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Iona B. Spencer  
 RR #1 - Box 274  
 Leocompton, KS 66050



John W. Spencer--Martha Jane True Spencer--William Franklin Spencer



William F. & Martha (True) Spencer  
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This rock part of the house was built in 1870. Later the back part was built on by the Spencers' It lasted a few years, but eventually fell off as it was not secured good to the Rock house.

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FAMILY

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Middle Row: Oliver David Spencer: Wm. Franklin "Frank" Spencer: Mother: Mary Jane Toole Spencer: John Warren  
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## Toole & Spencer

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Elizabeth Morgan born about 1810(?) Paul has 1804  
(Archibald was a Cooper (Barrel maker))

### Children:

1. M. J. 28 Female born about 1821
2. Mary Jane 27 " born 10-4-1822 Married 1-20-1842-  
Hardin Co. Kentucky to John Spencer
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4. Dennis C. 23 Male born about 1827
5. Elizabeth 21 Female born about 1829 (Elizabeth Ann)
6. Sarah E. 19 Female born about 1831
7. James M. 17 Male born about 1833
8. John F. 15 Male born about 1835
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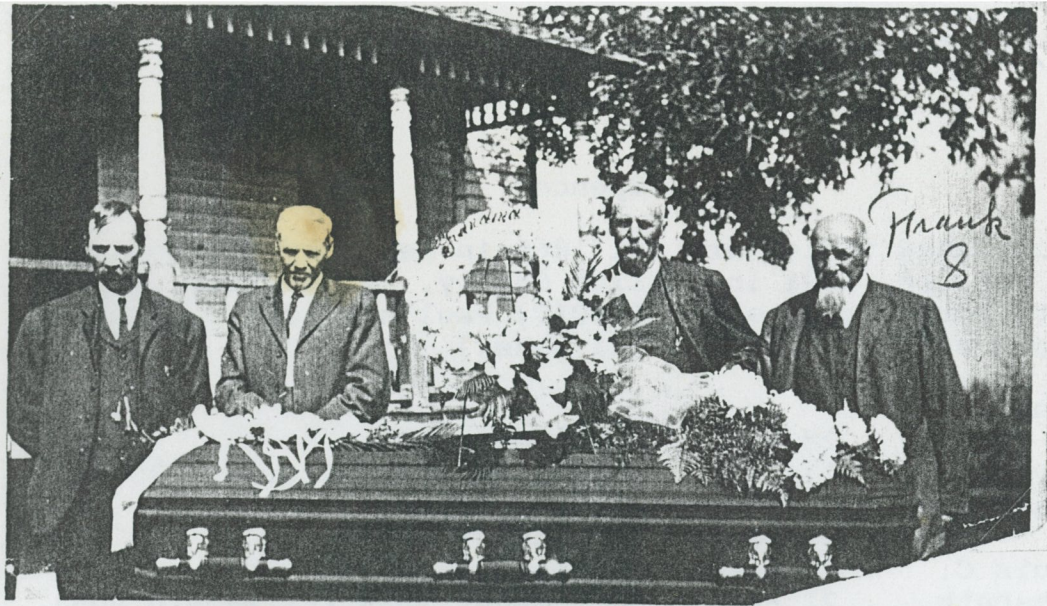
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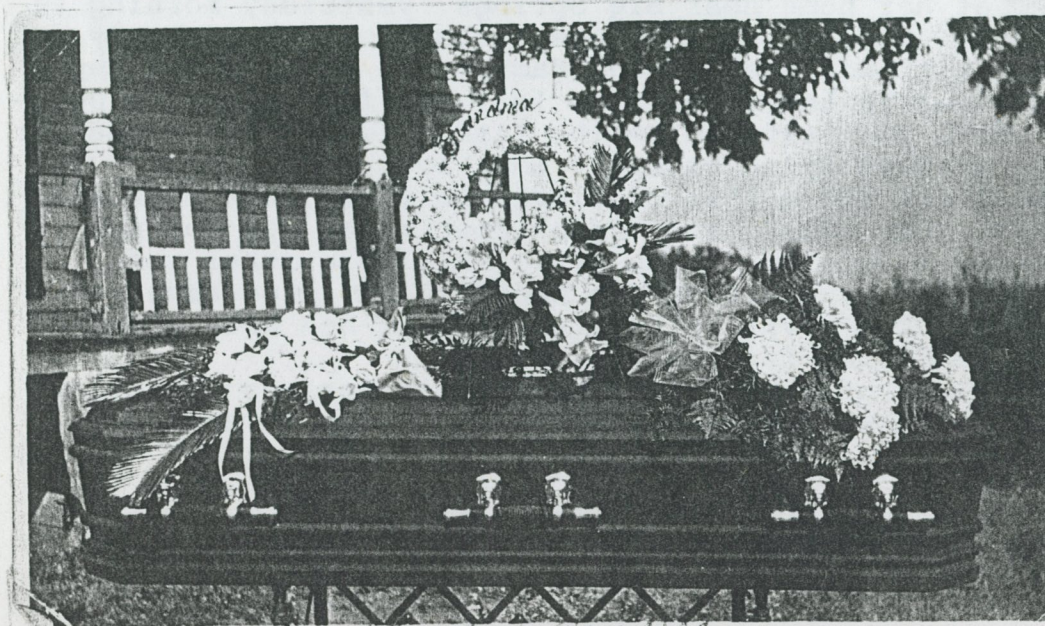
FUNERAL OF  
MARY JANE TOOLE SPENCER

Left to right:  
Charley Spencer  
Columbus Spencer  
Oliver Spencer  
Frank Spencer



Middle picture:  
Mary Jane Spencer  
Preacher Reed who  
preached at the  
Christian Church  
at Big Springs

Mary Jane Spencer's  
Casket



The following is a letter I (Iona) received from Maude Williams, telling about some things she remembers about the Spencer family. Maude Isadora Shaffer was the daughter of John Eli and Martha Catherine Spencer Shaffer. She was born 9-13-1887 in Big Springs. She was married to Rupert Elmer Williams.

