree in medicine at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. He located in Grant City as a young doctor and spent the remainder of his life there. Dr. Phipps died at his home in Grant City in 1934. Mrs. J. K. Phipps was the former Ida Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Anderson.

Dr. and Mrs. Phipps were the parents of seven children, Galen, Anaheim, California; Christine Phipps Jennings, Fox Woods, Kansas City North; Eva Mae Phipps Songer, Lincoln, Kansas; J. K. Phipps, Anaheim, California; George (deceased); Genevieve Phipps Jennings, Stanberry, Missouri; and Billy Phipps, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Phipps spent the first ten years of their married life on a farm in Worth County. They moved to Anaheim, California, in 1938. Mr. Phipps has been employed by the Douglas Aircraft Company, Long Beach, California, for the past twenty years.



Seated, left to right—Christine, Mrs. J. K. Phipps, Galen. Standing—Genevieve, Eva Mae.

## FIRST TELEPHONE SERVICE

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In 1907, Clark Gardner as secretary of the board, contracted with J. W. Hull to operate the switchboard and line work at the sum of \$75.00 per month. On the 20th of January, 1908, it was decided by the board to call a special meeting of the stockholders with the purpose in mind of selecting a committee to select and inspect building sites for the building of a new building. The committee was selected but before a lot was decided on, an offer was made and accepted by the board to rent the Bullfinch house at the rate of \$13.00 per month with the contract running for a period of ten years.

Up to this time there had always been the two telephone exchanges, the Farmer's Telephone Exchange and the Grant City Telephone Co. In June of 1913, the Grant City Telephone Co. bought out the Farmer's exchange and so all switching was done through the one board. The purchase price was \$550.00 with a Bill of Sale delivered.

It is not stated in the minutes as to what date Mr. Hull was replaced by Mr. James West, but it is stated that his contract was in September of 1914, to care for the lines and switchboard.

It was in October, 1916, that the board bought of Gord Comer for \$700.00 a lot on which a new central office building was built.

The first mention of women as operators is made in the minutes on August, 1917, when Grace Gilland was made manager of all the work at the switchboard. Evidently the women operators were hired by the manager and call switchboard helpers. In January of 1926, the stockholders again elected a new board of directors.

On July 16, 1935, Mr. Clark Gardner tendered his resignation and it was accepted by the board. Mr. Lowry was then elected but due to health reasons and age he too resigned in 1937 to be succeeded by Mr. J. W. Barker. Mr. Barker resigned in 1952 and his place was taken by Mr. George Bales, who remained as secretary until the company was sold and taken over by

the Inter-County Telephone Company of Gallatin, Missouri.

During the term of Mr. Barker, many dividends were paid to the stockholders of the company. The lines in use for so many years became in need of repair work. The repair bill estimated so high that the company decided to have their secretary investigate the possibility of changing the system to dial. This was done and presented to the board, but they did not immediately go ahead with the idea. In the meantime, a change in secretaries was made.

In the fall of 1955, a Mr. Jerry Flanders of Jefferson City, Missouri, a consultant engineer, was employed to set up a bookkeeping system to comply with the requirements of the State Commission. This was done and an appraisal of the existing plant was made. Mr. Flanders also made an estimate of the cost of putting in the dial system and laid out the blue prints for the cable to be used in the system. The estimated cost was approximately \$250,000.00. This amount staggered the board of directors and the stockholders who had voted in favor of a dial system.

At this time The Inter-County Telephone Company of Gallatin, Missouri, made an offer to buy the company at a price of \$15,000.00. A

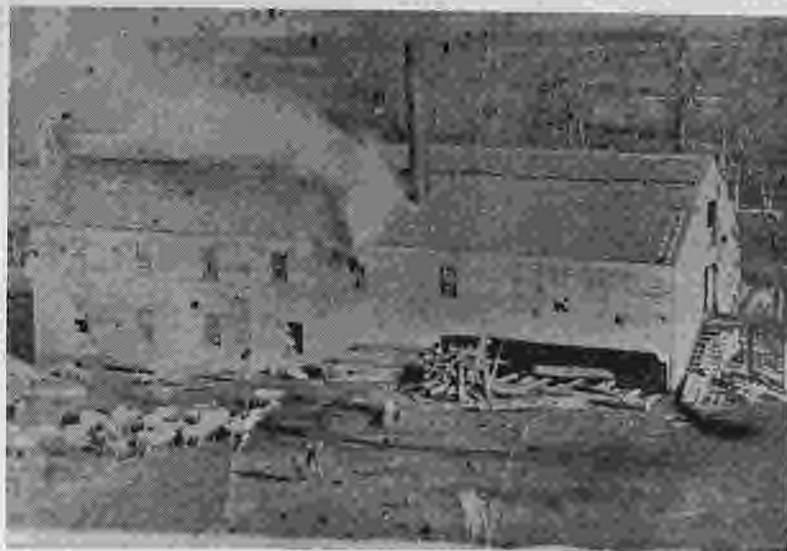
special meeting of the stockholders was called and a vote was taken regarding sale of the company at the price mentioned. The decision was to sell the company to The Inter-County Telephone Co. at their offered price. So the board of directors entered into a contract for the sale which was completed and delivery of all the necessary papers was made on May 1, 1956.

After more than sixty years of service the Grant City Telephone Company gave over its responsibilities to another and larger company.

Allendale was a 4-party merchants line to the Grant City switchboard. But soon Farmer Mutual systems were started in the other towns of the county and commercial lines were built between the different towns by which free connections were made for all telephones in the county.

In 1959 The Inter-County Telephone Co. installed a modern dial system in the Grant City service. In 1960, the same company bought the Allendale system and in 1961 extended the Grant City to include the Allendale service in a modern system.

At the same time the Grand River Mutual built a dial system to replace the mutual system at Denver, Worth and Sheridan.



Rinaldo Brown's mill at Isadora, built in 1863, and operated until 1882, when sold to M. M. Roberts. He operated grist mill, carding mill, and saw mill, all under one roof in the three story building. He sawed lumber for first building in Grant City. He was largest tax payer in the county in 1870, 1871, and 1872.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS

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J. W. Barker, 1917-20  
Sam Barber, 1921-24  
Frank Locke, 1925-27  
L. M. Willhite, Feb. 19, 1927-32  
Geo. Oehler, 1933-36  
Byron Kier, 1937-40  
Geo. Oehler, 1941-44  
D. L. Hiatt, 1945-48  
S. A. Maudlin, 1949-61

**Collector and Sheriff offices combined to year 1873, first Collector and Sheriff commissioned by Governor—1861**

### Election, 1872

John W. Watson, 1873-77

**Offices of Collector and Treasurer combined to August 6, 1877**

County Court appointed Simeon

Davidson Collector, Aug. 6, 1877

John W. Watson 1879-80

Charles R. Murray, 1881-84

J. T. Tandy, 1885-86

R. W. Wilson, 1887-90

Wm. H. Foland, 1891-92

J. B. Matteson, 1893-94

John L. Tilton, 1895-96

Wm. F. Calhoun, 1897-98

James M. Kerr, 1899-1900

James C. Lutes, 1901-04

W. C. Okey, 1905-10

R. E. Pringle, 1911-18

C. H. Golding, 1919-22

J. B. Spainhower, 1923-30

Sam Beavers, 1931-42

S. B. Ely, 1943-50

Austin W. Adams, 1951-61

**First County Assessor appointed by County Court—1861**

William B. Yates, 1861

Isaac Phillips, 1862

### Election, 1862

Jackson Dye, 1863-64

Joseph Simpson, 1865-66

Isaac Phillips, 1867-68

W. S. Hudson, 1869-70

Henry Fattig, 1871-72

William M. McElvain, 1873-74

**Township Organization with Township Assessor, August 7, 1877, County Court appointed.**

Elijah Miller, 1875-77

J. T. Tandy, 1881-84

Thomas Davidson, 1885-86

William Strachan, 1887-90

Hiram Drummonds, 1891-92

J. T. Wilson, 1893-94

C. H. Wyman, 1895-1900

Albert Taylor, 1901-08

James A. Rybolt, 1909-16

Oscar Fletchall, 1917-20

Everett Fouts, 1921-24

Frank Oehler, 1925-28

C. C. McClellan, 1929-32

W. C. House, 1933-40

Carl Craven, 1941-44

C. C. McClellan, 1945-49

W. Alton James, 1949-53

Dale Andrews, 1953-57

Orville Campbell, 1957-57

Glenn Hunter, 1957-61

### Coroner

David Fouts, appointed, 1861

### Elected, 1862

A. Hawkins, 1863-64

James Wammack, 1865-66

A. H. Dehart, 1867-68

Daniel Lipe, 1869-70

J. C. Williams, 1871-72

Willis Marrs, 1873-74

Thomas Walton, 1875-76

Hugh McKean, 1877-78

John Costin, 1879-80

Hugh McKean, 1881-82

T. J. Smith, 1883-84

A. T. Frakes, 1885-86

C. B. Fugate, 1887-88

O. B. Hudson, 1889-90

A. Grindstaff, 1891-92

Jerome M. Osborne, 1893-94

John L. King, 1895-96

L. C. Weigart, 1897-98

R. M. Worthington, 1899-1904

C. H. McQuigg, 1905-06

H. D. Jones, 1907-12

W. E. McKinley, 1913-20

O. P. M. Mills, 1921-24

P. J. Ross, 1925-26

O. P. M. Mills, 1927-28

P. J. Ross, 1929-32

J. K. Phipps, 1933-34

Arch Dunfee, 1935-36

Edward Girling, 1937-40

Arch Dunfee, 1941-48

Frank B. Matteson, 1949-61

### Public Administrator, Election, 1872

S. A. Wilson, 1873-74

W. L. Neal, 1875-76

John E. Long, 1877-80

W. L. Neal, 1881-82

H. A. Tritt, 1883-84

John E. Long, 1885-86

W. E. Welmar, 1887-88

John E. Long, 1889-90

M. P. Glenn, 1891-92

Asa W. Nighswonger, 1893-94

None, 1895-96

Alson A. Hunt, 1897-1900

None, 1901-07

J. S. Ferguson, 1907-08

A. P. Tandy, 1909-10

None, 1911-12

J. R. Wood, 1913-16

None, 1917-25

John V. Hawley, 1925-26

None, 1927-35

James A. Harris, 1935-36

None, 1937-61

**First Surveyor appointed by the County Court—1861**

W. S. Hudson, 1861

### Elected, 1862

W. S. Hudson, 1862-72

T. C. Tibbels, 1873-76

W. S. Hudson, 1877-80

Jesse Benson, 1881-84

James C. Lutes, 1885-86

E. B. Tandy, 1887-1900

Monroe D. Hass, 1901-04

T. C. Tibbels, 1905-08

B. F. Savacool, 1909-12

John Bunker, 1913-16

Lewis C. Davidson, 1917-28

Ivor L. Shipley, 1929-32

Ralph Motsinger, 1933-36

A. C. Young, 1937-60

Donald Hughes, 1961

**First School Commissioner appointed by the County Court—1861 (Now called County Superintendent of Schools)**

Jasper Coffey, 1861-66

J. Beauchamp, 1867-68

Henry Hass, 1869-69

W. J. Gibson, 1869-70

Tipton S. Neal, 1871-72

William H. Conn, 1873-74

Thomas C. Tibbels, 1875-86

O. P. M. Mills, 1887-90

J. F. Cloud, 1891-92

Mrs. H. G. Hickenlooper, 1893-94

C. J. Witmer, 1895-98

H. N. Stamper, 1899-1900

C. J. Witmer, 1901-05

R. E. Greene, 1905-09

Mrs. Cora Early, 1909-19

Edna Craven, 1919-25

Urith Willhite, 1925-27

Mrs. Cora Early, 1927-35

Robert S. Fadely, 1935-47

Kenton E. Thompson, 1947-61

1884

— 1961

## THE GRANT CITY GRANITE WORKS

Wishes to thank the Centennial Committee, from its chairman on down to anyone who gave of their time, for the celebration of the hundredth year of our county.

MR. and MRS. ED EIGHMY

MR. and MRS. MELVIS EIGHMY

## Worth County Sheriff's Posse



TOP ROW—Harley Elliott, Galen Ruckman, John Heaton, Fred Mozingo, Jim Motsinger, Kelton Shipley, Jay Shipley, Tom Simmons, Elmer Kerns, Francis Goff.

SECOND ROW—Dick Houk, John Danner, Melbourne Fle'chall, T. C. Wilkinson, Deputy; Norval Nally, Blaine Adams, Fred Bunker, Burl Long, John Hunter, Vernon Clark, Leroy Mosbarger.

THIRD ROW—Gordon Goff, Edward Bunker, Essie Freed, Elbert Adams, Guy Allee, Harold Rickabaugh, Roy S. Goff, Everett Rickabaugh, Hillard Asher, John Andrews, Harold Murdock.

FOURTH ROW—Gail Motsinger, Frank Barker, Lloyd Scott, Cleo Adams, David Nally, Donald Nally, Eddie Andrews, Doy Allee, Melvin Adams, Willie Scadden.

FIFTH ROW—S. A. Maudlin, Sheriff; Glen Hunter, Royce Gabbert, Herbert Sheets, Allen Davidson, Aubrey Wilkinson, Raymond Smith, M. O. Briggs, Deputy.

BOTTOM ROW—Melvin Warman, Chase McLaughlin, Homer Korn, Glenn Hardey, C. O. Danials.

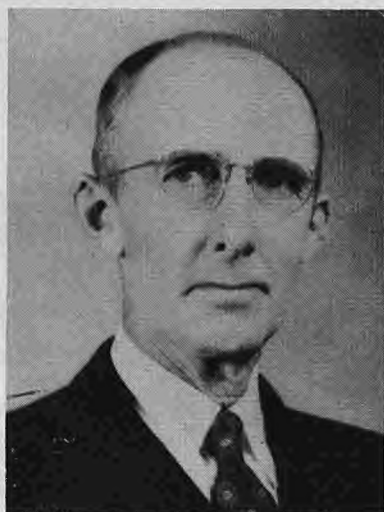




Walter Warner Walker, Indiana, (1827-1892). Ruth Ann (Thomas) Walker, Indiana, (1828-1896).



William R. Gladstone (Canada, 1850-1917). Malinda (Walker) Gladstone, Worth County, 1858-1936.



Gilbert Gladstone, Gentry County, 1882.



Grace Morgan Gladstone, Worth County, 1884.



William Gilbert Gladstone, Worth County, 1920; Ruth Stevenson Gladstone, Boston, 1920; William (Billy) Gladstone, Worth County, 1951; Susan Ellen Gladstone, Worth County, 1955.

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## The Five Generations of Gladcrest Farms

In 1852 Warren W. Walker, his young wife, Ruth Ann (Thomas) Walker, and two small children, came from Clay County Indiana in a covered wagon pulled by oxen. He settled on 40 acres of land traversed by the Middle Fork of Grand River, bordering the present Worth-Gentry County line. He had selected this site on a trip by horse back to this largely unsettled territory in the late 1840's. He built a small log cabin on the east side of the river to fulfill the two basic necessities of early settlers, wood and water.

His holdings steadily grew north and west and in a few years he purchased a small acreage from James Seaton for a building site. He first built a log cabin, then shortly a frame house at the present location of the William G. Gladstone home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker reared twelve children; Morris, Melissa, Marvin, Barbara, Malinda, Earl, James, Grant, Nannie, Ida, Mahala, and William. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church east of Denver. Mr. Walker served one year in the Mexican war and three years in the Civil War.

Following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Walker the section of land was purchased by William R. Gladstone and Malinda (Walker) Gladstone in October, 1898 and they moved from Platte City, Missouri with their two children, Gilbert and Ruth, in March 1899. W. R. Gladstone was the son of Walter Gladstone and Jane Easton Gladstone and came to Missouri from Ayr, Ontario, in 1869. After moving to Worth County he operated the Farmer's Lumber Co. in Worth and was later postmaster at Worth. He died in 1917, and his widow, Malinda, resided in Worth until her death in 1936.

One half of the original 296 acres then passed to Gilbert Gladstone and his wife Grace (Morgan) Gladstone.

Gilbert Gladstone was born in 1882 in the Canadian Ridge settlement. He attended grade school in Platte City, Missouri, and two years at Stanberry Normal School, graduating in 1903. He attended William Jewell College in 1907-08 and Missouri University in 1909. He was very active in church work and music many years. He served 32 years as clerk of the Gentry Baptist Association.

In 1915 Gilbert Gladstone married Grace

Morgan, a daughter of Joseph Morgan and Ellen Trump Morgan. Joseph Morgan was born in Greene County, Indiana, in 1840, and came to Missouri from Iowa, in 1858. Ellen Trump was born in Richland County, Ohio in 1852 and came to Missouri.

Grace Gladstone was educated in the rural school of Worth County and Grant City High School. She taught school seven years before her marriage. Both Gilbert and Grace are members of the Grant City Baptist Church.