Mary Jane O'Toole (Toole) was born in Kentucky and married John Spencer and had seven Kentucky children. They turned to Stone Christian faith from Catholic and was disowned by her parents. So in a big wagon, kids and dogs and their meager possessions they landed in Leavenworth, Kansas and under President Buchanan, he was allotting farms to whom would settle on it and that is how the Spencers' got their start. Uncle Frank and brother Warren was enlisted in the Army, both drew good pensions always and was successful in their work. Uncle Frank met Aunt Matt (Martha Jane) in Arkansas. I loved her very much. Both had families. Uncle Warren's wife lost her mind. He cared for her in the home. She came with Uncle Warren many times to our home, to visit his mother. (Mary Jane Toole Spencer) When grandfather John Spencer died, my folks were renters with Etta and Lee. So among the Spencers gave my mother a deed to her mothers allotment and the provision was my parents was to care for my mothers mother, Mary Jane Spencer and I grew up under her care and oh, how I missed her when the Lord called her, about to be 96 years of age. Now then in the Shaffer and Spencer, I'm the oldest at this time (9-13-1887) Jaunita (I believe she is talking about Juanita Logan) is pretty well up on kinship and if Clifford Sonders is well enough you could get lots of data on the race from him or Mabel Lund in the Brewster Home, a cousin, through Uncle Oliver, a retired teacher, crippled from a stroke, a great person.

I remember Cora's parents and Glenn and Harley riding horses. We kids was a bit jealous of him and the well groomed horse. But we had 2 indian ponies and fine saddles and bridles and blanket and oh how much I lived on their backs, just riding. Oh those were the days we thought would never end.

I would love your music, I'm especially fond of the violin, piano and good singing. My oldest brother Lee was so fond of music. He bought a violin, not a cheap one and he could certainly get music. Just spell bound us. He retired under Ford's and the Ford Bros. cried when they gave him a banquet in his retirement and a watch. Said Lee had made and saved them many a dollar. He was a scholar kind and dear, was near a millionaire.

I always had a big heart for Dema, she couldn't get Fred so she took Earl and he was the best. I think they had two children and a very beautiful home. Basement was a complete for socials, kinship dinners and I was there.

Will Spencer's wife, her name was Meade, a dear soul had so many miscarriages it's a wonder she survived. When I was a kid I was sent there to help out at times.

Our Shaffer has only through Eugene and Edna of Topeka. Their son Edd has a boy Eric and twin girls in St. Louis. I never see them.

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Taken from the Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. Dec. 31, 1934 Came From Kentucky To Kansas 1857

"Frank Spencer, 92, dies at Old Home Place. Farmer All His Life, Pioneer Acquired Large Land Holdings in Neighborhood"

Frank Spencer 92, early Kansas pioneer and resident of the Big Springs neighborhood 77 years, died at his home Sunday night. He was born in LaRue County, Ky. and came to Kansas with his parents in a covered wagon in 1857. They homesteaded a farm adjoining the present Spencer farm. Later he

purchased the present farm and after his marriage in Sept. 1866, he and his bride settled on it. Mr. & Mrs. Spencer who is 87, celebrated their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary in September.

He was a successful farmer and amassed considerable property, owning several hundred acres of valuable land. The present home is a stone house which he built in 1870. He also helped build the old Christian church at Big Springs.

For many years he operated a horse-power threshing machine in the Big Springs vicinity and was known to farmers within a radius of many miles. During the Civil War, he was a member of the Kansas Cavalry (He served in Company A, Regiment 9, m Kansas Volunteer Cavalry.)

He was the oldest of a family of 11 children, only two of whom survive. Besides his wife, he is survived by four children, John Spencer, Lecompton, Mrs. Demma Miller, Valencia; Mrs. Etta Ewing, Iola; and Harley Spencer, Big Springs; a brother, Charles J. Spencer, Westphalia, Ks. and a sister, Mrs. M. C. Shaffer, Big Springs. Funeral services were held at the Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary Wed. at 9:00 a.m. Burial in East View Cemetery north of Big Springs.

Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. "Feb 1, 1940

Mrs. Martha Jane Spencer, 92, widow of the late Wm. Franklin Spencer, pioneer farmer of Douglas County, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, Rte #1, Lecompton, Ks.

She was born in Johnson County, Indiana, Aug. 17, 1847. Mrs. Spencer lived in Johnson County, Ind. until she was eight years of age, and then moved with her parents to Bentonville, Ark. She came to Kansas with her parents during the Civil War, settling near Tecumseh. She was married to Wm. Franklin Spencer, Sept. 16, 1866, and at that time moved to a farm north of Big Springs where Mrs. Spencer has lived all her married life. Her husband died Dec. 30, 1934. Mrs. Spencer was a charter member of the Christian Church at Big Springs.

Surviving are two sons, John Spencer and Harley Spencer, both of Big Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Demma Miller, Silver Lake, Ks. and Mrs. Etta Ewing, Iola, Ks.; one sister, Mrs. Nan Allen, of Oklahoma, two half-brothers, Thomas True and Lincoln True, both of Benton County, Ark., one half sister, Mrs. Maggie Stevenson, Benton County, Ark.; fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sat. at 11:00 a.m. at Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary. Burial in East View Cemetery William Franklin and Martha Jane True Spencer had four children:

1. John Waldo Spencer the first child of Wm. Franklin & Martha Jane True Spencer was born 1-14-1868 and died 12-11-1951-He never married.

Obituary--John W. Spencer, 83, of 1943 Hudson, (he was living with niece Beulah Ehrhart) died Saturday night in Topeka hospital. He was born Jan. 14, 1868, at Big Springs, Ks. Until four years ago when he came to Topeka to live. Mr. Spencer had spent his entire life on the farm where he was born. He was a member of the Big Springs Christian Church. (later years he put his membership in the Church of Christ at Stull) He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Etta Ewing, of Iola; a brother Harley Spencer, Big Springs and 14 nieces and nephews.

2. Isadora "Dora" Spencer the second child of Wm. Franklin & Martha Jane True Spencer was born 7-2-1871 and died 9-27-1901. She was married to Rollin F. Buck 2-9-1898. no children. Cora Spencer said she was with child when she fell down some stairs and hurt herself, but didn't go to doctor and when she did go to hospital, gangreen had set in and she died.

## JOHN WARREN SPENCER

John Warren Spencer the second child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born abt. 1843. He was married to Sarah Matilda Cromwell, Nov. 19, 1865 by Rev. L. R. Campbell. To this union four children were born:

1. Matilda Ella Spencer born abt 1874
2. Mary Annie Spencer born
3. William Franklin Spencer born 9-26-1871
4. Fred Lewis Spencer born 10- -1880

1. Matilda Ella Spencer the first child of John Warren and Sarah M. Cromwell Spencer was born and was married to Albert Balotte. Applied for license 11-29-1893-Topeka, Ks. Albert was born abt 1871. In 1893 he was 22 and Ella was 19. To this union four children were born

1. Alice Balotte
2. Ralph Balotte
3. Clarence Balotte
4. Pearl Balotte

2. Mary Annie Spencer the second child of John Warren and Sarah M. Cromwell Spencer was born 9-16-1866 and died July 16, 1925 and was married 10-24-1885 to William Smith McClanahan, the son of John and Mary Zinn McClanahan. William was born 10-24-1855, Lecompton and died 4-7-1927. To this union four children were born:

1. Minnie born 7-12-1886 married Carl G. Wickersham
2. Ethel McClanahan born 7-12-1888 married Tolen E. Martin
3. Mary Elizabeth born 2-25-1891 married William Fred Webber
4. Flora McClanahan born 11-13-1894 married Harry R. Klass

Obituary: Mary A. McClanahan, 58 years, 10 mos. died July 16, 1925 at her home near Big Springs. She was born 9-16-1866. She is survived by her husband William McClanahan and four children, Mrs. Minnie Wickersham of Lawrence, Mrs. Ethel Martin of Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Mary Webber of Lamar, Colo. and Mrs. Flora Klaso of Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. Mr. Paslay conducted services. During the services a quartet comprised of Walter Brown, A. J. Kettering, and Mr. & Mrs. Vesie Robison sang "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?" and "Abide With Me" The pall bearers were all relatives of the deceased. Burial Maple Grove Cemetery, Lecompton. Many beautiful floral tributes were evidence of the esteem in which she was held by her many friends.

Another good neighbor and friend has crossed the bar. On Thursday evening, between six and seven o'clock, Mrs. Wm. McClanahan passed on leaving many relatives and friends who will greatly miss her. For the past year or more she had suffered much but through it all she has been brave and patient. About two weeks ago, she went to McConnel's hospital at Lawrence for treatment, but on Monday evening she came home and since that time grew gradually weaker. Funeral services at Glenn church.

Obituary: Lawrence Journal-World-Thurs. July 23, 1925-Mrs. Anna Spencer McClanahan was born Sept. 16, 1866 near Big Springs, Ks. and departed this life July 16, 1925 near Big Springs, aged 58 years & 10 months. Her parents moved to Jefferson County when she was about 10 or 11 years old. Here she remained until her marriage to William McClanahan on Oct. 21, 1885. She and her husband lived the greater part of their married life in Douglas County.

She joined the Christian Church at Big Springs at an early age and lived a devout Christian life.

The many beautiful flowers bore silent tribute to the love of many friends and relatives for the beautiful life of Mrs. McClanahan.

She leaves to mourn her loss; a devoted husband, four daughters, Mrs Minne Wickersham of Lawrence; Mrs. Ethel Martin of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Mary Webber of Lamar, Colo. and Mrs. Flora Klass of Kansas City, Mo. six grandchildren; one brother Fred Spencer of Topeka; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Havercamp and Mrs. Ella Joley of Calif. and a host of friends. Rev. M. C. Paslay of Lecompton, who was Mrs. McClanahan's pastor some years ago at the United Brethre church at Kanwaka, chose as the text for his sermon, Job 14-13

Obituary: Lawrence Journal-World-Fri. 4-8-1927-Word has been received by Mrs. G. C. Wickersham of the death of her father W. S. McClanahan, which occurred early the morning of April 7th at the home of his

daughter, Mrs. W. F. Weber, at Las Animas, Colo. Mr. McClanahan had been visiting there since Christmas. The cause of death was pneumonia. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church at Glenn, just west of Lecompton, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial will be at the Lecompton Cemetery.

Mr. McClanahan was one of the oldest native born residents of Kansas, having been born in 1855 on the farm which has been the family homestead ever since. He is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Mary McClanahan, 94 years old; six brothers and sisters and by four daughters, Mrs. G. C. Wichersham (Minnie) of Lawrence, Mrs. J. E. Martin (Ethel) of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. W. F. Weber (Mary) of Las Animas, Colo., and Mrs. H. E. Klass (Flora) of Kansas City, Mo.

3. William Franklin Spencer the third child of John Warren and Sarah M. Cromwell Spencer was born 9-26-1871 and was married 5-28-1893, Topeka, Ks. to Almeda R. Fowler. Almeda was born 7-9-1876 and died 6-14-1961-Burial in Half Day Cemetery, Elmont, Ks.

Obituary--Wm. F. Spencer died 7-23-1918-Zurick, Ks. , The Daily Capital-Wed. June 24, 1918-Word was received in Topeka last night of the death of Will Spencer of Big Springs. He is a former resident of Topeka and has a brother, Fred Spencer, living in Shorey. Funeral held in the Christian church in Big Springs and buried in East View Cemetery at Big Springs, Ks. To this union 13 children were born, 10 dying in infancy or miscarriages. Reuben only one named.

1. Elmer H. Spencer born 3-13-1898-N. Topeka, Ks.
2. Raymond Spencer born 9-13-1902-N. Topeka Ks.
3. Reuben Spencer born 11-26-1910 died in infancy
4. Inez Spencer born 5-18-1913-Big Springs, Ks.

Obituary: The Topeka Daily Capital-Wed. June 24, 1918-Word was received last night of the death of William Spencer, who died at Zurich, Tuesday. June 23,1918. He was a former resident of Topeka and has a brother, Fred Spencer, living in Shorey. Funeral services were held at the Christian church in Big Springs with burial in Big Springs cemetery (East View)

Obituary: Later Almeda married second Mr. Smith. Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. June 15, 1916-Mrs. Almeda R. Smith, 84, who died Wed., June 14, 1961 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Inez Johnston, 1219 Seward. Mrs. Smith was born in Ohio, July 9, 1876, and lived in Topeka most of her life.

Other survivors are a son, Elmer Spencer, 6608 W. 21st; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Burial in Half Day Cemetery near Elmont. The Rev. Howard Brumme officiating.

1. Elmer Spencer the first child of Wm. and Almeda Fowler Spencer was born 3-13-1898, was married to Esther Banta birth name and Bushaw adopted name. Elmer died in 1973. To this union two children were born:

1. Ray Charles Spencer, born 7-13-1919 married #1 Viola
2. Charlotte Spencer born 1921-died infancy (check as obit says Charlotte Hawkins).

1. Ray Chalres Spencer, born 7-13-1919 the first child of Elmer and Esther Spencer, married #1 Viola. To this union three children were born:

Obituary: Wichita--Ester E. Fitzwater, 95, died Thurs. Nov. 26. 1998. Among survivors are two sons, Marvin Fitzwater, Drexel Hill, Pa., and Ray Charles Spencer, Topeka; a daughter, Charlotte Hawkis, Wichita; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great grandchildren. Broadway Mortuary in Wichita in charge. Did not say where buried.

1. Deveina Mae Spencer, born 4-7-1947-Topeka
2. Ray Chas. Jr. Spencer, born 11-2-1951-Wichita
3. Michael Eugene born 8-24-1961-Topeka

1. Deveina Mae Spencer was born 4-7-1947-Topeka the first child of Ray and Viola Spencer married Ronald J. Falk 9-23-1967, McFarland, Ks. Ronald was born 12-23-1947-Wamego, Ks. the son of Donald J. and Norma Lee Lamar Falk. To this union two children were born:

1. Angela Leilani Falk born 10-9-1969 in Queens hospital in Hawaii.
2. Christopher Ronald Falk born 11-2-1973-St. Francis hospital, Topeka.

Obituary: Elmer H. Spencer: Elmer H. Spencer, 74, 7020 S.W. 21st, died Thursday , Feb 22, 1973. He was born March 13, 1898 in Topeka, and lived in this area most of his life. He was formerly a carpenter at

the Supply Depot, Forbes Air Force Base.

He was married to Rita H. Hughes. She survives at the home. Other survivors include two sons, Ray C. Spencer, 6942 S. W. 21st, and Gordon Spencer, 6948 S.W. 21st; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Ethel R. 2. Raymodriquez, 2519 Colorado, Mrs. Helen Nichols, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Mary Dexter, Everett, Wash; four stepsons, Francis Shafer, of the home, Melvin Shafer, 119 Jay, Warren Shafer, 129 Greenwood, and George Shafer, Topeka; one sister, Mrs. Inez Johnston, 1222 Seward, and 21 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Burial in Rochester Cemetery.

2. Raymond C. Spencer the second child of Wm. and Almeda Fowler Spencer was born 9-13-1902 was married to Fern Stroth. He died in 1948. To this union two children were born:

1. Patricia Spencer married Joe Garrison
2. Leroy Allen Spencer

#3. Rueben Spencer the third child of Wm. and Almeda Fowler Spencer was born 11-16-1910 and died in infancy.

#4. Inez Spencer the fourth child of Wm. and Almeda Fowler Spencer was born 5-18-1913, Big Springs, Ks. Old Boursaw place west of Catholic church. and married #1 James Freer. She married second Noel Johnston. To this union two children were born:

1. Freda Estelle Johnston born 1-9-1933 married Paul Dinwiddie
  2. Melvin Dee Johnston born 6-28-1934 died 4-28-1938-4 years old-Burial Half Day Cemetery
- Noel Johnston adopted these Freer children of the first marriage.

1. Freda Estelle Freer Johnston was born 1-19-1933-Topeka. to James Freer & Inez Spencer Freer. She was married to Paul Dinwiddie, 1-17-1953-Berryton, Ks. Paul was born 2-5-1932, Harveyville, Ks. the son of Vernon and Ruby Cripps Dinwiddie. To this union three children were born:

1. Paula Kay Dinwiddie born 2-17-1951-Topeka, Ks. married 3-17-1981 Richard Werts
  1. Cherise Caarida Werts born 7-5-1982
  2. Benjamin Cody Werts born 5-10-1984
2. Pamela Lynn Dinwiddie born 6-3-1958-Topeka, Ks., married 8-26-1982 Chris Urban,
  1. Ashley Lynn Urban born 4-10-1984
3. Steven Terry Dinwiddie born 6-3-1959-Topeka, Ks.

4. Inez Spencer the fourth child of William and Almeda Fowler Spencer was born 5-18-1913 married Noel Johnston her second husband 6-5-1937. Noel was born 5-22-1908, Diamond, Okla. To this union four children were born:

1. Genevieve Johnston born 11-20-1938-Topeka, died May, 1940
2. Robert Johnston born 9-6-1941-Topeka, Ks.
3. Ray Johnston born 12-16-1943-Topeka, Ks.
4. Richard Johnston born 8-27-1951

1. Robert F. Johnston the first child of Noel and Inez Spencer Johnston, born 9-6-1941, Topeka, Ks. and married 9-23-1960, Memphis, Tenn. to Marie Tobias born 7-30-1942, the daughter of Jay Mead Tobias and Dora Bates Tobias. To this union four children were born:

1. Noel Jay Johnston born 8-23-1961-Sanford, Fla. married Jody Michaelaele, 8-11-1984
2. Joel Johnston born 2-15-1963-Topeka, Ks.
3. Jeffrey Scott Johnston born 9-14-1964-Topeka Ks. married Cynthia Diane Corbin, 6-1-1985
4. James R. Johnston born 12-5-1967-Memphis, Tenn.

3. Ray Johnston the third child of Noel and Inez Spencer Johnston, born 12-16-1943, married Delores Dick, born 7-12- . To this union four children were born and he adopted Delores's children:

1. Kimberly Ann Johnston born 12-9-1961
  2. Ton Ray Johnston born 8-2-1963
  3. Kenneth E. Johnston born 12-14-1964
  4. Michael D. Johnston born 4-9-1968
- Adopted Delores's children: by a previous marriage  
Mary married Lloyd Cooper  
Michael

4. Richard Johnston the fourth child of Noel and Inez Spencer Johnston was born 8-27-1951. He was married #1 to Pam Boos. To this union two children were born:

1. Shannon Marie Johnston born 8-25-1971

2. Jennifer Mae Johnston born 1-19-1974

Richard was married #2 to Patricia Payne and to this union two children were born:

1. Richard Johnston born in 1981 2. Ryan Johnston born 8-1983

Obituary: Mrs. Inez May Spencer Johnston: Mrs. Inez May Johnston, 75, Topeka died Friday, March 31, 1989, at a Topeka hospital.

Mrs. Johnston was a secretary for 9 1/2 years for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services before retiring in 1977. She also was a homemaker.

She was born May 18, 1913, at Big Springs, the daughter of William kF. and Almeda R. Fowler Spencer. She lived in Berryton for a time and in Topeka most of her life.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of the Seward Avenue Baptist Church. She was married to Noel J. Johnston June 5, 1937, at Topeka. He died March 22, 1981. Two children also preceded her in death. Melvin D. Johnston, 1939, and Genevieve Johnston, in 1940.

Survivors include five sons, Robert F. Johnston, Ray W. Johnston and Richard Johnston, all of Topeka, Jimmie N. Johnston, Fort Worth, m Texas, and Johnnie P. Johnston, Wichita, 27 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren. Burial in Half-Day Cemetery, Elmont, Ks.

Services at Parker-Price Mortuary. Memorial contributions were made to the Seward Avenue Baptist church. 1616 N. E. Seward, Topeka, Ks. 66616

Services April 3, 1989, Clergymen: Rev. Harold F. Tucker and Rev. Howard Brumme. Music: "Near to the Heart Of God" "To God Be The Glory" "Will the Circle Be Unbroken". Soloist: John T. W. Price, Organist: Richard M. Gayhart: Caset Bearers: Lloyd Cooper, Jr. , Ron Flinner, Jr., Rick Werts, Jr. Chris Urban, Wally Harris, Kevin Johnston.