William G. Gladstone was born in 1920. He graduated from Worth High School in 1937 and graduated from William Jewell College in 1941. He served seven years as a Naval officer during and after World War II. During his Naval service he attended the following schools, Midshipman School, New York City; Cornell University Diesel Engineering; Naval Mine Warfare, Yorktown, Virginia. He served as Commanding Officer aboard the ships YMS 184, YMS 239, USS Token, AM 126, and as Commander Mine Division 8, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He spent two years as a patient in the United States Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York. There he met his future wife, Ruth Elizabeth Stevenson.

Ruth (Stevenson) Gladstone was born in 1920 in Boston, Massachusetts. She graduated from high school in Wellesby, Massachusetts in 1938. She graduated from Boston University School of Physiotherapy in 1942; served an internship at Cambridge General Hospital and Massachusetts State Hospital and entered the U.S. Naval service in 1943. She served five years at the U.S.N. Hospital, St. Albans, New York, as a Chief Pharmacists Mate and was discharged in 1948.

In 1949 William G. Gladstone and Ruth Stevenson were married. At that time Gilbert retired from active farming and with his wife moved to Grant City and William and Ruth moved onto the farm. William and Ruth have two children: William, Jr. (Billy) born in 1951 and Susan Ellen born in 1955. They are the fifth generation of W. W. Walker to have lived continually on the farm since 1852.

William and Gilbert now own 400 acres of land which William operates. An intensive soil conservation program has been initiated on the hill land and an effective drainage system constructed on the bottom land.

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## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 4-H DAY

- 6:00 a.m.: Ringing of church bells throughout County, Rev. D. J. Henderson, chairman.
- 10:00 a.m.: Gathering of centennial officers, Kelton Shipley, chairman.
- 2:00 p.m.: Old fashioned farm equipment display, grade school yard, Grant City, Frank Barker, chairman.
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Open house and antiques on display at the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eighthy home, 5 West Farwell Street, Grant City.
- 8:00 p.m.: Centennial ball, junior-senior high school auditorium, Grant City. Bob Dreher and his orchestra. Announcement of centennial queen, 10 princesses.

#### 4-H SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:30-9:00 a.m.: Registration for 4-H contests at junior-senior high school building, Grant City.
- 9:00-9:30 a.m.: Public assembly, Junior-senior high school building.
- 9:30-11:00 a.m.: Dress revue contest. Junior-senior high school building.
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00: Grooming contest. Junior-senior high school building.
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.: Lunch. Home economics extension clubs in charge.
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.: Public speaking contest.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Demonstrations.
- 2:30-3:00 p.m.: 4-H, FFA, and FHA awards, Kenneth Romang, Arthur Knight, and Lois Miller in charge.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, SOIL CONSERVATION DAY

- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Registration of guests, Hospitality Room, Legion Memorial Hall, Martha McLaughlin, chairman.
- 10:00 a.m.: Horse pulling contest at Sheridan. Willie Scadden in charge.
- 1:00 p.m.: Old fashioned style show at Legion Memorial Hall, Grant City. Ruth Hunter, chairman.
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Open house and antiques on display at the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eighthy home, 5 West Farwell Street, Grant City.
- 2:00 p.m.: Dedication of Platte River Tributaries Watershed at Sheridan Park. Dale Mitchell, chairman. L. C. Lutes, master of ceremonies; welcome, Noble Aldrich, mayor of Sheridan; introduction of guests; address, Honorable Hilary A. Bush, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri; address, Howard C. Jackson, state conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; report on Platte River Tributaries Watershed, Carl Winemiller, Worth County Soil District Board of Supervisors; report on small watershed program in Missouri, Don Thomasson, state commissioner

- of agriculture. Tour of Platte River watershed. Soil and water conservation display at Sheridan city park by Cook Truck and Tractor Co.
- 7:00 p.m.: Gates open at Rainbow Park Stadium, Grant City.
- 7:45 p.m.: Presentation of awards in horse pulling contest, Noble Aldrich. Presentation of awards in old fashioned style show, Ruth Hunter.
- 8:00 p.m.: Skit by first place winner of 4-H "share the fun" program, Waurine Stephens. Indian tribal dance, Mic-O-Say Boy Scouts, Pony Express Council, Bill Harper, field executive, Maryville. Presentation of centennial queen escorted by Noble Aldrich, mayor of Sheridan. Crowning of the centennial queen by the Honorable Hilary A. Bush, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri.
- 8:30 p.m.: First performance of historical pageant, "Centurama." Fireworks, Bill Maxwell, chairman.
- 9:30 p.m.: Western style street dance, southeast corner of square, Grant City, Galen Cook, chairman. Johnny Roth, caller.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, YOUTH DAY

- Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grant City, Richard Swift, president; Lowell Darnell, general chairman.
- 8:30 a.m.: 4-H and FFA Livestock Show at Worth.
- 9:00 a.m.: Swimming relay races, municipal pool, Grant City. Bob Frazier, chairman.
- 10:00 a.m.: Diving exhibition by Tony Williams.
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Registration of guests, Hospitality Room, Legion Memorial Hall, Martha McLaughlin, chairman.
- 10:15 a.m.: Diving contests.
- 1:00 p.m.: Kiddies parade, Grant City. Bill Dunfee, chairman.
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Open house and antiques on display at the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eighthy home, 5 West Farwell Street, Grant City.
- 2:00 p.m.: Competitive sports—badminton, horse-shoes, 3-legged race, at swimming pool park. Golf driving contest at Grant City Golf Club—boys 13 to 15 and 16 to 19; girls 13 to 15 and 16 to 19. Mac Spainhower, chairman.
- 2:00 p.m.: Exhibition Little League baseball, Mound City vs. Grant City at the high school field. Richard Houk, chairman.
- 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Teen age sock hop. Terry Horning, disc jockey, KSIB, Creston, Iowa; junior-senior high school building, Grant City. Ages 13 to 19 only. Raymond Stephens, chairman.
- 7:00 p.m.: Gates open at Rainbow Park stadium, Grant City.
- 7:45 p.m.: Presentation of awards for contests of the day by Richard Swift.

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Wilmer W. Yates



Erlene Yates

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### F A M I L Y



Mary Lee Adams,  
foster daughter of "The Wil-  
mer W. Yates"

### FAMILY OF WILMER T. (SONNY) YATES



BACK ROW—S/Sgt. Wilmer T. and Ardath. MIDDLE ROW—Timmy, Pamela, and Terry. FRONT ROW—Todd, Idalu and Tommy Yates.

### FAMILY OF EARL WM. (BABE) YATES



BOTTOM ROW—Rhonda and David; MIDDLE ROW—Debra and Earl William;  
BACK ROW—Clella Yates.

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**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

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- 8:00 p.m.: Organ-piano duet—Mrs. Pauline Goodson, organist; Mrs. Berneice Findley, pianist. Presentation of centennial queen escorted by Frank O. Barker, mayor of Grant City.
- 8:30 p.m.: Second performance of historical pageant, "Centurama." Fireworks, Bill Maxwell, chairman.
- 9:30 p.m.: Old fashioned street dance, southeast corner of square, Grant City, Galen Cook, chairman.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11,  
PIONEER AND HOMECOMING DAY**

- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Registration of guests, Hospitality Room, Legion Memorial Hall, Martha McLaughlin, chairman. Old settlers reunion. Announcement of the oldest living man and woman who are Worth County residents. Announcement of persons traveling to the centennial from the furthest points of the compass. Fun on the midway.
- 1:00 p.m.: Horse show at rodeo grounds, Grant City, Berl Willson, chairman.
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Open house and antiques on display at the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eighmy home, 5 West Farwell Street, Grant City.
- 7:00 p.m.: Gates open at Rainbow Park stadium.
- 7:45 p.m.: Awards presented to oldest pioneer and persons coming from the greatest distance. Martha McLaughlin, chairman.
- 8:00 p.m.: Concert, Worth County R-I school band, Kenneth Thompson, director. Presentation of centennial queen escorted by Wiley McFadden, mayor of Allendale.
- 8:30 p.m.: Third performance of historical pageant, "Centurama." Fireworks, Bill Maxwell, chairman.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, PARADE DAY**

- 2:00 p.m.: Centennial parade, Grant City, Guy Allee, chairman.

- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Open house and antiques on display at the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eighmy home, 5 West Farwell Street, Grant City.
- 7:00 p.m.: Gates open at Rainbow Park stadium.
- 7:45 p.m.: Presentation of awards to parade winners, Walter Cummings and Guy Allee.
- 8:00 p.m.: Legion of Honor drill team, Moila Shrine Temple of St. Joseph. Presentation of centennial queen by Kermit Bram, mayor of Denver.
- 8:30 p.m.: Fourth performance of historical pageant, "Centurama." Fireworks, Bill Maxwell, chairman.
- 9:30 p.m.: Western style square dance, southeast corner of square, Grant City. Galen Cook, chairman. Gordon Richards, Sidney, Nebraska, and Wilbur Lay, Kellerton, Iowa, callers.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13,  
RELIGIOUS AND ALL COUNTY DAY**

- 11:30 a.m.: Union church services, school auditorium, Grant City. All churches in Worth County. Rev. D. J. Henderson, president of the Grant City Ministerial Alliance, chairman.
- 1:00 p.m.: Old fashioned box lunch at school building, Grant City. Howard Weddle, auctioneer. Ladies put names on bottom of boxes. Man will eat with lady whose name is on the box.
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Open house and antiques display at the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eighmy home, 5 West Farwell, Grant City.
- 2:30 p.m.: Panorama of 100 years. One person representing each year from 1 to 100 years. Bandstand on courthouse lawn. Austine Penney, chairman.
- 3:30 p.m.: Time capsule ceremony. Not to be opened until year 2011. Bandstand. Glenn Hunter, chairman.
- 7:00 p.m.: Gates open at Rainbow Park stadium, Grant City.
- 7:45 p.m.: Closing remarks by Carl Hawley, director of "Centurama."
- 8:00 p.m.: Gospel Songs by Gospel Singers, W. D. King, director. Presentation of centennial queen escorted by Blaine Adams, mayor of Worth.
- 8:30 p.m.: Final performance of historical pageant. Fireworks, Bill Maxwell, chairman.

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**ARNOLD and STEPHENSON**

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FARM SUPPLIES

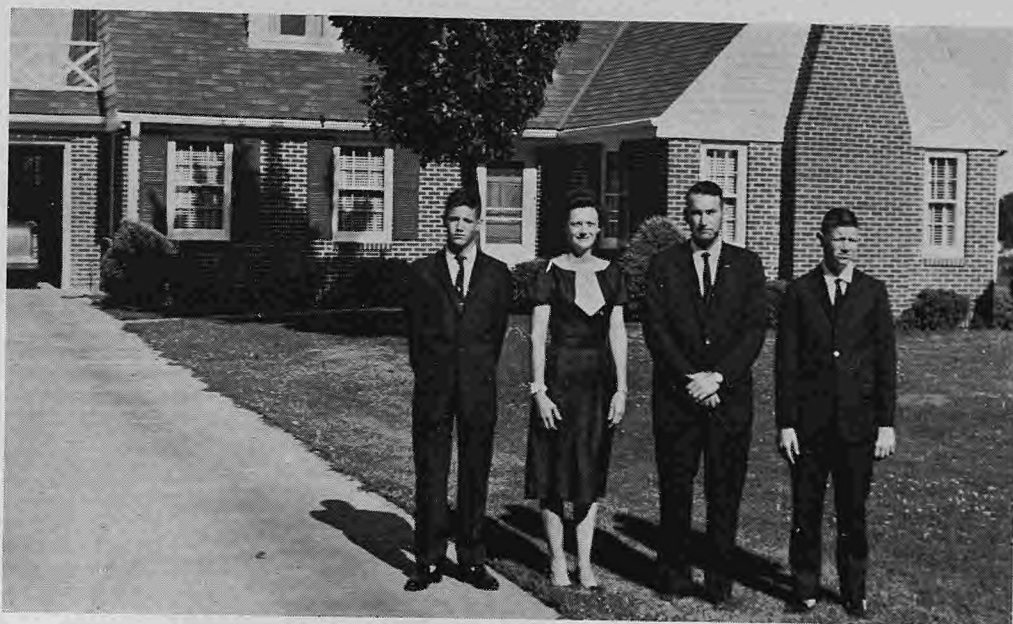


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GRANT CITY, MISSOURI

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Home of Frank O. Barker  
South High Street



Ella Mae Wiley Barker  
May 24, 1918

Frank Otis Barker  
November 2, 1917

Married October 18, 1939



William Frank Barker  
April 7, 1948

John Roy Barker  
March 9, 1947

## History of J. B. Dawson Store and Family

Jesse B. Dawson, son of Benjamin and Millie Coffey Dawson, was born in Kentucky and married Frances Tandy, daughter of Henry Jackson and Narcissa Peery Tandy in 1868, one year after starting a General Store in Grant City in partnership with his brother, C. R. Dawson. He walked morning and evening from his home near Denver to work in the store before his marriage. He built three houses in his life time, all of them on the same site across the street east of the present Methodist Church. The first house was the only house for several blocks in any direction and there was no building between it and Frakes Hotel on the east side of the square.

Jesse B. Dawson hauled goods from St. Joseph by team and wagon, taking three days for the trip.

Jesse B. and Fannie Dawson's children were:

Kate—married William E. Hotaling, died in 1959

Benjamin—married Chloe Van Winkle, died in 1941

Harry Tandy—died at the age of six

Ralph Coffey—married Ethel Willhite, died in 1907

Narcissa—married Joseph V. Willhite, died in 1917

Charles Kent—married Ada McReynolds, later married Lewellyn Birge.

In 1882, Mr. Dawson built his second home. The same year the south side of the square was destroyed by fire and before the fire was out he had contracted for brick to rebuild his store. His brother John C. Dawson joined with him to build the Citizens Bank on the corner. The store was three stories and extended behind the bank to the east street. The ground level was rented to various small businesses, including the *Times* Newspaper Office and later Cloud's Abstract Office. Behind these shops was the store warehouse and there was a hand pulled elevator that was used to haul goods from the basement to the first floor. The first floor contained a large stock of general merchandise and groceries. The second floor was rented as a Hall. Merchandise was sold for cash or traded for butter, eggs, and sometimes ham and bacon.

In 1888, Mr. Dawson ran a splinter in his thumb from a sugar barrel and was seriously ill with blood poisoning for six months. At one time his family feared for his life and sent for a family doctor from Albany, who promptly amputated the thumb. His eldest daughter,



Kate, and son Ben, aged 19 and 17, ran the store and bought goods with the help of traveling salesman. In 1894, Kate was married to William E. Hotaling, son of George Henry and Mildred Robbins Hotaling. The Hotaling family came from New York State originally and the family history on both sides goes back before the Revolutionary War. Will's father and mother lived in Galesburg, Illinois, many years before coming to Missouri, having lived on farms near Bedford, Iowa, and Hopkins, Missouri, then to Grant City where Geo. Hotaling was associated with Alex Goodsill in the Lumber and Hardware business. Mr. Hotaling was County Treasurer and also County Judge at one time. Their children were:

William E.

Nettie—married Sherman Maupin

Walter—died as a young man

Helen—married Ed Matteson

Charles S.—married Jessie Harlin.

Soon after his marriage Will joined the J. B. Dawson Co. firm and the firm bought the brick store building adjoining on the west from J. B. Hand, and expanded the business. He and his wife bought the home that Kate's Uncle John C. Dawson had built north of her parents home.

Here their three children were born:

Harry Dawson—married Teresa Daley, died in 1934, leaving one daughter, Mary Katherine, now Mrs. Charles Roth. She has three sons, Charles, Jr., Ken Dawson, Richard Allan.

Ashley Fitch—married Inez Allison, died in 1938

Frances Margaret—married Erdley Allan Robertson. Their children are: Emily Margaret, William Allan, Katherine Robertson King, James Benjamin. Katherine has one son, William Perry King.



Allan Robertson is the son of John F. and Flora Sayle Robertson. John F. was the son of Judge James Allan and Margaret Schooler Robertson of near Denver. Flora was the daughter of Colonel Erdley Orville and Lavina Jack Sayle, formerly of Clay County and Platte City, Missouri, who had lived in St. Joseph many years. Col. Sayle, his wife and daughter Flora came to Grant City in 1885 when Col. Sayle came to manage the First National Bank for the Burns family of St. Joseph. The children of John F. and Flora Robertson are; Gladys—married Raymond Bower Erdley Allan; Lavinia—married Floyd Tallman; Retha—married Rex Warden; Sayle—married Martha Okey, and died in 1956.

In 1900, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hotaling and family moved to Blockton, Iowa, to open a J. B. Dawson Co. Store there and remained until 1911 when they returned to Grant City to buy Ben Dawson's interest. Ben went to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where Charles K. had been for two years before. They were associated together in the banking business many years.

In 1907 the South Side of the Square burned again but Dawson's buildings were not destroyed although the stock was damaged. After this fire the firm bought the brick building adjoining on the west from Sam Simmons and from this time on there were three departments, dry goods, groceries and men's clothing. Signs on all roads leading to Grant City read, "So many miles to Dawson's Store, Everything to eat and wear, South Side of Square, Grant City." Later that same year they built their last home.

After Mr. and Mrs. Hotaling returned to Grant City in 1911, J. B. Dawson retired because of palsey in one hand. He was always sitting in the yard in warm weather visiting with old friends who stopped to see him. He was

a great friend of children and always said "Let the children run in the yard and up and down the banks; there will be grass when the children are gone." He was a great story teller and often regaled his grand children with funny stories of things that had happened in his childhood in Kentucky where they had many slaves and played with the darky children just like any other children. Mr. Dawson helped all his own nephews and his wife's nephews if they wanted to work in the store, thus giving them business training. They always boarded and roomed at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotaling were in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. Dawson until Mr. Dawson's death in 1922 and Mrs. Dawson's death in 1931. In 1928 he sold out the groceries and put in a Variety stock, later selling the Variety stock to P. M. Place and rented the building to Mr. Place. In 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Hotaling's daughter and son-in-law entered the firm and after a stroke in 1945, Mr. Hotaling retired and Allan Robertson became manager. For many years Mr. Hotaling had been President of the Worth County Library Board and was always concerned about the lack of support for the library from the community. He believed that good books and reading for young people was most important, next to school and church. Mr. Hotaling died in 1956 after several years as an invalid and Mrs. Hotaling lived with her daughter Frances and son-in-law Allan Robertson until her death in 1959.

The Robertson family bought the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dawson in 1944 and have since resided there except for several winters when they stayed to care for Frances' father in his home. In 1960 Allan and Frances Robertson sold the west building and closed out and sold the merchandise stock of J. B. Dawson Co., for 93 years a family owned store.



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## Worth, Missouri

The youngest town in the county is located on land formerly owned by Otto Peterson. When the Burlington extended their line from Grant City to Albany in 1899, they bought 120 acres from Mr. Peterson and forty acres from J. L. Lewis and laid out the town of Worth on this land.

Worth is situated in the valley of the Middle Fork of Grand River about six miles south and one mile west of Grant City.

C. E. Dye built and operated the first store. He also was the first postmaster. Dr. Fred Mull was the first doctor in Worth. R. F. Reynolds had the first lumber yard and Hurley Dye was the first blacksmith.

In the spring of 1913 a disastrous fire destroyed several buildings in the business district, but these were rapidly rebuilt with large brick structures.

The first school house was a building of two rooms erected in 1902 at a cost of \$2,500. The second building for both elementary and high school pupils, a structure consisting of the first building as the south half and a new portion for the north half, was constructed in 1918 at a cost of \$7,500. It was destroyed by the tornado in 1947. The present elementary building was built in 1947.

On April 29, 1947, the little town of Worth was almost completely wiped away when a destructive tornado destroyed the entire business section, and fifteen persons were killed.

The citizens of Worth have reconstructed many of the buildings since that time.

Worth has three churches—Baptist, Methodist, and The Church of Christ—which have been rebuilt since the tornado. The Christian Church was destroyed earlier by lightning and was not rebuilt.

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Another tornado disaster came in October, 1957, north of Worth. Two people were killed and many houses were destroyed.



Main street of Worth before tornado. Taken about 1912.



Main street of Worth after tornado.



Main street of Worth rebuilt.

## Worth County Lake

In the fall of 1956 the Worth County Sportsman's Club and interested citizens decided to promote a fishing lake and recreation area.

A committee was selected with Bill Jefferson serving as chairman of the committee. The Missouri Conservation Commission was called in to assist with selection of

the lake site.

In the spring of 1957 the Missouri Conservation Commission constructed a 23 acre fishing lake on land purchased from Vance Hauber and Harlan King between Worth and Oxford. A 20 acre recreation area around the lake is now used by many groups of the county.

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The Art Shop

## Worth County Library

In 1915, a group of sixteen young ladies met and organized the Domestic Science Club. The object of the club was to make better homemakers of the women by studying the art of domestic science. At each meeting the ladies answered roll call by giving a new recipe. These recipes were collected, and in 1922, the club had a book published which contained over 2,000 recipes and helps for homemakers.

The ladies wanted to broaden their range of study as well as to help their community; so they sold their recipe books for five hundred dollars. This money was used to start the county library.

Obtaining the consent of the County Court for a room in the courthouse, the club bought new books and made a plea for book contributions from friends. By July, 1922, they were able to open the Worth County Library. It contained about six hundred volumes.

This group of ladies decided they would enjoy having more varied programs, which was now made possible with a library.

They changed their name to the Sorosis Club. There were twenty-five members.

In 1927, a City Hall was built in Grant City, and a room was made in this building for a permanent home for the library. As Worth County does not have a library tax, the library is supported by local contributions and gifts.

The Sorosis Club has always taken an active part in collecting funds and in making yearly donations of money and books for the library.

This has been the club's project since the club was organized over thirty years ago, because they have felt the need for a library in the community is greater than in any other field within their scope. The Sorosis Club has always had at least one director on the library board. One of the members has been librarian since 1942.

By May 15, 1954, the library stock had grown to 2590 books. In September, 1954, the Sorosis Club gave fifty dollars with which books were

purchased.

Records show that there have been 2,550 books checked out to the readers of the county the past year.

As this library is the only one available in the county, the school children use it extensively to supplement the limited school libraries, thus making the need for more and

more books greater and greater.

Through the efforts of the Sorosis Club, the members have been able to add 255 books to the Worth County Library since May 15, 1954 until April 1, 1955. Each year the Sorosis Club gives \$50.00 to the Library.

The Library has been incorporated as the Worth County Library.



Worth from center of street, upper left looking southwest—Community Hall; upper right—southeast, Holmes Feed Store and Holmes General Store; lower left—looking southwest and northwest, view showing old bank building. Before the tornado.

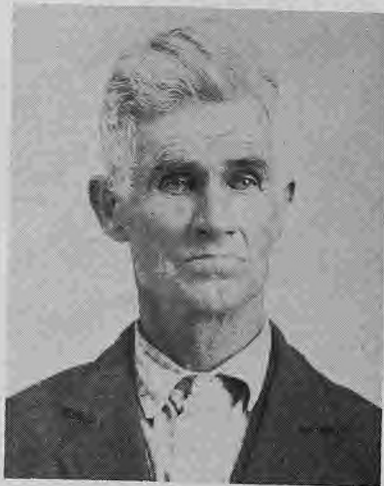


Dr. and Mrs. Butler leaving his office in Isadora. He was a practicing physician here before the turn of the century.

## Maudlin

### FIVE GENERATIONS

Joel—born in Indiana, married Katherine Jane Stevenson—7 children—Newton, Mary Jane, Thomas, Ben, Cynthia Ann, John, and Elmira. Wife died 1861. Later married Cynthia Walton—2 children—Albert and Nathan B. Came to Worth County, 1869. Farmer.



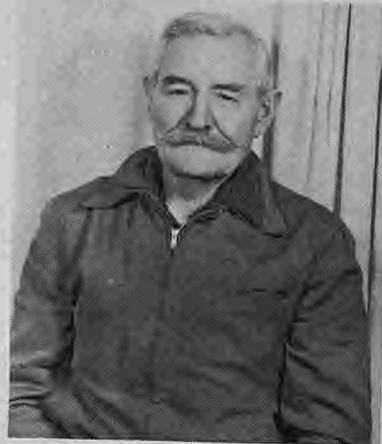
Joel, 1824-1912

James married O. May Coverdell—9 children—Clida Fletchall, John F., Lodus W., Volney C., Doris Burns, J. Willard, and Marion Joel. Woodrow G. and Billy G. died in infancy. 19 grand children. 21 great grant children. Farm home 7 miles northeast of Grant City.



John Eli, 1855-1931

Married Jane McPheeters—14 children, 5 dying in childhood. Mary Miller, Cora Hensley, James W., Rachel Bagley, Lucy Austin, Louvina Monday, Minnie Jackson, Nellie Hunt, and Charles E. Farm home near Jackson Advent Church. There are 176 direct living descendants.



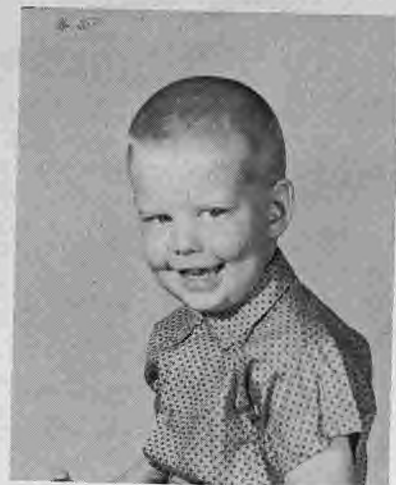
James W., 1880-1959

Youngest of this line is little lady below. Rosemary, born September 16, 1958. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Maudlin. She lives on the farm where her daddy was born.



James Willard, 1924-

Married Betty Jean Horn—3 children—Shirley Jean, David Lynn, and James Douglas. Served in U. S. Navy, 1942-1945. Employed at Conoco Service Station.



James Douglas, July 4, 1958

Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Maudlin. He lives on East 7th Street in Grant City with his parents and family.



Rosemary Maudlin

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lynch, erected in 1951. Sale Barn remodeled, 1954; burned January, 1957; incorporated and rebuilt, 1957. As it appears in 1961.



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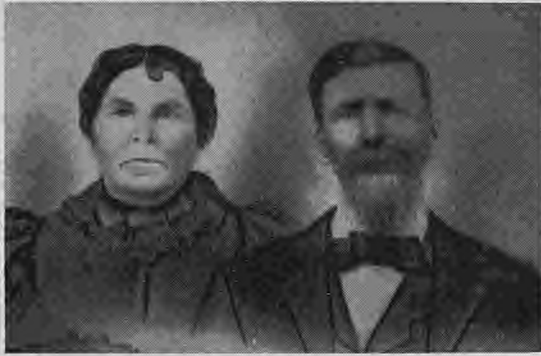


One of free barbecues before remodeling, about 1948.

Showing inside of new Sale Barn arena. Auction block and sale ring, 1958.



## Dunfee



1839-1911; 1844-1901

Isaac Dunfee and Martha June Dillon were married in Lawrence County, Ohio, September 2, 1866, and came to Worth County and settled on a farm one-half mile north of Denver. He was a veteran of the Civil War. She taught rural schools in Ohio and in Worth County. They were the parents of four boys and three girls. They were of the Methodist faith and allied with the Republican party.

## Findley



1846-1934; 1852-1934

John N. B. Findley was born ten miles north of Albany, Missouri, May 6, 1846. He married Elizabeth Miller December 20, 1868. Her father, a primitive Baptist minister, performed the marriage ceremony in the Miller home. In 1871 they bought a farm five miles north of Denver, Missouri, and spent the rest of their married life there. They were the parents of six girls and one boy. They were of Baptist faith. He joined the Jonathan Lodge 321 A.F.&A.M. at Denver in 1882. They were allied with the Democratic party.



1867-1949; 1872-1946

Harry Chester Dunfee was born in Worth County. In the early '80's, he went to Atchison County and located on the J. F. Hannah ranch, five miles east of Tarkio, Missouri. He was foreman on the ranch 13 years and in 1901 purchased a farm in Worth County where they spent the rest of their lives.

Harry Dunfee and Rebecca Phoebe Findley were married in her father's home, October 18, 1894. The marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. S. Riggs. They were the parents of four boys and two girls, one daughter dying in infancy. The boys were all born in Worth County. They were of Baptist faith and allied with the Democratic party.

## DUNFEE CHILDREN



Cora Leah (Dunfee) Seat, 1895; John Isaac, 1898; Arch Carter, 1903; James William, 1908; Benjamin Findley, 1911.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Farrell, Grant City, Missouri



FRONT ROW—Marguerite Fattig, Mrs. Farrell, Beatrice Garrett. BACK ROW—V. M. Farrell, Justin Farrell, Mrs. Farrell, J. D. Farrell.

ROBERT M. FARRELL, born November 8, 1885, the son of Farrell and Sarah (Young) Farrell married Cora Lee Wilson, born September, 12, 1881. She is the daughter of John Thomas Wilson and Melissa (Brewer) Wilson. They were married August 12, 1906. To them were born six children, Ruby June Farrell, their fifth child, died at the age of six years. Their five other children are:

BEATRICE MAY, born May 18, 1907. She married Ralph Garrett, November 11, 1926. They live on a farm in Worth County.

JUBAL DON, born March 5, 1909, married Ila Robbins January 16, 1937. They have two sons, Dick and David. They live in Fort Worth, Texas.

MARGUERITE, born October 6, 1912, married Raymond Fattig, November 27, 1932. They have four daughters, Doris Ann, Jackie, Bette, and Jane. Doris Ann married Harold Christian, December 25, 1951. They have two children, Micheal and Mona. The Fattig family live on a farm in Worth County. The Christians live in Grant City, Missouri.

JUSTIN L., born December 22, 1914, was married to Virginia R. Devers July 18, 1937. They have four sons, Robert D., Thomas, Billy Frank, and John. Robert D. married Sierra Sue Walker January 22, 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Justin Farrell, Billy Frank, and John live in Grant City, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Farrell live in Maryville, Missouri; Thomas Farrell is in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Meramac, California.

VICTOR M., born April 10, 1920, married Frances Barker September 11, 1943. They have four children, James V., Cora Bess, Louise, and Charles. They live in San Luis Obispo, California, where Mr. Farrell is Business Administrator for the San Luis County Hospitals. Robert M. and Cora Lee Farrell were both born in Allendale, Missouri. They attended public school there. After their marriage in 1906, they lived in Allendale until 1920, with the exception of one year spent in Colorado. They moved to Grant City, Missouri, in 1920. Mr. Farrell worked for the County of Worth for several years. He was then employed by the Missouri Highway Department where he remained for eighteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell moved to a farm in 1932 where they still reside.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Farrell attended Worth County Public Schools and were all graduates of the Grant City High School.





## The McCord Family



Robert McCord

Robert McCord was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1790. Later he lived in Mercer County Pennsylvania, and served in the War of 1812 as Captain. He came to Worth County in 1864 and bought land in Greene Township, southeast of Oxford. He died in 1870 while on a visit to Pennsylvania.



William McCord

Wm. McCord, son of Robert McCord, came to Worth County in 1864. Wm. and his wife, Eliza J., were born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. They died in Worth County and are buried at Oxford.



Eliza J. McCord



This is the Charles M. Adams family. Mrs. Adams was Rachel Ellen McCord before her marriage to Charles M. Adams in 1878. The top row—W. J. Adams, St. Joseph, Missouri; Elizabeth Jane Foland (deceased), Edson Adams, Worth, Missouri; Jessie Knowlton, Torrington, Wyoming; John Adams (deceased). Bottom row—Kate Walker, Apache Jct., Arizona; Charles M. Adams, (deceased), Rachel Ellen Adams (deceased), and Martha V. McLaughlin, Grant City, Missouri. The face between the chairs is that of Curtis Ottinger, grandson of W. J. Adams.

## Isadora, Missouri

The first building on the present site of Isadora, was a log cabin built by "Lige" (Elijah) Vaden in 1854, ten years before Isadora became a town. The "Bushwhackers" (Rebel sympathizers) harassed Vaden until he left his home, after burying his money in the hill adjoining town on the north.

Vaden returned in 1864 and met Rinaldo Brown, Sr., who had moved down from Platteville, Iowa. He was very glad to sell all his real estate holdings to R. Brown, who proceeded at once to build a substantial residence on the side hill east of the Main Street. The lumber for same was produced by his saw mill which he brought with him. The next step was the building of a large mill-house, 100 feet in length, 50 feet wide and 4 stories high. The first floor housed his saw mill, the second was occupied by a grist mill, cleaning mill and flour bolter. The third floor was taken up by wool carding machinery. Elevators were located on the top floor. It was also used for putting on exhibitions and shows.

Power for all his machinery was obtained from a large waterwheel which in turn was motivated by a current of water flowing in a narrow channel or flume.

He always had a large force of hired hands, so it became necessary to put in a stock of merchandise. As he was a religious man, he added an upper story to the store building for holding church services.

All this attracted many emigrants to Brown's Mill as it was then called. Consequently in the summer of 1864 he hired Henry Hudson to lay out a town, which he named Isadora in honor of the wife of his favorite drummer (salesman).

In 1864 Mr. Brown established the Isadora school and hired Josephine Protzman of Indiana as the first teacher. The first term was held in the Vaden Log Cabin. Pupils of this term were William, Susan, Marion, Maryetta, and Andrew Brown, Jesse Spoonemore, Agnes Fleming and her brother. The same year school grounds were acquired of Aaron Hibbs, and the building of a

new school house started, and completed in time for the next term. This same building, after much remodeling still stands. And it was in continued use until 1949, when the Isadora District was merged with the Sheridan District. It is now used as a Community Hall.