Sarah holding Fred Lewis,  
Matilda Ella, John Warren  
Spencer & Mary Ann, William  
Franklin in front of Uncle Warren



**Oliver David and Sylvia Josephine Boyd Spencer**

Oliver was born October 9, 1845 in LaRue County, Kentucky and died March 30, 1927 at Topeka. He was married September 21, 1873 to Sylvia Boyd who was born June 21, 1854 in Monroe, Wisc. and died February 20, 1921 at Topeka and both are buried in Rochester cemetery. To this union were born eight children:

1. Nettie Pearl born July 14, 1875 Big Springs, Ks.
2. Quincy M. born July 15, 1877-Big Springs.Ks.
3. Edith G. born May 2, 1880-Big Springs, Ks.
4. Clyde Garfield born March 13, 1882-Big Springs, Ks.
5. Irving Ray born July 7, 1884-Big Springs, Ks.
6. Mabel Irene born September 17, 188 ? -Big Springs, Ks.
7. Edna Estelle born March 17, 1891-Big Springs, Ks.
8. Louis Harold born October 9, 1893-Big Springs, Ks.



Nettie Pearl Spencer



Mabel & Edna Spencer





Oliver David & Sylvia Josephine Boyd  
Spencer & Nettie Pearl

Oliver David Boyd born October 9, 1845 in Labue County, Kentucky and Sylvia Josephine Boyd born October 9, 1845 in Labue County, Kentucky. They were married in 1872 in Tazewell, Virginia. They had several children including Nettie Pearl Boyd born July 14, 1875 in Big Springs, Kentucky. Nettie Pearl Boyd married Spencer Pearl Boyd in 1897. They had several children including Oliver David Boyd born July 14, 1875 in Big Springs, Kentucky. Oliver David Boyd married Sylvia Josephine Boyd in 1872. They had several children including Nettie Pearl Boyd born July 14, 1875 in Big Springs, Kentucky. Nettie Pearl Boyd married Spencer Pearl Boyd in 1897. They had several children including Oliver David Boyd born July 14, 1875 in Big Springs, Kentucky. Oliver David Boyd married Sylvia Josephine Boyd in 1872. They had several children including Nettie Pearl Boyd born July 14, 1875 in Big Springs, Kentucky. Nettie Pearl Boyd married Spencer Pearl Boyd in 1897. They had several children including Oliver David Boyd born July 14, 1875 in Big Springs, Kentucky.

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5. Irving Ray Spencer born July 7, 1884, Big Springs, Ks.
6. Mabel Irene Spencer born September 17, 1887, Big Springs, Ks.
7. Edna Estelle Spencer born March 17, 1891, Big Springs, Ks.
8. Louis Harold Spencer born October 9, 1893, Big Springs, Ks.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. March 31, 1927-- Oliver Spencer Dead--Pioneer Kansas, Veteran of Civil and Indian Wars.

Oliver D. Spencer 81, pioneer resident of Kansas, died at his home, 1815 Cherokee street last night. He was born in Elizabethtown, Ky., Oct. 9, 1845, and came to Kansas in 1857, settling near Big Springs. He moved to Topeka in 1908. He took part in the Battle of the Blue and was a veteran of the Indian war.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. J. Taylor, Misses Mabel and Edna Spencer, of Topeka; four sons, Q. M. Spencer, Vallejo, Calif.; Clyde G. Spencer, Amarillo, Tex.; I. R. Spencer, Kansas City, Mo.; and Lewis Spencer of Topeka; two brothers, Frank Spencer, Lecompton, and Charles F. Spencer, Westphalia, Ks.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bare, Marion, Ks. and Mrs. Martha Shaffer, Lecompton and six grandchildren. Funeral services were at the First Christian church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial in Rochester Cemetery. N. Topeka, Ks.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Monday, Feb. 21, 1921--Mrs. Sylvia J. Spencer 66, wife of O. D. Spencer, died at 9:15 o'clock last night at her home in Shorey. She is survived by her husband, four sons: O. M. Spencer of Vallejo, Calif. C. G. Spencer, Dalhart, Tex., I. R. Spencer of Kansas City, Mo., and Louis Spencer of Topeka; and three daughters; Mrs. A. G. Taylor, Miss Mabel Spencer and Miss Edna Spencer of Topeka. Funeral services held at her home on Route No. 4, North Topeka, was held at 2 o'clock today from the Central Ave. Christian church. Burial in Rochester cemetery.

#1. Nettie Pearl Spencer the first child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born July 14, 1875 at Big Springs, Ks. and died Sept. 11, 1900-Topeka, Ks. and is buried in the East View cemetery at Big Springs. She was married to W. H. Bell, Jan. 2, 1898. To this union one child was born:

1. Wilda Spencer born Feb. 2, 1899

Information found on her was that she was married three times to H. G. Vaughn, Buell Canady and Mr. Forest. No children that we know of. *LAST ONE WAS W. H. Bell*

#2. Quincy M. Spencer the second child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 7-15-1877, Big Springs, Ks. He died 11-24-1956, Vallejo, Calif. He was married 2-24-1904 in Vallejo, Calif. to Mable Cox the daughter of James L. and Nellie Letcher Cox. She was born 12-15-1878 in Negaunee, Mich. and died 11-23-1958, Vallejo, Calif. To this union two children were born:

1. Sylvia Sophia Spencer born 4-4-1905, Vallejo, Calif. married 4-26-1959 to Harold J. Burbach. Harold was born 12-21-1892 in Chicago, Ill., the son of Henry J. & Augusta F. Schoenlank Burbach. Sylvia died 12-9-1969 in Walnut Creek, Calif. No children:

2. Melvin James Spencer born 7-16-1907, Vallejo, Calif. and was married 12-8-1949, New York City to Mercedes Anita Scharpo the daughter of Chas. Edward Turner and Louise Anna Marie Barthel Scharpo. She was born 6-2-1914-New York City. No children:

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital, Sun. 11-25-1956-Word was received in Topeka by Mrs. Mabel Lund. of the death Sat. of her brother, Quincy M. Spencer at his home in Vallejo, Calif. Mr. Spencer was born Big Springs, Ks., July 15, 1877, and moved to Vallejo in 1901. He was employed there in the Mare Navy Yard.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and a daughter, Sylvia Spencer, both of the home; a son, Melvin, of Detroit; two sisters Mrs. Edith Taylor of Route #4 and Mrs. Lund, and two brothers, Clyde G. Spencer of 1401 Clay and I. Ray Spencer of Anaheim, Calif. Burial in Calif.