The Isadora Postoffice was discontinued in 1949. It had been in operation since 1865. Rinaldo Brown was the first postmaster and Mrs. Berniece Wake was the last one. Other postmasters were, Salem True and wife, D. M. Hull, J. D. Horn, E. W. Allee and Wm. E. (Ted) Allee, who served for 42½ years.

Isadora's first physician was Dr. Lathan. Other physicians were Dr.

Wm. Emerson, Dr. H. J. C. Reed, Dr. Horn, Eugene Goodspeed and Dr. Fred Farnsworth.

Thomas A. Goodspeed, a gunsmith, operated a small shop in North Isadora until his death, about 45 years ago.

The last mercantile store owned by I. L. Shipley was sold several years ago. Lyman Smith was the first blacksmith and Cyrus R. Wake still operates a blacksmith shop.

A Methodist church was erected in 1925. The Christian church at Pleasant Ridge was removed to Isadora. IOOF Lodge was established December 1, 1881. Obadiah Sims kept the first hotel.



Rinaldo Brown's store at Isadora about 1880. In left foreground, the late Anna Goff, and driving team, Ed Allee.



View of Isadora taken from the bluff, showing school, two churches, two stores and the hotel. This is after the mill burned.

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## The Eddie Costin Family



Auda, Brenda, Coleen, Eddie Costin

Eddie and Auda, married October 16, 1955. Brenda, born January 5, 1959. Coleen, born January 18, 1957. The family are members of the Christian Church of Grant City. They were both born and reared on a farm and still engage in farming southeast of Grant City. Also Eddie is an RF84 pilot with the Air National Guard with an excess of 2,000 hours, and 19 years of active and reserve service.



Denett, born January 18, 1961



### GRANDPARENTS



Everett and Opal Wilkinson, born in Worth County. Everett, March, 1887; Opal, July, 1886.



Homer and Ollie Costin, born in Worth County. Homer, 1885-1951; Ollie 1884-1959.

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## The Virgil Goff Family



Rose Miller, Hazel Goff, Virgil Goff, Waurine Stephens, Tom Stephens, Carmen Stephens, Jeff Stephens.

The Goff family arrived in Worth County in 1856 and settled on West Fork Grand River near the place where the Virgil Goffs now live (5 miles north and 3 miles west of Grant City and 1 mile south of the Iowa line). Virgil was the son of George and Annie (Brown) Goff; George, the son of Charles and Annie (Merkling) Goff; Charles, the son of Leonard and Nancy Goff. (Leonard died on the way to Missouri.) Annie Goff, Virgil's mother, was the daughter of Rinaldo Brown and Nancy (McCardy) Brown. Rinaldo was also an early settler of Worth County. He ran a mill and later a dry goods store at Isadora down the river a few miles from where the Goffs settled. Virgil's sister, Grace, is now Mrs. Earl Newton and lives in Isadora. George passed away in 1945 and Annie in 1958.

Virgil married Hazel Miller, daughter of James I. and Rose (Mitchell) Miller. They lived in Greene Township in the southwest part of the county near Parnell. Hazel's brother, Leslie, married Madra (Camden) Miller. They had one daughter, Theresa. Jim Miller passed away in 1950, Leslie in 1951. Rose and her daughter-in-

law live in Parnell at the present time together with Madra's father, George Camden. Theresa is employed in St. Joseph.

In 1956 Virgil and Hazel Goff's only daughter, Waurine, married Thomas J. Stephens, Jr., at the Honey Grove Community Center, one-half mile east of their home. Tom is the son of T. J. and Ruby Stephens. T. J. Stephens, Sr., is formerly from the Redding Community and also the son of T. J. Stephens. His mother, Ruby, is the daughter of John N. and Debbie Thompson of the Victory Community, 2 miles east of the Goff farm. At present T. J. Stephens, Sr., is a National Bank Examiner, living in Kansas City, Missouri. They have one other son, John, who married Judy Fulcher, of Windfield, Kansas, on December 29, 1960. They will both teach in Junction City, Kansas, in 1961-62.

Thomas Jefferson Stephens IV, was born February 12, 1959, and Carmen, January 26, 1961. At present their father, T. J. Stephens, Jr., is a lawyer in Grant City and their mother, Waurine, is the County Extension Home Agent in Worth County.

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## The Guy Allee Family



TOP ROW, left to right—Roy Mayes, Beverly Mayes, Kyle Mayes, Marion Asher, J. D. Asher, Willa Allee, Chandra Allee, Bud Allee, Stephen Allee, Robert Davis, Joan Davis, Doy Allee, Shirley Allee. BOTTOM ROW—Allen Davis, Sue Ann Davis, Martha Rush, Marie Allee, Debby Davis, Guy Allee, Lynda Asher, Eddie Allee, Pamela Allee.





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## The Glenn Hunter Family



Glenn

Francine

Glenn Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunter, born November 10, 1913. Francine Lovitt Hunter, daughter of E. C. and Edna (deceased) Lovitt, born March 28, 1925, were married July 27, 1958.



Nancy  
August 16, 1944

Leslie  
July 19, 1948



Billy Glenn  
November 2, 1959

Jimmy  
October 31, 1960

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## The Korn Family



James R. and Nevada Shockley Korn  
1854-1940      1863-1932

They were married in 1880, parents of Charles and Anna Korn Edwards, both deceased, and James Homer Korn. James was born on the Korn homestead, five miles northwest of Albany, Missouri. Her birth place and home was on a neighboring farm. They moved to Worth County in 1895, to the farm southeast of Grant City, Missouri.



Sherman A. and Susie Preston Nye  
1865-1938      1867-1955

Married in 1883, in Salem, South Dakota, they came by covered wagon to Iowa and Missouri in 1890. In 1902 they bought a farm five miles northwest of Grant City, Missouri. They were parents of Stacy C. and Irma Nye King, both deceased; Isabell Sickels, Mt. Ayr, Iowa; Della Korn, Grant City, Missouri; and Susie Brundage, Phoenix, Arizona.



James Homer Korn  
January, 1901



Della Nye Korn  
July, 1901

Married February 26, 1919.

Homer was born in Worth County, five miles southeast of Grant City, Missouri, where he lived until moving to Grant City in 1933, to their present home. He was employed by the Standard Oil Company for 24 years before taking a disability retirement in 1957.



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## John Motsinger Family

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Motsinger will observe their sixtieth wedding anniversary, December 24, 1961. They were married at the home of Mrs. Motsinger's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bryant McKim, who lived continuously in Worth County from 1874 until Mr. McKim's death in 1938 and Mrs. McKim's death in 1949.

Mr. Motsinger's parents were Riley M. and Mary K. Cowan Motsinger. His father settled on the Motsinger farm eight miles northeast of Grant City in 1869. His mother, Mary K. Cowan, came to Worth County in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Motsinger resided on the Motsinger farm, where he was born, until 1945, when they retired from active farming and moved to Grant City. The farm has been owned by the family since 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Motsinger are the parents of two daughters and two sons: Inez, the wife of Wheaton Dawson, Grant City; Deva, the wife of Galen Phipps, Anaheim, California; and Gail, whose wife is Frances Wiley Motsinger, Grant City. Joe died in 1922.

Their grandchildren are: Max Dawson and wife Lyla Culbertson Dawson; John P. Dawson and wife, Elaine Drage Dawson; Mary K. Motsinger Miller and husband, David J. Miller; James Paul Motsinger, and Joe Motsinger.

Their great grandchildren are: Jennifer, Deborah, and Deanna (twins), and Cynthia, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Max Dawson; Elizabeth, Christopher, and Karen (twins), children of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dawson; Betty Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Miller.



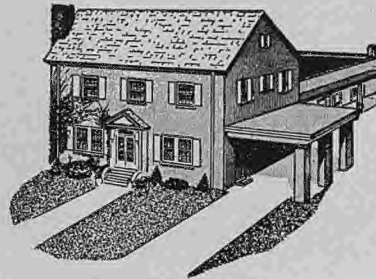
First Row, left to right—Jennifer, Deborah, Cynthia, Deanna, Joe. Second row, seated—Elaine, holding Elizabeth; Inez, Mr. and Mrs. Motsinger, Deva, Lyla, Mary K. Standing—John Wheaton, Frances, Gail, Galen, Max, James Paul.



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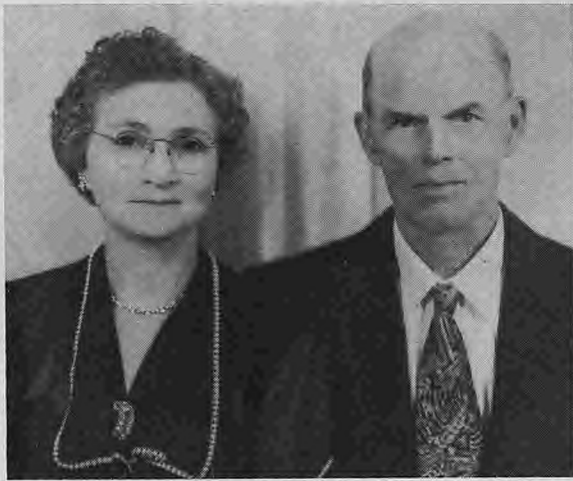
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Dr. Jack O. Parker has practiced veterinary medicine in Worth County for five years. He was born in Worth County at Isadora, Missouri. He has served for two years as mayor of the county seat of Worth County, 1959-1961. His wife, Marjorie, was born and reared near Maryville, Missouri.



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JOSEPH CARLIN MATTESON settled in Worth County in 1866, coming from Pennsylvania, via Dowagiac, Michigan. Born 1822, married Catherine Matthews; descendent of Thomas Matteson, 1379, of Yorkshire England, and Thomas Matteson, who came to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1630. Picture taken from tintype of 1870.



JOHN MITTELSTEDER, emigrant from Germany, married Mary Ann Klippfield of Ohio; Union Army veteran, enlisted in Missouri Infantry from Worth County, Dec. 7, 1918; his son, Frank Herbert Mittelsteder, of Grant City and Irena; his granddaughter, Pearl Mittelsteder Matteson and her son, Joseph J. Matteson. (Picture 1917.)



JAMES EARLY, born in Indiana, 1835, came to Worth County in 1856, married Christina Ann Crim in 1857, Civil War veteran, Union Army, Missouri Infantry from Worth County; lived five miles north of Allendale and in Grant City; maternal grandfather of Pearl Mittelsteder Matteson and great-grandfather of Frank B. Matteson, M.D.

MATTESONS IN WORTH COUNTY  
1866 — 1961



50th Wedding Anniversary picture of JAMES BIRDSEY MATTESON, son of Joseph Matteson (above) and ELIZABETH SPEIR MATTESON, and their children, taken March 23, 1926. Left to right—J. B. Matteson, Elizabeth Matteson, Rev. E. E. Matteson, Urith M. Hull, Kate M. Robertson, Erdley S. Matteson, Olevia M. Paris, Joseph S. Matteson, D.V.M.



Picture August, 1930, of children of Joseph S. Matteson and Erdley S. Matteson. Front row—Alec M. Matteson, Mary Phyllis Matteson, Helen Matteson. Back row—Betty Ann Matteson, Wm. F. Knight (cousin of Frank, Mary and Joe), Frank Birdsey Matteson, Joseph J. Matteson, Erdley S. Matteson, Jr., Fred Matteson, and James E. Matteson (World War II Marine, died in Japanese prison camp in Phillipines).



CENTENNIAL BELLES 1961

Pearl M. Matteson

Maxine Z. Matteson

Judith Elaine Matteson



Picture taken March 6, 1960, in home of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Matteson, Grant City. William Cederberg, Mary Matteson Cederberg, M.D., James Ramon Matteson, Joseph Carlin Matteson, Maxine Zechmeister Matteson, Frank B. Matteson, M. D., Catherine Cederberg, Pearl Mittelsteder Matteson, Judith Elaine Matteson, Marta Cederberg, Frank Birdsey Matteson, Joseph S. Matteson, D.V.M., John Drury Matteson, and Max Z. Matteson (inset), born Nov. 15, 1960. Picture on wall of Joseph J. Matteson, died July 10, 1939. Frank B. Matteson served in World War II as Major, Medical Corps, in European Theater; Wm. Cederberg as Pharmacist Mate, Navy Medical Corps, Pacific Theater.

## COMMITTEES



STANDING: Harley Elliott, Homer Korn, Justin Farrell, Francis Goff, and Bud Mathers. SITTING: Charles Foland, Raymond Smith, and Glen Hunter. BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH COMMITTEE—Elliott, Foland, Smith, and Hunter. HATS AND TIES COMMITTEE—Korn, Farrell, Goff, and Mathers.



DECORATION COMMITTEE—George Bales, Mac Spainhower and Bill Sparks.



PARADE COMMITTEE—Trustin Wilkinson, Guy Allee, Raymond Smith, Cleo Adams.



QUEEN'S BALL CHAIRMAN—Mrs. Berneice Holland. QUEEN'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Ica Cummings, Billie Fern McLaughlin, Gail Motsinger, Penny Matteson and Lou Goff.



HISTORICAL WINDOWS COMMITTEE—Left to right: Jane Goff, Kathryn House, Ralph Shedrick, C. O. Daniels, Marjorie Straight, Mabel Adams, absent is Freida Motsinger.

## The Ralph Carroll Family



LeRoy Carroll, Marlin Carroll, Vera Davis, Ralph Carroll, Aloha Carroll, Betty Ruckman.



MaDonna Arnold Carroll, wife of LeRoy Carroll.



Floyd Davis, husband of Vera Davis.



Geraldine Heisman Carroll, wife of Marlin Carroll.



LeDonna and Bryan Carroll, children of LeRoy and MaDonna Carroll.



Galen Ruckman, Sue Ruckman, Michael Ruckman, Betty Ruckman.



Patrica Ann and David Carroll, children of Marlin and Geraldine Carroll.

## COMMITTEES



COMMITTEES ON SPECTACLE DIVISION—Seated—Charley McLaughlin, Albert Maudlin, Melvin Warman, Arthur Knight, Hazel Michel, Bernadine Thompson, Jack Parker, Kenneth Thompson. Top—Fred Mazingo, Aubrey Wilkinson, Howard Weddle, David Thrasher, Margaret Stevens, Mary Swift, Uva Stabe, Gayle Wilkinson, Vanda Terry, Lou Goff, Audie Costin, Alice Miller, Edith Weddle, Bessie Weddle, Burl Wilson, Lula Elliott, and Mildred Gromer. J. V. Stevenson, absent.



CENTENNIAL BELLES COMMITTEE—Betty Ruckman, Vanita Clark, Kathryn Smith, Lula Elliott.



COMMITTEES ON HOSPITALITY—Wheaton Dawson, Charley McLaughlin, Martha McLaughlin, C. G. (Cork) Spainhower, Kermit Bram, and Albert Maudlin.



Rex Thrasher, audience area; Francis Goff, special projects; John Dawson, insurance.



CARAVAN COMMITTEE—Raymond Smith, Louis Rauch, Jay Goff, Kathryn Smith, Jessie Rauch, Iva Mae Goff.

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## The Cleo W. Adams Family



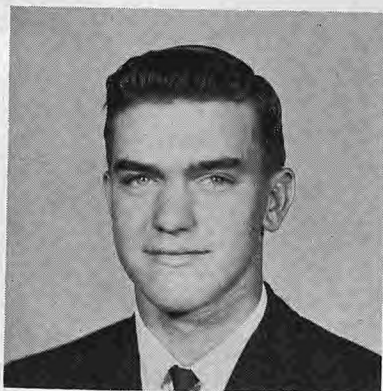
Ralph C. Adams — Ruth Miller Adams



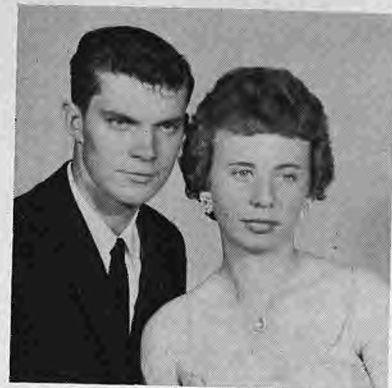
Bertha Cordell Winemiller — William Winemiller



Cleo W. Adams — Verene Winemiller Adams



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THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT—YEAR 1961



LIST OF MEMBERS, LEFT TO RIGHT

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## The Jay Family

W. T. Jay and wife came to Worth County in 1872.



←W. T. Jay and Mary



Charles Sandall and wife, Alma Jacobson Sandall.



William E. Jay and wife, Minnie Davis Jay.



BOTTOM ROW, left to right—Austin E. Jay, wife, Helen Sandall Jay, sons, Austin and Donald Lawrence. TOP ROW, left to right—daughters Kathryn Olney, Joan Jones, Marilyn Ruckman, Loreen Hughes, and Jeanne Williams.

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## Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jacobs Family



1874-1941                      1878  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jacobs, farmers for 45 years  
 in Worth County. Parents of twin sons, Fred and  
 Frank, 1904, and a daughter, Mildred, 1911.



Fred Jacobs and Crystal Wisecup were married in 1931  
 are the parents of Dolores, John D. and Edwin W.



Frank Jacobs and Verne Arnold were married  
 in 1929. They are the parents of Emmitt E. and  
 Velma. At present Frank is the Methodist Min-  
 ister at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.



Lois Mildred Jacobs and Leslie N.  
 Bricken were married in 1934. They are  
 the parents of one daughter, Nolene.

## The Claude Cadle Family



FIRST ROW, left to right—Joan Waske, Charles Waske, Claude Cadle, Bertha Cadle, Claudia Cadle, Beverly Cadle, Mark Cadle. SECOND ROW—Bob Waske, Charles Cadle, Louie Cadle, Bill Cadle.



Christine Waske

### A BRIEF FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Cadle and Claudia now reside on a farm five miles north of Grant City where Charles was born. Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Cadle moved around 1900.



Cynthia Cadle

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cadle were the parents of two children: Mildred Cadle Lewis and Charles R. Cadle. Mrs. Cadle, formerly Bertha Robinson, drove a covered wagon from Kansas when her family moved to Missouri. She was twelve years old at the time.

Charles R. Cadle married Louie Motsinger. They are the parents of three children, Bill, Joan, and Claudia. Bill married Beverly Ray and they have two children, Mark and Cynthia. Joan married Robert Waske and they have two children, Charles and Christine. Both families live on farms in Worth County.

Charles A. Cadle, father of Claude Cadle, was one of the first elders and founders of the present Christian Church where four generations of Cadle men now attend. He was married in the Denver community and was married to Margaret Killingsworth.

Patterson R. Cadle, father of Charles A. Cadle, was one of the county judges when Worth County became a county. He was born in Tennessee, then moved to the Denver community. His wife was Ann Kincaid.

David Cadle was the father of Patterson Cadle. His wife was Barbara Lynch.

## Allendale Trail Riders' Saddle Club



LEFT TO RIGHT—Betty Ruth Andrews, Susan Mosbarger, Bobby Findley, Eddie Andrews, Ronn Wilkinson, Vernon Clark, Rebecca Clark, Leslie and Bill Hunter, Gayle Wilkinson, Maude and Aubrey Wilkinson, Clifford and Jozy Mosbarger, Glenn and Jimmy Hunter, Garland Gibson, Raymond Smith, Nancy Hunter, Trusten Wilkinson, Matt Ashby, Jerry Cook, Michael Cook, Bill Weddle, Melvin Adams, Randy Weddle, Rodney Adams, Michael Wilkinson, Zene Hammer, John Hunter, C. O. Daniels, Mark Weddle, David Adams.

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### HISTORY OF CLUB

The Allendale Trail Riders' Saddle Club was organized on January 23, 1957. There is a membership of 26 families in 1961, the present year.

Permanent club grounds were donated by Aubrey and Maude Wilkinson near their home south of Allendale.

Regular meetings are held every Friday night at the club grounds during the summer months and monthly meetings are held during the winter.

The following have served as president of the club: Texas Thompson, Glenn Hunter, Leslie Dehart, Cleo Adams, and Vernon Clark.

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## Allendale Trail Riders' Saddle Club



FRONT ROW, left to right—Patty Cook, Bobby Findley, Randy Weddle, Mark Weddle, David Adams, Michael Wilkerson, Rodney Adams.

SECOND ROW—Eddie Andrews, Ronn Wilkinson, Vanita Clark, Kathryn Adams, Betty Ruth Andrews, Rhonda Adams, Leslie Hunter, Susan Mosbarger, Cheryl Gibson, Michael Cook, Mathew Ashby, Shawn Ashby, Julia Ashby, Gayle Wilkinson, Rebecca Clark.

THIRD ROW—Ruth Hunter, Ruth Gibson, Edith Findley, Pauline Andrews, Leah Wilkinson, Francine Hunter, Jimmy Hunter, Nancy Hunter, Geraldine Cook, Donna Mosbarger, Jozy Mosbarger, Nancy Wilkinson, Maude Wilkinson, Aubrey Wilkinson, Zene Hammer.

FOURTH ROW—Cleo Findley, Trusten Wilkinson, John Andrews, Bill Weddle, C. O. Daniels, Jerry Cook, Glenn Hunter, Billy Hunter, Clifford Mosbarger, Vernon Clark, John Hunter, Melvin Adams, Garland Gibson, Raymond Smith.

## Headquarters Volunteers

### WORTH



FIRST ROW, left to right—Della Korn, Chairman; Mabel Adams, Mary Hughes, Naomi Hughes, Edith Lowder, Co-Chairman. BACK ROW—Cleda Ferguson, Kathryn Alderson, Connie Adams, Melba Pitzenbarger, Barbara Danner, Ruth Gladstone, Barbara Simmons.

### WORTH COUNTY LIBRARY



FIRST ROW, left to right—Martha McLaughlin, Bess Barker, Jane Goff, Pearl Matteson, Della Korn. BACK ROW—Mary Swift, Lois Miller, Bernadine Thompson, Dean Miller, Ruth Kobbe, Marie Kobbe.

### ALLENDALE



FIRST ROW, left to right—Maude Wilkinson, Grace Weddle, Ruth Hunter, Sarah Sims, Auda Beavers, Gertrude Combs. BACK ROW—Cora Hammer, Della Korn, Vanita Clark, Gayle Wilkinson.

### SHERIDAN



FIRST ROW, left to right—Beth Hart, Sadie Parman, Lucile Aldrich, Alice Cook. BACK ROW—Della Korn, Lynna Hoover, Joyce Chambers, Margaret Dowis, Quete Dowis, Genevieve Staton, Edith Lowder.

### DENVER



FIRST ROW, left to right—Mrs. Cleo Smith, Mrs. Bill Thrasher, Deane Bram. BACK ROW—Della Korn, Martha Ruckman, Marsha Hickman, Mary Bram, Diana Ridge, Edith Lowder.

### GRANT CITY



FIRST ROW, left to right—Uva Stabe, Mary Steel, Lavesta Sherer, Darlene Allenbaugh, Retha Moutray, Evanel, Carol, and Connie Bunker. BACK ROW—Della Korn, Mildred Fuller, Mildred Bunker, Auda Costin, Frances Motsinger, Edith Lowder.



## Grant City Business and Professional Women's Club

The Grant City Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in 1946. Mrs. Kathryn Sparks was the first President and there were forty members the first year.

Past Presidents are as follows: Kathryn Sparks—1946-47, Mayme Rinehart—1947-48, Winifred Rybolt—1948-49, Lillie Andrews—1949-50, Gladys Lynch—1950-51, Irene Combs—1951-52, Leah Wolfe—1952-53, Lois Smith—1953-54, Freida Elwick—1954-55, Maxine Matteson—1955-56, June Dye—1956-57, Deva Austin—1957-58, Lillie Andrews—1958-59, Roberta Wood—1959-60, Rebecca Lynch—1960-61 and Carmetta Jackson—1961-62.

The Club has sponsored The Girl Scouts, placed benches in the Court yard, placed street names and numbers on the streets of Grant City, placed picnic bench in the park, gave donation to School District for landscaping of new school house, gives donation to Library fund regularly, helps with community fund raising, and sponsors a Tea for the Senior Girls each year.

There are twenty-two members in the Club at this time. The membership list is as follows: Lillie Andrews, Deva Austin, Ruth Beavers, Vera Brown, Virginia Brown, Iola Cook, June Dye, Nellie Eighmy, Carolyn Fletchall, Lela Hass, Car-

metta Jackson, Lydia Lowry, Gladys Lynch, Rebecca Lynch, Ruth Kobbe, Esther McClellan, Maxine Matteson, Rue Mitchell, Cleora Olney, Lois Phillips, Bessie Yeater, and Elfredah Richards.





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## Family of O. W. Lynch



Family of O. W. Lynch, now deceased, and wife Arabelle Grindstaff Lynch, both born and raised in Worth County, near Fletchall Grove.

Children, left to right, front row—Mrs. Bly (Juanita) Wilson, Wagner, South Dakota; Mr. Lynch; C. O. Lynch, Boulder, Colorado; Mrs. Lynch; J. W.

Lynch, Boulder, Colorado. Second row—J. O. Lynch, Grant City, Missouri; Mrs. John (Alma) Thompson, Allendale, Missouri; Ed Lynch, Redding, Iowa; Mrs. Keith (Inez) Fisher, Mt. Ayr, Iowa; Ellis Lynch, Boulder, Colorado. Not shown—Mrs. Dayle (Berneice) Allen, Leon, Iowa, and infant Volley, deceased.



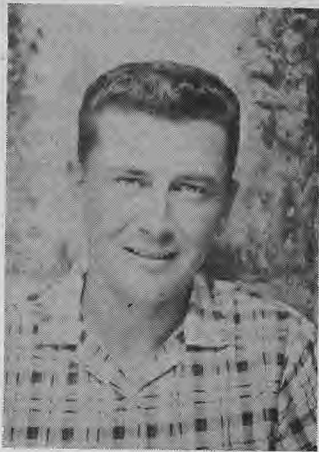
J. O. Lynch, 1947



Mrs. J. O. Lynch, 1947



Daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Heiffus, Los Angeles, California.



Son-in-law, Don Jensen,  
Barnard, Missouri



Daughter, Mrs. JoAnn Lynch Jensen, Barnard, Missouri. Grant City Rodeo Queen, 1947; Pony Express Rodeo Queen, St. Joseph, 1947.



Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lynch, 1961, in  
Centennial Dress



Grandson, Stephen Heiffus, Los Angeles, California

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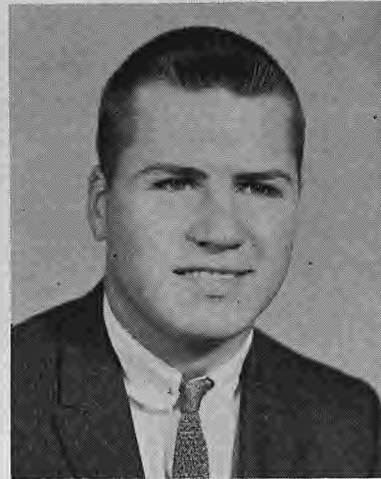
Frances Wiley Motsinger



Mary K. Motsinger Miller



David Jackson Miller



James Paul Motsinger



Joseph Gail Motsinger



Betty Gail Miller, age 10 hours on July 20, 1961  
daughter of Mary K. and David Jackson Miller

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# Grant City Council

and

# Grant City Employees



**GRANT CITY COUNCIL**

STANDING—Clifford Hass, Kenneth Thompson, Doyle Thompson, Phil Terry. SEATED—Mrs. Gladys Monday, Clerk, and Frank Barker, Mayor.



**GRANT CITY EMPLOYEES**

Chris Spainhower, Ray Motsinger, Elie Roach, Carter Hass.

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## In Memory of Early Settlers of Worth County



W. W. Aldrich  
1857-1929

Katherine Aldrich  
1872-1935

This couple settled in Union Township, north of Sheridan, in the 19th Century. They cleared the fertile land and made a home that became the birthplace of five children: Roy, Violet, Pansy, Noble, and Daisy. Violet died at the age of 17. The other four are leading active lives and are proud of their Worth County birthright. Other descendants of W. W. and Katherine Aldrich consist of nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

W. W. Aldrich, who was left an orphan from the Civil War, became a leading personality in the early growth of Worth County. He served Worth County in the Missouri Legislature for three terms with distinction. His homestead always had the welcome sign out to weary travelers.

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## The James Coy Family



Dorman Coy and wife, Kathryn Coy, and children, James Robert Coy and Bonita Lorene Coy of Independence, Missouri.



James O. Coy and wife, Lieutena Meek Coy.



Duaine Coy and wife, Lila Coy of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Coy and sons and Mrs. Coy were born in Worth County and Mr. Coy in Harrison County, Missouri. They spent their entire married life in Worth County, except for four years.

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We want to sincerely say "BEST WISHES" to all the wonderful people of Worth County, Missouri!



JOE AND CARMETTA JACKSON

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## The Roy Barker Family

Esle Roy Barker, March 8, 1882-September 26, 1949, son of John Johnson Barker and Cordelia Frances McCandless Barker.



Fannie Pearl Freeman Barker, April 16, 1881-August 16, 1957, daughter of John Freeman and Anna Elizabeth Trump Freeman.

Married March 1, 1905



J. Freeman Barker

March 18, 1906-October 30, 1945, married Elizabeth Moffett, June 21, 1928.

Jack R. Barker

July 1, 1913, married Leona Hazelwood, May 18, 1940.

Marjorie Alberta May

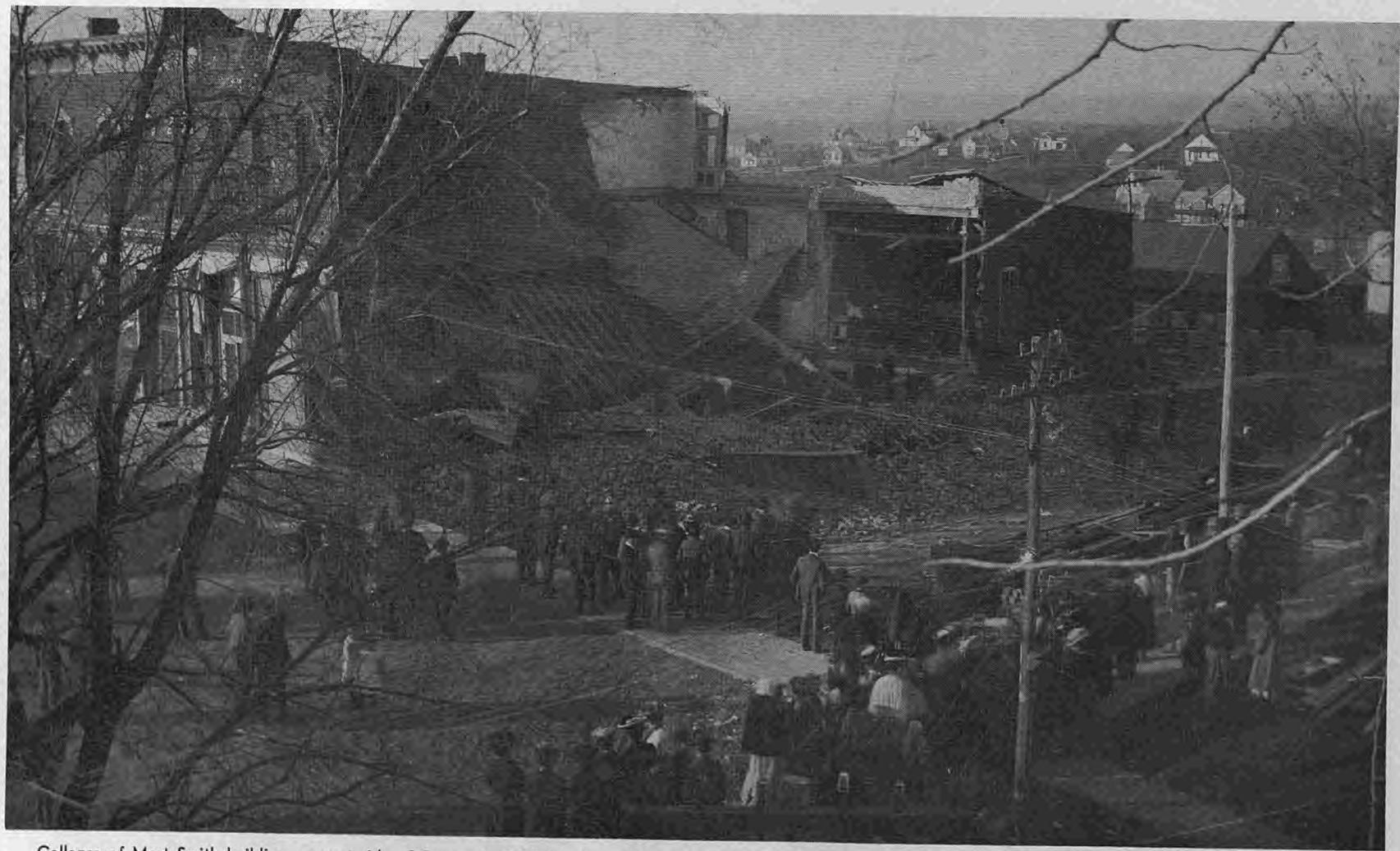
April 13, 1911-March 12, 1961, married Charles W. May, April 28, 1943.

Anna Maxine Palmer

May 11, 1909, married Michael Paul Palmer, June 21, 1928.

Frank O. Barker

November 2, 1917, married Ella Mae Wiley, October 18, 1939.



Collapse of Mort Smith building on west side of Square in 1904. Dr. Ernest Ewing had office rooms upstairs and some patients staying there taking treatments. One patient was killed and Argus Brown, sleeping in same bed, was not hurt. Harding House was just to left of picture.





C. S. Grant, M. D.



Mrs. C. S. (Allee) Grant



FRONT ROW—John, Richard, Joyce. BACK ROW—Jane and Claude.