#3. Edith Gertrude Spencer the third child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 5-2-1880 in Big Springs, Ks. , and died 6-9-1973, Topeka, Ks. She was married 12-15-1903 to Arthur G. Taylor who was born Sept. 14, 1881, Meridian, Ks. the son of John W. and Catherine Rhoades Taylor. He died 6-9-1973, Topeka, Ks. and both are buried in Rochester Cemetery. To this union one child was born:

1. Donald Noel born 11-4-1905, Topeka, Ks. and was married 7-20-1932 to Virginia Storey. Donald died 12- 10-1974, Phoenix, Ariz. To this union one child was born:

1. Donna Lee Taylor born Kirksville, Mo. and married Theodore Mobley and had one baby boy who died July 21, 1962. By Donald's obituary, Donna had three more children:

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-9-13-1965-Edith Taylor Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Edith Gertrude Taylor, 85, Route 4 died Sunday at a Topeka hospital after a short illness.

She was born May 2, 1880 near BigSprings in Douglas County and spent most of her life in the Topeka Community. She was a member of Oakland Christian Church, Forestry Club and Happy Home Demonstration Unit.

She was married to Arthur G. Taylor, Dec. 16, 1903 at Big Springs. Besides her husband, survivors include a son, Dr. Donald N. Taylor, Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Lund, 2434 Beverly Court; a granddaughter and two great grandchildren.

Services at Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary with burial in Rochester Cemetery. Memorials to Oakland Christian Church.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital--June 9, 1973-Arthur Taylor, Age 91, formerly of 442 N. E. Croco Rd. died June 9th. in a Topeka Convalescent center. He was born Sept. 14, 1881, at Meriden and spent most of his life in the Topeka Community. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Oakland Christian Church and taught the Taylor Sunday school class at the church many years. He also was a member of the Tecumseh Grange. He was married to Edith Spencer, Dec. 16, 1903. She died Sept. 12, 1965.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Donald N. Taylor, Phoenix, Ariz. a sister, Mrs. Beulah Lingo, 1002 Wabash; a grand daughter and three great grandchildren. Services at Wall-Diffenderfer Chapel Tuesday. Burial in Rochester cemetery. Memorials to the Oakland Christian Memorial Fund.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Dec. 10, 1974-Services were Sat. for Dr. Donald N. Taylor, 69, Phoenix, a former Topekan, who died here Tuesday. He had cancer.

He was born Nov. 4, 1905, near Lawrence, the son of Arthur and Edith Taylor. He spent his early life in Topeka and attended Topeka schools. He was graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan and the School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo.

He was an osteopath and practiced many years at Phoenix, Ariz. He was married to Virginia Story on July 28, 1932, at St. Joseph, Mo. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donna Lee Mobley, Paradise Valley, Ariz; and three grandchildren.

#4. Clyde Garfield Spencer the fourth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 3-13-1882, Big Springs, Ks. and died 7-21-1964, buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Ks. He was married 12-26-1911 in Clarendon, Tex. to Dixie Logan born June 27, 1890 in Archer Co. Tex. the daughter of Robert Alexander and Martha Sue Hill Logan and died 6-6-1939, Groom Tex. buried in Clarendon, Tx. To this union one son was born:

1. Marston Clyde Spencer born 10-11-1912, Dalhart, Tex. He was married June 27, 1942 in Evanston, Ill. to Emily Frances Zabodny born 8-18-1908 the daughter of Paul and Anna Sifel Zavocny. To this union was born one daughter.

1. Jeanette Ann born May 10, 1943-Gary, Ind.

Obituary: Clyde G. Spencer, 1401 Clay died Tuesday, 7-21-1964 at his home after a long illness. He was 82. He was born Mar. 13, 1882, near Big Springs and spent his early years in the vicinity of Topeka.

After his graduation from the Kansas City Veterinary College in 1909, he moved to Amarillo, Tex. and was in government service there for a number of years. He returned to Topeka about 11 years ago.

Mr. Spencer was a member of the Central Park Christian Church and Arab Shrine in Topeka, and the

Masonic Lodge at Amarillo, Tex.

He is survived by his wife Ethel Spencer of the home; a son, Marston C. Spencer of Crown Point, Ind.; a granddaughter, Jeanette Spencer; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith G. Taylor, Route 4, and Mrs. Mabel I. Lund, 2434 Beverly Court, Topeka.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. June 8, 1939-Mrs. Dixie Spencer of Pampa, Tex. wife of Clyde G. Spencer formerly of Big Springs, Ks. died Tuesday at Groom, Tex. according to word received in Topeka. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Marston Spencer, Pampa, Tex; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Logan of Lubback, Tex. and one sister and five brothers. Burial in Texas. (I assume this is his first wife and Ethel was his second wife.

**MARSTON SPENCER DID MOST OF THIS WORK ON THE SPENCER GENEALOGY**

He died before he could get it completed. This information was left with Esther Spencer.

#5. Irving Ray Spencer the fifth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born July 7, 1884, Big Springs, Ks. and died 1-19-1964, Seal Beach, Calif. He was married 6-9-1922 in Olathe, Ks. to Grace Mae Wilton the daughter of John M. and Bessie Crain Wilton, who was born 9-6-1896, Franklin County, Ks. To this union four children were born:

1. Edna Jean Spencer born 4-13-1923, Topeka, Ks
2. Betsie Jo Spencer born 4-11-1925, Kansas City,
3. Marilyn Lee Spencer born 1-22-1928, Kansas City
4. Barbara Ann Spencer born 9-2-1935, Kansas City, Ks.

1. Edna Jean Spencer the first child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 4-13-1923, Topeka and was married 2-4-1943, Kansas City, Mo. to James Robert Chamberlain. He was born 1-12-1920, Kansas City, Ks, the son of David Leroy and Velma Martha Parker Chamberlain. To this union three children were born.

1. James Robert Chamberlain, Jr. born 9-3-1944, Kansas City, Mo.
2. Rebecca Louise Chamberlain born 1-19-1949, Lawrence, Ks.
3. Susan Jane Chamberlain born 8-23-1951, Kansas City, Mo.

2. Betsie Jo Spencer the second child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 4-11-1925, Kansas City and died 4-21-1926

3. Marilyn Lee Spencer the third child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 1-22-1928, Kansas City, Mo. and married 9-19-1946, Lawrence, Ks. to Z. Lynn Craig. To this union one child was born:

1. Laura Lynn Craig

Marilyn Lee then married Gene R. Thompson, 12-19-1953, Kansas City, Mo. He was born 12-25-1925. To this union one child was born.