Mrs. Harriet Grant and son,  
Claude



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grant and son, Claude Skaggs



Claude LeRoy & Mother

## THE CLAUDE AND AUDREY GRANT FAMILY

Claude Skaggs Grant, M.D., physician and surgeon in General Practice, the subject of this sketch, was born in Christian County, Missouri, on a farm near the town of Clever, February 26, 1902. He was reared and received his primary education from the schools of that vicinity. His father sent him to New Jersey where he lived with his mother's brother and family, Rev. James Skaggs. When his parents, Edgar and Harriet (Skaggs) Grant, moved to Wisconsin, Claude returned to live with his parents and sisters, Mary, Helen, and where his twin sisters Ella and Ida were born. Claude attended Milton College, where he met his first wife, Elsie Bining. Three children were born of this union: Robert Claude, James Michael, and Meredith "Penny." After finishing College, he taught in the High School of Broadhead, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin Medical School

where he graduated in 1931, returning to Missouri, where he took his Internship in Research Hospital, Kansas City, after which he started in General Practice in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he has a fine reputation as one of the best surgeons in the community. Dr. Grant married his second wife, Miss Audrey Maud Allee, August 24, 1946. They have by this union five children: Claude LeRoy, June 8, 1947; Nancy Jane, August 25, 1948; Joyce Evelyn, February 3, 1950; Richard Skaggs, March 15, 1951, and John Allee Roger, May 30, 1954. Besides medicine he has several other interests, owning a 386 acre farm near Agency, Missouri, on which he has built several ponds and two lakes, one covering between nine and ten acres. Here his family can enjoy many of their hobbies, such as fishing, swimming, water sports, horseback-riding, iceskating, rifle practice and many other pleasures.



Left to right—Mrs. George Michel, Mrs. Lloyd Burdick, Dr. C. S. Grant, Mrs. Ella TerMaath and Mrs. Howard Loufboro.



Mrs. James (Sandra Johnston) Grant, James Grant and Robert Grant



Mrs. Peter (Penny Grant) Van Horn

## THE ROLLA ALLEE FAMILY



FRONT ROW—Myrtle and Rolla Allee, Myra. BACK ROW—Audrey, Robert, Harriett, Lynn, Margaret, Guy, and Edna

Rolla Ward Allee, retired farmer, was born in Worth County near the community of Isadora to Edward and Marietta (Brown) Allee, May 17, 1882. He was the sixth of eight children. Four are still living: W. E. "Ted," Roland, Nellie (Sampson Hennigin), and George W. His mother died when he was a small boy and his grandparents, John and Ann (DeHart) Allee, helped his father raise him and his brothers and sister, until he took for his second wife Winnie (Shipley). To this union were born Paul and Norma. Rolla, as he has been called all his life, married Nellie Myrtle Roberts, daughter of Edward and Eve Catherine (Stevenson), in 1901. To this union were born eight children. They have thirty-three grandchildren and thirty-five great grand-children.

Rolla has a nice voice and with his brothers won much admiration and praise as the "Allee Brothers Quartet."

The following is a brief note on each of Rolla's eight children:

E. Guy Allee was born in 1902, in Isadora, Missouri, upstairs over his grandfather Allee's General Store, where his parents, Rolla W., and Myrtle (Roberts) Allee, lived. Soon after Guy was born, he moved with his parents to a farm, growing to manhood and working with his father. He took as his wife Marie Carr, to which union was born six children: Maryon (Mrs. J. D. Asher); Jo Ann (Mrs. Robert Davis); Guy Leland, married to (Willa Pennington); Beverly Hope (Mrs. Roy Mayes); Doy, married to (Shirley Thompson); and Martha Carol (Mrs. Marion "Ted" Rush. He has eleven grandchildren, three of whom are boys who will carry on the name of Allee. At present Guy is engaged in farming with special interest in breeding Quarter horses, owning a purebred stallion named "Bimbo."

Myra Helen Allee was born on the Spoonmore place. She is married to Glee Graham. This union has four children: Earle Ward, Kenneth York, Mary Catherine (Roybal), and Teddy Roberts. Myra graduated from the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College.

Edna Marietta Allee was born on the Kidd place. She married Austin Payton to which union were born six children: Virginia Ruth, Mary Lou (expired age two), Jehu Robert (married to Mary Wallace), Lucille (Mrs.

Harold Connell), Larry Rex, and Dana Diane of the home. Edna is a Licensed Practical Nurse.

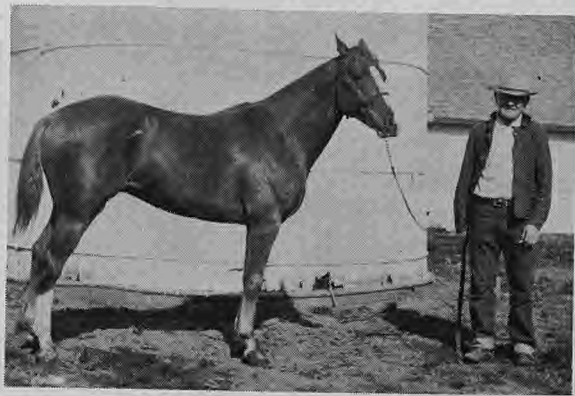
Robert LeRoy was born on his grandfather Roberts farm, where his parents lived. He took as his wife Wilma Kobbee, daughter of Frank and Pearl, to which union were born three children: Beulah June (Mrs. Byron Stoner), Francis Jane (Mrs. Larry Dowis), and Harold LeRoy. Bob lives on a farm being a livestock dealer, associated with the Grant City Sale Barn. His special interest is race horses, owning several, which his son Harold trains.

Lois Harriett Allee was born on the Simpson farm. She is married to Verne Coy, an electrician who works in Alaska during the summer months, where he helped build the D.E.W. line. During the winter he builds and sells houses in Wyoming. They have two children: Lois (Mrs. Jack Bolich), and Bonnie (Mrs. Larry Green) and one grandchild, Jeff.

Audrey Maud Allee was born on the Weese place in 1917, receiving her primary education in the Sheridan School District, graduating with the class of 1935. Upon graduating she went to Wyoming where she worked until 1940. The fall of that year she entered the Missouri Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1943. She worked in St. Joseph until April, 1945, moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she attended the University of Minnesota School of Anesthesiology, under Ralph T. Knight, M.D., Director. Graduating in the year of 1946, she became a member of the Board of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist in the fall of that year.

Margaret Lucy was born on the Weese place in 1921. She married Carl Benton White, to which union were born three children: Linda Sue (Mrs. Ed Guilford), Gary Carl, and Ginger Margaret. Margaret is a Licensed Practical Nurse and Medical Librarian.

Marvin Lynn Allee is the youngest child of Rolla and Myrtle, being born on the Weese place, as were his two youngest sisters. He is married to Helen McKee, to which union were born four children: Richard Lynn, Barbara, Sharon, and Patricia. Lynn is a meat cutter by trade.



E. G. Allee and "Bimbo," 1957



The R. W. Allee family, 1940



Oldest to youngest



The Glee Graham family



The Austin Payton family



The Bob Allee family



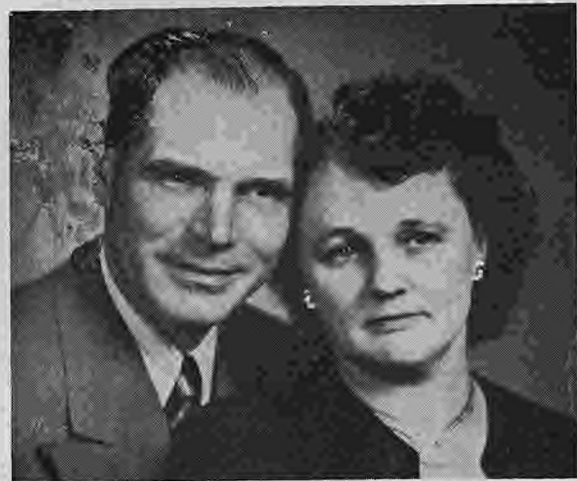
The Verne Coy family



The Carl White family



Dad and Mother



Guy and Ada



Guy on the farm



Still smiling



Ole Smoky jumping rope,  
"Wild Horse" up

## GUY "WILDHORSE" RAY

Guy "Wildhorse" Ray was born in Worth County, Missouri, August 27, 1909. His father was a farmer by occupation, and young Guy was brought up to work with his father, Henry, who was also born in Worth County and spent much of his younger days in the Isadora community, where he met and married Cora May (Carroll). Guy was the seventh of eleven children born to this couple: Dillard (expired age 20), Sadie (Dukes) (expired), Lillie (Bevington, Grace (Son), Fay (Barker), Vernie Ray, Guy Ray, Myrtle (Chicken) (expired age 40), Ethel (Christensen), Lloyd Ray, Johnnie B. Ray. His father died at an early age and Guy and his brother, Vernie stopped their education and helped their mother support the younger members of the family.

Guy was married to Ada Francis (Mitchell). They have two sons, Marion (married to Peggy Phoebus), who

has three sons: Michell Kenneth, Gregory Mark, and Randy Steven; and Laverne (married to Glendora Woods) who has two sons and three daughters: Kathleen Sue, Danny Ross, David Guy, Karen Ada and Julia Louise.

Guy led a very active life in the community of Worth County where he has been occupied as a farmer and carpenter. He is best known for his love of and ability to handle horses and other farm animals. He acquired his nickname ("Wildhorse") by following rodeo and riding saddle brones and calf roping.

At this writing he is recovering from his second coronary heart attack and, in spite of this illness, is still cheering people with his story telling and sharp wit. You need no microscope to see his sense of humor.



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## Worth County Centennial

Worth County had been organized only twenty years when the Citizens Bank of Grant City was established in December, 1881.

John C. Dawson was the first President and William D. Winslow the first Cashier. The bank was operated as a private bank until 1898 when it was incorporated as a state bank. During those years the bank occupied a frame building on the east side of the square. In 1900 the brick building on the southeast corner of the square was completed and has been occupied continuously by the bank since that year.



Behind the counter scene, about 1910. Left to right: J. L. Dawson, Cashier; John C. Dawson, President; and J. V. Davidson, Assistant Cashier.



Behind the counter scene today.

### OUR EIGHTY YEAR TREND using year end deposit totals.

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 1891 | \$72,924.56    |
| 1901 | \$171,484.54   |
| 1911 | \$145,294.56   |
| 1921 | \$271,602.62   |
| 1931 | \$308,612.21   |
| 1941 | \$520,640.97   |
| 1951 | \$2,722,494.02 |
| 1960 | \$3,320,887.62 |

### Officers, Directors, and Employees

WHEATON M. C. DAWSON, President  
 JAS. T. DUNCAN, Vice President  
 WOODSON H. TILTON, Vice President  
 JOHN P. DAWSON, Cashier  
 INEZ L. DAWSON, Director  
 M. BLANCHE DUNCAN, Director  
 JOHN V. HAWLEY, Teller  
 ROBERT E. PIERCE, Teller  
 VIRGINIA L. COLE, Teller  
 LA DONNA MURDOCK, Teller  
 PATTY HENDERSON, Bookkeeper  
 FAYE ADAMS, Bookkeeper  
 SHARON ROSE, Typist  
 OPAL FLETCHALL, Building Custodian

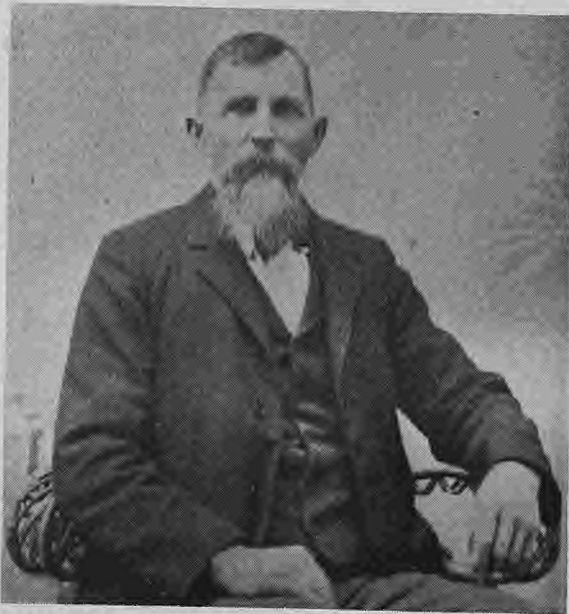
J. L. Dawson was elected President in 1918 following the death of John C. Dawson. In 1922 Abbie E. Dawson, widow of John C. Dawson, was elected President and served faithfully until 1947 when her son, W. M. C. Dawson, succeeded her.

The directors and bank staff recognize that its uninterrupted success through the past eighty years has been largely due to the loyalty and good will of those whom it has been privileged to serve. They welcome this opportunity to express their appreciation for the patronage received and to pledge their best efforts in making this institution even more useful in the years to come.

## CITIZENS BANK OF GRANT CITY

GRANT CITY, MISSOURI

MEMBER OF FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



PONY EXPRESS rider, Robert C. Stricklin of Worth, Missouri, and buried at Grant City. He rode from St. Joseph, Missouri to Laramie, Wyoming and to California. He married Solomie Smith January 13, 1866, and quit riding the Express. Their only child was Austa Pringle of Worth.



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## FESTIVITIES DURING WORTH COUNTY CENTENNIAL



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1 Kickoff breakfast served by Jay and Iva Mae Goff.  
2 Jay and Iva Mae Goff and John C. Andrews caravan band at Sheridan.

3 Kathryn and Raymond Smith followed by Betty Ruth Andrews and Deborah Parker.  
4 Charles and Louie Cadle and grandchildren.

## CENTENNIAL QUEEN ACTIVITIES



1 Princesses Ruth Kobbe, Glenna Adams, Beverly Cadle, Willa Sheets, Retha Moutray, Queen Dorilla Hawks, Princesses Marjorie Parker, Betty Byrns, Betty Ruckman, Mary Lou Maudlin and Dorothy Bell. Page boy, Charles Maudlin and page girl, Brenda Thompson.

2 Chairman Kelton Shipley announcing winner of Queen's contest. Bernice Holland, chairman Queen's Ball, at left and

Ica Cummings, Chairman Queen's nominating committee, at right.

3 Mayor Frank Barker placing the robe on the Queen.

4 Lieutenant Governor Hillary Bush had just crowned the Queen, and Gail Motsinger presents her with a bouquet.

5 The Queen is being escorted from the front stage to the dignitary box by the Lieutenant Governor.

Mrs. Ken

Mary

Lynn  
Lela  
Norm  
Eddie

Conn  
Mary

Linda  
Diana  
Tami  
Rosal

Juna  
Anita  
Cindy  
Reggi

Geral  
Nancy

Miss

Jack  
Hober

Cleo A  
Elbert  
Doy A  
Guy A  
Eddie  
John A  
Hillyar  
Vernon

Calvin  
C. B.  
Donnie  
John I

# "CENTURAMA"

## WORTH COUNTY CENTENNIAL

### Grant City, Missouri—August 9-13, 1961

Produced by John B. Rogers Co.  
Carl Hawley—Director

### Cast

#### Narrators

Mrs. William Gladstone  
Kenneth Romang

Mrs. Gordon Goff  
Hale Sanders

Mrs. Wm. Penney  
Mac Spainhower

Mrs. Lynn Prather

### Prologue—Episode 1

#### Trumpeters

Mary Bram

Jennifer Darnell  
Paula Hauber

Sharon Elwick  
Mary Ann Penney

Grace Foland

#### Cub Scouts

Lynn Adams  
Leland Cook  
Norman Dunfee  
Eddie Jacobs

Bill Locke  
Sammy Masters  
Frank Matteson  
Dennis Mitchell

Leslie Owens  
Bobby Prather  
Dennis Ray  
Glenn Sheddric

Lynn Sheddric  
Jack Spainhower  
Ronnie Stephenson  
Joe Swift

Mike Swift  
Mark Terry  
Brent Thompson  
K. C. Thompson

#### Cadets

Connie Adams  
Mary Lee Adams

Janet Andrews  
Marilyn Burns

Mary Ann Danner  
Marcia Girling

Carole Jones  
Teddy Kemery

Elegena Snow  
Joyce Worth

#### Sailorettes

Linda Adams  
Dianne Andrews  
Tammy Constant  
Rosalie Devers

Keitha Holland  
Barbara Merckling  
Dalene Mitchell

Ann Pointer  
Judy Roach  
Marilyn Roach

Hazel Supinger  
Shirley Supinger  
Marilyn Surplus

Diane Troutwine  
Connie Walker  
Carlene Young

#### 4-H

Juna Chambers  
Anita Cole  
Cindy Dowis  
Reggie Finch

Stephanie Holland  
Sharon Owens  
Debbie Pritchard  
Janet Pritchard

Linda Rauch  
Neva Sue Rauch  
Benjamin Ray  
Larry Romang

Sharon Scott  
Mike Sherer  
Rickey Simmons  
Vicky Snow

Alan Terry  
Eddie Troutwine  
Elaine Welch  
Verna Wilson

#### States to Columbia

Geraldean Comer  
Nancy Craven

Carol Cummings  
Susie Gromer

Susan Goff  
Patsy Hardy

Joy Holtzman  
Karla Kidney

Shirley Maudlin  
Rhonda McClellan

Judy Scott  
Connie Swain

#### Nations' Queens

Miss Columbia, Karen Thompson

Sonya Hass

Bobbie Holland

Leta Roach

Genevieve Ross

#### Color Guard 9725 ARS 2—Detachment 3

Jack Andrews  
Robert Combs

Harold Downing  
Norman Downing

Roy Gromer  
Lyle Miller

James Monday  
Kenton Thompson

#### Horsemen

Cleo Adams  
Elbert Adams  
Doy Allee  
Guy Allee  
Eddie Andrews  
John Andrews  
Hillyard Asher  
Vernon Clark