1. Spencer Thompson married Behnke(?)

4. Barbara Ann Spencer the fourth child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 9-2-1935, Kansas City, Ks. and married in 1959 to Leslie E. Toye. No more information

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Tues. Jan. 21, 1964-Seal Beach, Calif-Services will be Wednesday here for Irving Ray Spencer, 79, a former Topekan, who died in Seal Beach Sunday. He was the son of O. C. Spencer, he was born July 7, 1884, near Big Springs in Douglas County, and attended Milliken School. He moved to California from Kansas City, Mo. several years ago. Mr. Spencer was a member of the Christian Church at Seal Beach, Calif. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Grace Spencer, of the home; three daughters and seven grandchildren, all of California; a brother, Clyde G. Spencer, 1401 Clay, Topeka and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Taylor, Route 4 and Mrs. Mabel Lund 2434 Beverly Court, both of Topeka.

#6. Mabel Irene Spencer the sixth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 9-17-1888, Big Springs, Ks. and died 9-14-1982, Topeka, Ks. buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery. She was married Oct, 1950 in Topeka to William E. Lund who died 8-28-1955 in Topeka. No children:

Obituary: Mrs. Mabel Spencer Lund, 93, 1205 W. 29th, died Tues. 9-14-1982, at her home after a short illness. She was born 9-17-1888, Big Springs, Ks. the daughter of Oliver D. and Sylvia J. Boyd Spencer, and spent most of her life in Topeka. Mrs. Lund taught in Topeka schools from 1920 before she retired in 1950.

She was a member of West Side Christian Church and the Retired Teachers Association. She was

married to William E. Lund in Oct. 1950 in Topeka. He died in 1955. Nieces and nephews survive. Penwell-Gabel Funeral home in charge.

Graveside services at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The casket will remain closed. Memorials contributions be made to West Side Christian Church. 432 Lindenwood.

Obituary: Topeka Capital-Journal-Monday, Aug. 29, 1955-William E. Lund, 72, of Scranton, died Sunday in a Topeka hospital. He was born March 23, 1883, near Alma, Kan. Mr. Lund was a Rock Island employee 37 years. He moved to a farm south of Scranton 10 years ago.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mabel Lund, of the home; a sister, Miss Katherine Lund, Topeka, and four brothers, J. G. Lund of Alta Vista, John Lund of Topeka, Frank Lund of Whitmore, Mich. and Thomas Lund, Harmony, Mo. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary, and at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burlingame Federated church. Burial will be in Eskridge Cemetery.

#7. Edna Estelle the seventh child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 3-17-1891, Big Springs, Ks. and died 7-29-1948, Topeka, Ks. Buried in Mt. Hope, Cemetery. Never married.

Obituary: Topeka Capital-Journal-Friday, July 30, 1948

Miss Edna E. Spencer, 57, 314 West 7th, died Thursday evening in a local hospital following an illness of two weeks. She was born in Big Springs, March 17, 1891. She came to Topeka in 1908 and has lived here since. She was employed by the Topeka Transfer Co. and was a member of the First Christian church. Her survivors include two sisters, Miss Mable Spencer of the home and Mrs. Arthur G. Taylor of Topeka; three brothers, Quincy M. Spencer of Vallejo, Calif., Clyde S. Spencer of Amarillo, and I. R. Spencer of Kansas City, Mo.

#8. Louis Harold the eighth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 10-9-1893 in Big Springs, Ks. and died 3-2-1948, Topeka, Ks. He was married 6-4-1943, in Topeka to Julia Ethel Glenn the daughter of Frank V. and Julia Ann Gish Glenn. She was born 11-26-1897, Valley Falls, Ks. and died 10-23-1991, Topeka, Ks. Both buried in Mt. Hope cemetery. To this union one child was born:

1. William Louis Spencer born 9-12-1927, Topeka, Ks. and died 9-16-1927, buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Obituary: Tues. March 2, 1948 Louis Spencer, Well-Know Architect, Dies.

Louis Harold Spencer, one of Topeka's best-know architects, died unexpectedly Tuesday morning. A resident of Topeka and vicinity his entire life. Mr. Spencer had been in the architectural business in Topeka since 1930, and at the time of his death had offices in the Central Building.

Mr. Spencer had been associated with Carl G. Ossman for the past several years, and prior to entering business for himself, was associated with T. W. Williamson and Company for 18 years.

The 54 year old Topekan had designed a number of Topeka's public buildings including Grant and State Street schools, and Washburn Rural High School. At the time of his death, he was working on the plans for the Seaman Rural High School. He had also designed buildings in Lawrence and Seneca and in Osage County.

Mr. Spencer was a member of Orient Lodge No. 51. AF&AM and was active member of Central Park Christian Church, where he served on the board of trustees. He was interested in music and was a member of the church choir and glee clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Spencer of the home, 1401 Clay; three sisters, Mrs. A. G. Taylor and Misses Mable and Edna Spencer all of Topeka; three brothers, Quincy Spencer of Vallejo, Calif.; Clyde Spencer of Amarillo, Tex., and Ray Spencer, Kansas City, Mo. and several nieces and nephews.

Services at Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary, Rev. John T. Foust, pastor of Central Park Christian, officiated. Pallbearers were Charles Horner, Earl Nonken, Ray Smith, Norman Palmquist, Carl Ossmann and Thompson Euwer. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Louis wife Julia Ethel Glenn Spencer, after his death, then married 8-6-1951 to Clyde G. Spencer.

Obituary: Wed. Oct. 23, 1991-Julia Ethel Spencer, 93, Topeka died Wed. 10-23-1991, at a Topeka retirement center. She was born 11-26-1897, Valley Falls, the daughter of Frank V. & Julia Ann Gish Glenn, and was graduated from Valley Falls High School.

She was a member of the Central Park Christian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, 1812 Club and a former member of Topeka Woman's Club.

She was married to Louis Harold Spencer on June 4, 1923. He died Mar. 2, 1948. She then married Clyde G. Spencer on Aug. 6, 1951. He died July 21, 1964. An infant child died in 1927.

A sister, Hazel Crites, Topeka, survives.

Services at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

*Mailed copies to Susan Jane Bentley 130 Armstrong Dr  
Husband Frank Claremont, Ca 91711*

SPENCER

Census 1905-Tecumseh Twp. Shawnee Co.

SPENCER, O. D.	59 Male	160 acres	valuation \$6,400.	Oliver DAVID b: 10-9-1845
S. J.	50 Female	Sylvia J.	(Boyd)	b: 6-21-1854
Ray	20 M	IRVING RAY	b: 7-7-1884	
Edna	13 F	EDNA Estelle	b: 3-17-1891	
Louis	11 F	LOUIS HAROLD	b: 10-9-1893	
BELL, Wilma	6 F	WILDA	b: 2-2-1899	(daughter of Nettie Pearl Bell)

AFFIDAVIT TO OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Crane & Co., Topeka.