Jerry Cook  
Max Cook  
C. O. Daniels  
J. C. Danner  
Allen Davidson  
Max Dawson  
Harley Elliott

Cleo Findley  
Garland Gibson  
Gordon Goff  
Roy S. Goff  
Glenn Hardy  
Glenn Hunter  
John Hunter

Harold Murdock  
David Nally  
Norvel Nally  
Everett Rickabaugh  
Galen Ruckman  
Willie Scadden  
Loyd Scott

Kenneth Sharp  
Herbert Sheets  
Jay Shipley  
Kelton Shipley  
Raymond Smith  
Aubrey Wilkinson  
T. C. Wilkinson

### Episode 2—Worth County Story

Pioneer Family—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weddle, Mark and Randy Weddle  
Indian Family—Dolores Goff, Pat Kelly, Brenda Thompson  
Townspople Family—Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sherer, Brad Sherer, Rebecca Sherer

### Episode 3—Men of Destiny

Indian Chief—Francis Goff  
Indian Princess—Doris McLaughlin

Indian Braves—Stephen Mathews, David Thrasher

#### Indian Braves

Calvin Adams  
C. B. Adams  
Donnie Andrews  
John Darnell

Dennis Eighmy  
Mike Eighmy  
John Farrell  
Dannie Fletchall

Harold Fletchall  
Bill Girling  
Gary Hendrickson

Pat Kelly  
Jim Matteson  
Joe Matteson

Charles Pickering  
Roger Saville  
Curtis Streeter

|               |              |                      |             |                    |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Louise Craven | Dolores Goff | <b>Indian Squaws</b> | Lois Miller | Bernadine Thompson |
| Mary Eighmy   | Dean Miller  |                      | Margie Snow |                    |

|             |                    |                |                |            |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
|             | <b>Indian Boys</b> |                |                |            |
| Mark Eighmy | Steve Goff         | Chase Humphrey | David Mitchell | Paul Swift |
| Doug Goff   | Scott Houk         | Kent Humphrey  | Mike Moutray   |            |

|                |                     |                |                   |                 |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                | <b>Indian Girls</b> |                |                   |                 |
| Bobbie Gettner | Linda Lowder        | Patty Moutray  | Kay Shockley      | Brenda Thompson |
| Jackie Gettner | Judy Matteson       | Carol Shockley | Dixie Jo Stephens |                 |

## Episode 4—Unto This Land

|                |                      |               |                  |                   |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                | <b>Pioneer Men</b>   |               |                  |                   |
| Vernon Clark   | Joe Fletchall        | Glenn Hunter  | Raymond Smith    | Trustin Wilkinson |
| Max Cook       | Garland Gibson       | John Hunter   | Melvin Warman    | Berl Willson      |
| Jerry Cook     | Jay Goff             | Jack Parker   | Bill Weddle      | Ross Woods        |
| Harley Elliott | Francis N. Goff      | Galen Ruckman | Aubrey Wilkinson | Ben Zollman       |
| Justin Farrell | Jakie Green (caller) | Louis Rauch   |                  |                   |

|                |                      |                |                  |                 |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                | <b>Pioneer Women</b> |                |                  |                 |
| Bertha Chapman | Edith Findley        | Iva Mae Goff   | Betty Ruckman    | Pat Weddle      |
| Venita Clark   | Virginia Farrell     | Ruth Hunter    | Kathryn Smith    | Leah Wilkinson  |
| Berniece Cook  | Betty Fletchall      | Faye Pritchard | Roberta Thompson | Maude Wilkinson |
| Geraldine Cook | Ruth Gibson          | Jessie Rauch   | Helen Warman     | Anna Zollman    |
| Hallie Daniels |                      |                |                  |                 |

|               |                      |                 |                |  |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
|               | <b>Pioneer Girls</b> |                 |                |  |
| Rae Ann Cook  | Nancy Hunter         | Sue Ruckman     | Jean Weddle    |  |
| Vicki Craven  | Linda Rauch          | Mary Lou Swain  | Noretta Weddle |  |
| Leslie Hunter | Neva Sue Rauch       | Rosemary Warman | Susie Weddle   |  |

|             |                     |                |                 |                   |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|             | <b>Pioneer Boys</b> |                |                 |                   |
| Max Craven  | Bobby Findley       | Mickey McCrary | Michael Ruckman | Randy Weddle      |
| John Craven | Jack McCrary        | Jerry Rauch    | Mark Weddle     | Michael Wilkinson |

|               |                  |            |              |  |
|---------------|------------------|------------|--------------|--|
|               | <b>Fake Band</b> |            |              |  |
| C. O. Daniels | Cleo Findley     | Neva Green | Sharon Green |  |

## Episode 5—The Sabbath Day

|              |                  |             |            |            |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
|              | <b>Ministers</b> |             |            |            |
| Jack Calhoun | Eugene Fletchall | Bill Hauber | Harry Ross | Phil Terry |

|                 |                    |                   |                   |                     |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                 | <b>Worshippers</b> |                   |                   |                     |
| Mary Adams      | Lillie Fattig      | Neva Green        | Freida Motsinger  | Amanda Ross         |
| Ruth Barnes     | Ada Fletchall      | Sharon Green      | Emery Parman      | Charles Ross        |
| Donnie Beavers  | Betty Fletchall    | Hurley Hall       | Ethel Parman      | Clayton Ross        |
| Kathryn Beavers | Bobby Fletchall    | Vesta Hall        | Faye Pritchard    | Ciella Mae Ross     |
| Mabel Bell      | Joe Fletchall      | Bobbie Hunt       | Janet Pritchard   | Franklin Ross       |
| Max Beavers     | Norma Fletchall    | Carmetta Jackson  | Jerry Rauch       | Marie Ross          |
| Allyn Calhoun   | Richard Fletchall  | Joe Jackson       | Jessie Rauch      | Gertie Shockley     |
| Linda Calhoun   | Teddy Fletchall    | Margaret Locke    | Linda Rauch       | Jack Spainhower     |
| Marilyn Calhoun | Charles Foland     | Pearl Matteson    | Neva Sue Rauch    | Marjorie Sparks     |
| Bertha Chapman  | Hazel Goff         | Vestal Maudlin    | Elfredah Richards | Madonna Stabe       |
| Auda Costin     | Iva Mae Goff       | Doris Mitchell    | Ed Roberts        | Rosemary Stephenson |
| Madge Dalbey    | Virgil Goff        | Janie Mitchell    | Frances Romang    | Paul Terry          |
| Malcolm Eighmy  | Tom Goodson        | Charles Motsinger | Kathy Romang      | Vanda Terry         |
| Milly Eighmy    | Jakie Green        | Frances Motsinger | Larry Romang      | Edna Thompson       |

|                |                          |  |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
|                | <b>Indian Princesses</b> |  |
| Carol Shockley | Kay Shockley             |  |

## Episode 6—One Hundred Years Ago

|            |                           |                             |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|            | <b>Commissioners</b>      |                             |
| Wm. Penney | Alfred Proctor            | Russell Phillips            |
|            | Horseman—J. V. Stephenson | Judge McFerran—Austin Adams |

## Episode 7—The Dawn of Education

School Teacher—Roland Maudlin

|               |                    |                 |                |             |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
|               | <b>School Boys</b> |                 |                |             |
| Ronnie Danner | Billy Gladstone    | Charles Maudlin | Boyd Pickering | David Ridge |
|               |                    |                 |                | Steve Riley |

|                 |                     |              |                   |  |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
|                 | <b>School Girls</b> |              |                   |  |
| Christine Adams | Jennifer Dawson     | Mary Kemery  | Linda Sheddrick   |  |
| Deanna Dawson   | Susan Gladstone     | Debbie Ridge | Patty Simmons     |  |
| Debra Dawson    | Sue Goff            | Linda Riley  | Jennifer Thompson |  |

Boy on Horseback—Richard Adams

## Episode 8—Volume In Black

Southern Officer—Phil Terry  
Drummer—Nick Houk

Northern Officer—Jack Calhoun  
Abraham Lincoln—Harley Elliott

### Civil War Soldiers

Austin Adams  
Ray Baker  
Max Beavers  
Charles Cadle

Oscar Chapman  
Gordon Fletchall  
Darold Hughes  
Charles Motsinger

Doyle Parman  
Wm. Penney  
Russell Phillips

Kenny Prather  
Alfred Proctor  
Ed Roberts

Harry Ross  
Chester Scott  
Ross Woods

### Women

Mary Adams  
Kathryn Beavers  
Louie Cadle  
Marilyn Calhoun

Milly Eighmy  
Lillie Fattig  
Iva Mae Goff  
Naomi Hughes

Frances Motsinger  
Freida Motsinger  
Ethel Parman  
Faye Pritchard

Jessie Rauch  
Elfredah Richards  
Frances Romang  
Amanda Ross

Marjorie Sparks  
Madonna Stabe  
Vanda Terry

### Children

Donnie Beavers  
Allyn Calhoun

Linda Calhoun  
Malcolm Eighmy

Kathy Romang

Larry Romang

Paul Terry

## Episode 9—Coming of the Railroad

### Old Fashioned Men

Vernon Clark  
Jerry Cook  
Max Cook  
C. O. Daniels

Cleo Findley  
Justin Farrell  
Joe Fletchall  
Francis N. Goff

Jackie Green  
Darold Hughes  
Kenneth Hoover  
Glenn Hunter

John Hunter  
Galen Ruckman  
Louis Rauch  
Raymond Smith

Bill Weddle  
Aubrey Wilkinson  
Trustin Wilkinson

Berl Willson  
Ross Woods  
Ben Zollman

### Old Fashioned Women

Geneva Andrews  
Auda Costin  
Berniece Cook  
Geraldine Cook

Hallie Daniels  
Lillie Fattig  
Virginia Farrell  
Betty Fletchall

Neva Green  
Iva Mae Goff  
Rosie Goff  
Naomi Hughes

Lynna Hoover  
Ruth Hunter  
Margaret Locke  
May LaMunyon

Doris Mitchell  
Faye Pritchard  
Betty Ruckman  
Jessie Rauch

Kathryn Smith  
Joyce Thompson  
Anna Zollman

Pony Express Rider—Delbert Gabbert

### Boys

Bill Barker  
Robbie Findley

Jack McCrary  
Mickey McCrary

Joe Motsinger  
Kenny Prather

Jerry Rauch  
Michael Ruckman

Mark Weddle  
Randy Weddle

Pat Weddle  
Mike Wilkinson

### Girls

Rae Ann Cook  
Evanell Craven  
Sharon Green

Leslie Hunter  
Nancy Hunter  
Ann Prather

Debbie Pritchard  
Linda Rauch  
Neva Sue Rauch

Sue Ruckman  
Rosemary Warman

Jean Weddle  
Susie Weddle

### Fake Band

Hazel Goff  
Virgil Goff

Bill Hauber  
Pearl Matteson

Charles Motsinger  
Freida Motsinger

Edna Thompson  
Noretta Weddle

### Regular Band

John C. Andrews  
John Barker

John Humphrey  
John Lutes

Neil Mathews  
Jim Motsinger

Tom Snow  
Charles Stephens

## Episode 10—Good Old Days

### Gay 90's Men

Austin Adams

Max Beavers

Ross Findley

George Hann

### Gay 90's Women

Mary Adams  
Lucille Aldrich  
Pauline Andrews

Lillie Andrews  
Della Bainum  
Kathryn Beavers

Marilyn Calhoun  
Alice Cook  
Bernice Holland

Vestal Maudlin  
Lois Phillips

Elfredah Richards  
Madonna Stabe

### Children

Donnie Beavers

Allyn Calhoun

Linda Calhoun

Stephanie Holland

Rickey Simmons

### Can Can Girls

Carol Cummings  
Susan Goff

Susie Gromer

Joy Holtzman

Karla Kidney

Rhonda McClellan

Medicine Man—Noble Aldrich  
Cop—Veryl Humphrey  
Old Car Driver—Charles Foland  
Lifeguard—Cecil Robertson

Bicycle Rider—Edwin Roberts  
Elmer the Photographer—Kenneth Thompson  
Pony Cart Driver—Betty Ruth Andrews

### Firemen

Jack Calhoun  
Jim Devers

Horton Holland  
Joe Jackson

Russell Phillips

J. V. Stephenson

### Bathing Beauties

Viola Downey  
June Dye

Elizabeth Hardy  
Carmetta Jackson

Esther McClellan

Rosemary Stephenson

### Eight Piece Band

John C. Andrews  
John Barker

John Humphrey  
John Lutes

Neil Mathews  
Jim Motsinger

Tom Snow  
Charles Stephens

## Episode 11—In Memoriam

### Firing Squad

Ray Childers                      Donnie Merckling                      Roger Saville                      Lawrence Thompson  
Mike Jones                      John Merckling  
Officer—Roy Gromer              Nurse—Bessie Robertson              Bugler—John Humphrey              Bugler (echo)—Ted Foland  
Civilian Man—Wm. Sparks

## Episode 12—Roaring Twenties

### Roaring 20's Men

Harold Dye                      Eugene Fletchall                      Charles Foland                      Francis N. Goff                      Frank Stabe  
Ross Woods

### Roaring 20's Women

Virginia Farrell                      Lynna Hoover                      Mary Ruth Long                      Mary Ray                      Waurine Stephens  
Joyce Thompson

## Episode 13—Cause of Freedom

### Nurses

Carmetta Jackson                      Madonna Stabe                      Bessie Robertson                      Ethel Parman

### Soldiers

Jack Calhoun                      Harold Foland                      George Hann                      Joe Jackson                      Willard Maudlin  
Soldier—Max Beavers                      Nurse—Elfredah Richards

## Episode 14—"Hi" Neighbor

Allen Township—Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Smith, Kathy and Karla Smith  
Fletchall Township—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sherer, Mike Sherer  
Greene Township—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunt, David, Paul, and Phillip Hunt  
Middlefork Township—Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Shipley, Jerry Rauch  
Smith Township—Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thompson, Bruce Thompson  
Union Township—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hammers, Barbara and Stephen Hammers

## Episode 15—Finale

Entire Cast

## Worth County Chorus

Co-Directors—Kenneth Thompson and Retha Maylan. Organist—Lou Goff

| Sopranos         | Altos           | Tenors         | Basses        |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Marie Allee      | Nelle Ambrose   | John Andrews   | Jack Bell     |
| Lula Elliott     | Anna Bales      | Burton Brown   | Jasper Dalbey |
| Beth Hart        | Bernice Findley | Bill Dunfee    | Glenn Dennis  |
| Carmeta Hass     | Crystal Jacobs  | Melvis Eighthy | Burl Long     |
| Ann Hawk         | Edith Lowder    | Bob Frazier    | Frank Lowder  |
| Florence Hiatt   | Bessie Nye      | Eldon King     | Richard Swift |
| Margaret Houk    | Deloris Owens   | Neil Norris    | Chester Wall  |
| Billie Humphrey  | Lena Wall       | Dick Norris    | Denzil Waugh  |
| Rubye Spainhower | Lucy Wilson     | J. B. Seat     |               |
| Bonnie Taylor    |                 |                |               |
| Blanche Welsh    |                 |                |               |

### SPECTACLE DIVISION CHAIRMAN—Kenneth Thompson

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Edna Murdock

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Roger Saville

#### Properties Committee

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J. V. Stephenson  
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Berl Willson

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David Thrasher  
Howard Weddle

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George Sherer  
Carl Gene Spainhower

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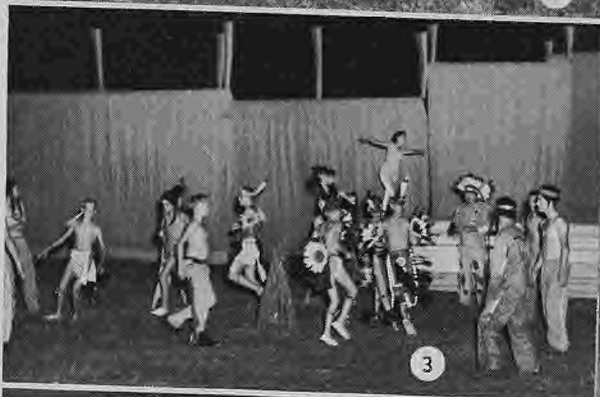
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Melbourne Fletchall  
Fred Mozingo  
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Vanda Terry  
Mary Swift  
Richard Swift  
Austine Penney  
Waurine Stephens  
Bob Locke  
Margaret Locke

Special acknowledgement to all who assisted in any way

## WORTH COUNTY STORY - CAST OF 462 PEOPLE



1 (Episode 3) Men of destiny. The Ceremony of the Calumet.

2 Ceremonial Dance of the Great Spirit.

3 The story of the Princess Ulallee, the Dance of the Blue Bird, by Doris McLaughlin.

4 The entire group of Indians, Francis Goff, Chief.

5 (Episode 12) The Roaring Twenties. The Charleston Dancers, the "Big Memory" of the Twenties.

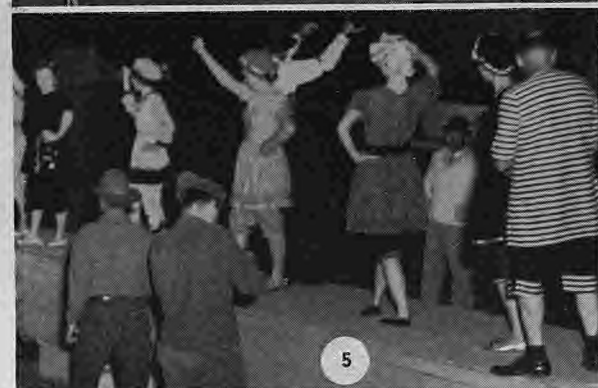
6 (Episode 11) In Memoriam. The firing squad.

7 The Fake Band. (Episode 9).

8 (Episode 10. Good Old Days) The Can-Can Girls.



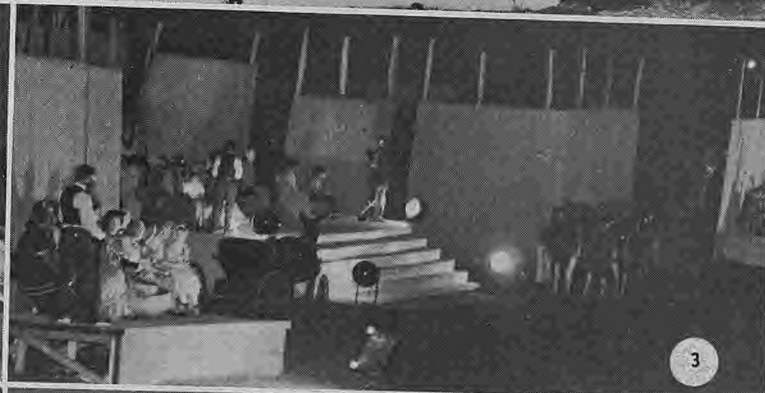
## SCENES FROM THE CENTURAMA



1 (Episode 1) The Trumpeteers.  
 2 (Episode 8) Mail was delivered on horseback, known as the pony boys.  
 3 (Episode 10) The Good Old Days. Life resumed—Elmer trying to get picture.  
 4 The Medicine Man. Men enjoying the free entertain-

ment. Elmer getting a picture.  
 5 Bathing Beauties Contest, The Gay Nineties.  
 6 (Episode 9) The coming of the Railroad.  
 7 (Episode 11) In Memoriam. Paying tribute to the dead of World War I.  
 8 (Episode 7) The Dawn of Education. Early school.

SABBATH DAY AND CIVIL WAR SCENES



1 (Episode 5) The Lord's Prayer.

2 and 3 (Episode 5) Sabbath Day Services.

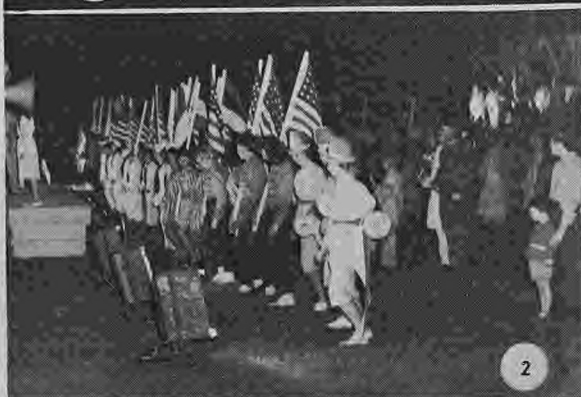
4 (Episode 8) Volume in Black. Union soldiers.

5 (Episode 8) Southern soldiers.

## 6000 PEOPLE WITNESSED THE HISTORICAL PAGEANT



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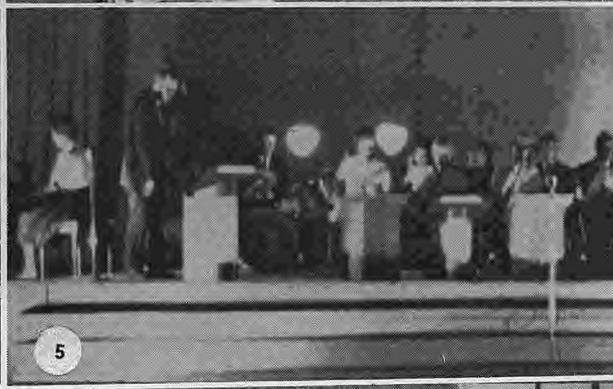
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1 and 2 Grand Finale. (Episode 15) The entire cast of 462 people.  
 3 Part of the Sheriff's Posse Drill Team in the Centurama.  
 4 The Narrators: Mac Spainhower, Austine Penney, Kenneth Romang, Jane Goff, Hale Sanders, Marie Prather, Ruth Gladstone, with director Carl Hawley.  
 5 Caravan Band—Merle Lutes, Diane Andrews, Madelyn

Shipley, Charlotte Sharp, Susie Gromer, Jim Motsinger, Chuck Stephens, John Barker, David Hardy, John Lutes, Neal Mathews, Linda Lowder, Tom Snow and Director John C. Andrews.

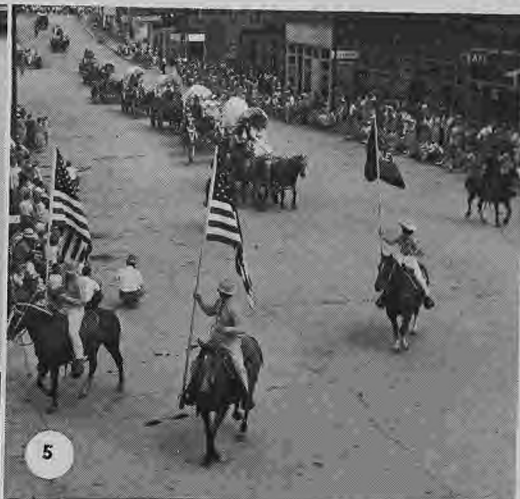
6 Worth County Chorus who furnished the vocal music for the Centurama.

7 Centennial Belles Style Show.

## BEGINNING OF THE 5 MILE PARADE



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1 Parade Marshal J. O. Lynch leading the Centennial Parade, followed by 9725th Air Force Reserve Squadron, Det. C., Hobart Combs, James Monday, Norman Downing, Lyle Miller and Kenton Thompson.

2 Moila Temple Horsemen, St. Joseph.

3 Lee Shifflet and his parade horse, Wathena, Kansas, in foreground.

4 Unidentified group.

5 First prize, commercial and best overall entry. A complete wagon train including shot gun guards, by the Grant City Sale Barn.

6 Chuck Wagon Saddle Club.

7 Unidentified group.

## HIGH SCHOOL BANDS



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- 1 Centennial Queen Dorilla Hawk.  
 2 Kelton Shipley, General Chairman, and Mrs. Shipley.  
 3 Gordon Goff, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Goff.  
 4 Grand City band.

- 5 Clearfield band.  
 6 Stanberry band.  
 7 Fairfax band.  
 8 Albany band.

## SOME OF THE 600 HORSES THAT WERE IN THE PARADE



- 1 First prize—Blythedale Saddle Club.
- 2 Second prize—New Hampton Saddle Club.
- 3 Ringold County Saddle Club.
- 4 Worth County Sheriff's Posse.

- 5 Hopkins Saddle Club.
- 6 Parade entry.
- 7 Six pony hitch, by Dr. Garten, Maryville, Missouri.
- 8 Parade entry by Isadora, depicting Rinaldo Brown.

## PARADE FLOATS



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- 1 Parade entry, Citizens Bank, Grant City.
- 2 Gospel Singers.
- 3 Lions Club of Mt. Ayr.
- 4 Prugh Dunfee Funeral Home.

- 5 Farrell's Variety and Frank's Auto Supply.
- 6 West Fork Boosters 4-H Club.
- 7 Gentry County 4-H.
- 8 Willing Workers 4-H Club.

## 15 TO 20 THOUSAND VIEWED THE PARADE



1 First prize Community Float, Irena Willing Workers.  
 2 Second prize Community Float, Blockton, Iowa.  
 3 Grant City American Legion Auxiliary.

5 Mount Ayr old fire truck.  
 6 Mount Vernon Golden Belles.  
 7 Hy-Yee Food Store.  
 8 Times Tribune.



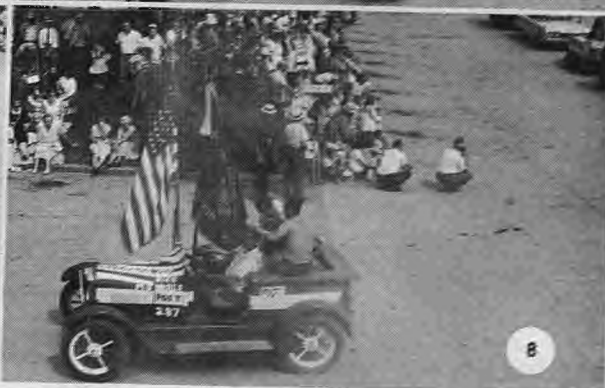
PICTURES OF ALL ENTRIES WERE NOT AVAILABLE



1 First prize Unusual Entry, Arnold Carlson, Kent, Iowa.  
 2 Second prize Unusual Entry, Harrison Smith, Russel Shiple driving.  
 3 Parade clowns, Charles Foland, Mike Eighmy, Burr House and Dr. Parker.

4 Prugh Dunfee Funeral Service.  
 5 Andrews Funeral Service.  
 6 Allendale Town Link.  
 7 Bram Funeral Service.  
 8 Ray Baker with his pony team.

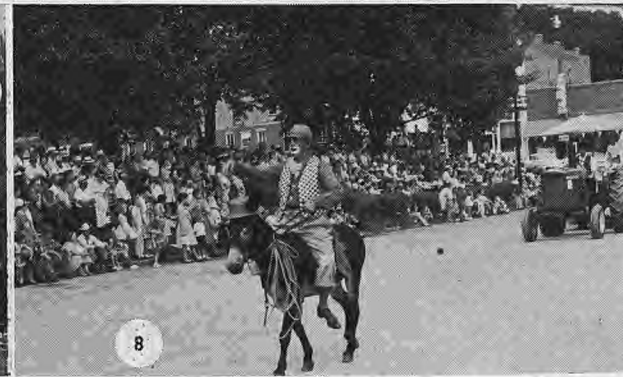
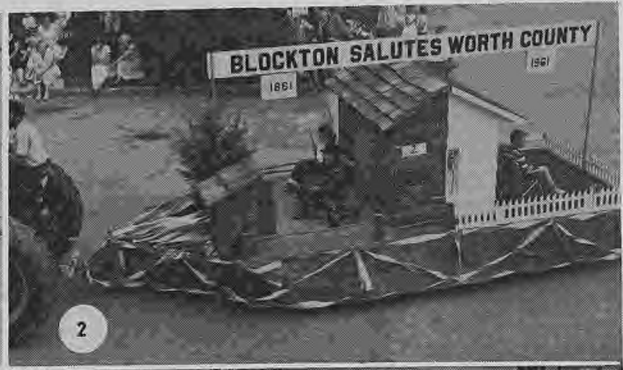
## A FEW OF THE BEAUTIFUL FLOATS



1 First Prize Decorative, P.E.O., Sisterhood.  
 2 Second Prize Commercial, third prize overall, Inter-County Telephone Co.  
 3 Third Prize Decorative, Honey Grove.  
 4 Athenaeum Club.

5 Sorosis  
 6 Chamber of Commerce, Grant City.  
 7 Sheridan American Legion.  
 8 Mt. Ayr American Legion.

## YOU'RE RIGHT - IT'S MORE FLOATS



- 1 First Prize Historical Hitch, Town of Denver.
- 2 Third Prize Community Float, Blockton, Iowa.
- 3 Blockton American Legion.
- 4 Rotary Club, Grant City.

- 5 Sisters of the Swish, 1955, Allendale.
- 6 Worth County Farm Bureau.
- 7 B. Prugh & Sons.
- 8 The Clown Rides, Burr House.

## CHILDREN'S PARADE - AUGUST 10, 1961



1 Brenda Costin, Anita Beth Cole and Joe Spainhower.  
 2 Sherri and Leland Cook in foreground.  
 3 Betty Ruth Andrews and Malcolm Eighmy.  
 4 Doug Warden and Gregg Warden, Salina, Kansas; and  
 Tyrone Musick, Parnell.

5 Bill Perry King, Dianna and Debra Parker, in fore-  
 ground.  
 6 Terry Cole, Redding, Iowa.  
 7 Bill and Susan Jackson.  
 8 Clowns Chas. Foland and Burr House in foreground.

## CHILDREN'S PARADE—KANGAROO COURT



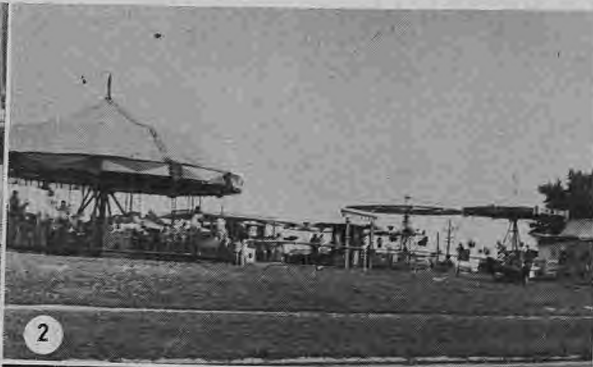
1 Cynthia, Sharon and David Dunfee in foreground.  
 2 Beginning at right—Barry McClellan, Mike Moutray, Jeff Saunders, Mike Christian.  
 3 Burton Miller with wagon, Allen Calhoun.  
 4 Brenda Costin, Dave Gilland and Coleen Costin.  
 5 Silly Old Grandmas—Hazel Goff with granddaughter Carmen in buggy and Ruby Stephens with grandson Jeff, in foreground.  
 6 Kangaroo Court—Gail Motsinger, Judge; and Bert

Miller, Defense Attorney, trying Dr. Parker on charges of stealing mule.

7 Chas. Foland with Dr. Richard Swift, Psychiatrist, giving Dr. Parker mental test. Defense Attorney pleads that Parker should have a lighter sentence, on account of being crazy.

8 Judge Gail Motsinger sentencing Charley Pray to the jail for being married to the same woman, (Rosa) too long, 64 years.

## GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTENNIAL



1 Union Church Services Sunday morning at the High School Auditorium.

2 Midway.

3 The Historical Marker placed in the County Court yard. Glen Hunter, Chm. of Monument Committee; Walter Cummings, Master of Ceremonies; Rev. A. D. Phillips, dedication speaker, and Clifford Hass, Com. member.

4 Glen Hunter placing a time capsule beneath the stone, to be opened in the year 2011.

5 Watershed structure located on the Kenneth Hoover farm and a group touring the structure after the dedication

services.

6 Spectators listening to the dedication speech of Lieutenant Gov. Hillary Bush of Platte River water shed at Sheridan.

7 Jenny A. Henry, County's oldest living woman. Jenny Davidson born in the county, age 93, had 11 children, has 40 grandchildren, 106 great grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren.

8. Oldest and the youngest attending the Centennial. Five generations, John Dallas Scadden 100 years old and Betty Gail Miller, three weeks.

OLD FASHIONED STYLE SHOW—PANAROMA OF 100 YEARS



1 Dresses over 100 years old.

2 Modern day Centennial dresses.

3 Dresses over 70 years old.

4 Dresses over 50 years old.

5 Panorama of 100 years, with Melville Mathews as Master of Ceremonies.

## BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH



1 A part of the over 80 years old group.  
 2 Gospel Singers, Bill King, director.  
 3 Children's Style Show.  
 4 Leland Long, Ed Eighmy, Melvis Eighmy and Del Eighmy engraved and set the marker.

5 Judging a class of Full Whiskers.  
 6 Class in most unique.  
 7 Class in best groomed.  
 8 First place winners—Galen Ruckman, least beard; Clayton Ross, most unique; Bob Devers, best groomed; Cleo Adams, full beard.



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WORTH COUNTY  
CENTENNIAL BOOK  
FOR A COMPLETE  
RECORD.

*Your Centennial Committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make the  
Worth County Centennial an outstanding success.*