State of Kansas, Shawnee County, ss.

I, W. H. Bell, of Topeka Ks, for the  
 purpose of obtaining a Marriage License authorizing me  
 of Big Spring Ks, to be joined in Marriage with Nettie P. Spencer  
 of Big Spring Ks, do make the following oath:

That I am is 28 years of age, and that  
Nettie P. Spencer is 22 years of age, and that neither of them is the legitimate or  
 illegitimate parent, child, grandparent or grandchild, brother or sister either of the one-half or the whole blood,  
 uncle, aunt, niece, nephew or first cousin of the other, nor within any of the degrees of relationship set forth in  
 Section 2, Chapter 61 of the General Statutes of 1868, of Kansas. And that none of the reasons set forth in said  
 section exist why said parties should not be granted a Marriage License, authorizing them to be joined in Marriage.  
 That neither of the parties hereto has been divorced within the last six months. So help me God.

W. H. Bell

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30 day of December, 1897

Levin Poolman

Probate Judge

No. 584

Affidavit for Marriage License.

Wm. A. Bell

to  
Maud Spencer

Filed Dec 30, 1897

Leont St. Allen

Probate Judge.

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CHANE & CO., TORONTO.

**Fred Lewis (Louis) Spencer & Etta Josephine Higgins Spencer**

Fred Lewis Spencer

Born: 10-1880

Died: Mar. 27, 1931-Topeka, Ks.

Burial: Rochester Cemetery

Father: John Warren Spencer

Mother: Sarah Crumwell (Cromwell) (Crumwell)

To this union nine children were born.

Etta Josephine Higgins

Born: Nov. 25, 1887-Oklahoma

Died: 1952

Burial: Rochester Cemetery

Father:

Mother:

1. Emilene May Spencer born: 5-19-1908-Topeka &amp; died: 11-30-1992-Topeka

Burial: Rochester Cemetery Never married:

Obituary Emilene May Spencer, 84, Topeka died early Monday, Nov. 30, 1992. Miss Spencer worked 11 1/2 years at McLellan's variety store, 2 1/2 years at the F. W. Woolworth variety store and 25 years at the Topeka Goodyear Plant. She retired in 1971.

She was born May 19, 1908, in Topeka, the daughter of Fred Louis and Etta Josephine Higgins Spencer and spent her life in Topeka. She was graduated from Seaman High School in 1927. She was a member of Faith Assembly of God.

Survivors include two sisters, Dorene Michael and Fern Holstrom both of Topeka.

2. Naomi Fern born May 4, 1911 m: Ray A. Holstrom

3. Orville Ray Spencer- Died in infancy

4. Freda Irene Spencer born May 17, 1916 m: #1. Joe Vetter #2. Mr. Wiggans #3 Fred Shirley

5. Velva Blanche Spencer born: 1921 m: Mr. Boss &amp; Mr. Narns

6. Mabel Dorene Spencer born: 1923 married Mr. Michael

7. Annetta Bell Spencer born Nov. 15, 1925-Topeka and died: Sept. 10, 1984 m: Mr. Stone &amp; Hendrick

8. Twila Lorraine Spencer born 1927 m: Mr. Morrow

9. Melvin Louis Spencer born 1929 and died 1971

Obituary -- Mrs. Etta J. Spencer, 64, of route 6, died Monday morning. She was born in Oklahoma 11-25-1887, and lived in the Topeka Community for 47 years. She was a member of the Seaman Community church. She is survived by seven daughters, Miss Emilene Spencer, 116 W. 6th; Mrs. Fern Holstrom, 2022 Stone; Mrs. Freda Wiggans, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Belva Boss, 700 Chestnut; Mrs. Doreen Michael, 102 Hawthorne; Mrs. Annette Stone, 534 Wilson, and Mrs. Twila Morrow of Iowa; a son, Melvin Spencer, United State Navy; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Lulu Gurwell, Rte. 5 and Mrs. Mell Curphey, Roseburg, Ore.; three brothers, Clarence Higgins and Albert Higgins, both of Rolla, KS., and Jasper Higgins of western Kansas.

Obituary--Topeka Daily Capital-Sat. March 28, 1931 Heart Attack Fatal

Fred Spencer 50, Drops Dead In a Lunch Room in Shorey

Fred Spencer, 50, of Route 6, dropped dead from what is believed to be a heart attack in the Johnson Brothers lunchroom in Shorey late yesterday afternoon. He had been a resident of Shorey most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Etta Spencer, and eight children, a son, Melvin, and seven daughters, Annetta, Twila, Doreen, Melba Freda, Fern and Emily

Funeral services will be at Conwell's mortuary at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Rochester cemetery.

2. Naomi Fern Spencer the second child of Fred &amp; Etta Spencer, born:5-4-1911 married Roy A.

Holstrom. no children(?) none listed

Obituary: Roy Arthur Eugene Holstrom, 92, Topeka, died Thurs. Feb. 14, 2002, at a Topeka nursing home. Mr. Holstrom had been employed with Cudahy Packing Co., as a stock clerk, cashier and office manager in Topeka, Minneapolis, Minn; and Little Rock, Ark. for 13 years. He served in the Naval Air Service during World War II in Maui, Hawaii, as a petty officer second class in the supply depot. He later worked in the sheet metal industry for 25 years before he retired in 1972.

He was born Nov. 21, 1909, in Topeka, the son of Arthur H. Holstrom and Emma Larson Holstrom. He attended Topeka Public School, Washburn High School and Stricklers Business College.

He was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local No. 77, and attended Glad Tidings Assembly

of God Church.

He married Naomi Fern Spencer on July 13, 1932, in Topeka. She died October, 1997. Mr. Holstrom also was preceded in death by a stillborn son.

Survivors include two brothers, Norris Holstrom, Richardson, Tex. and Dana Holstrom, Topeka. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery.

3. Orville Ray Spencer died in infancy

4. Freda Irene Spencer fourth child of Fred & Etta Spencer, born: 5-9-1916, married first Joseph Veters and had two children, Donna and Harrell (no more information) 2nd married Wiggins and had one son Bobby(female) 3rd Married Fred Shirley no children.

5. Velva Blanche Spencer the fifth child of Fred & Etta Spencer, born: 1921 married Mr. Boss and had two children Charley and Kitty , #2 Mr. Marns and had twins David & Donald Marns-No more information

6. Mabel Dorene Spencer the sixth child of Fred & Etta Spencer born: 1923 married Harold L. Michael and had one child: Jandra Michael (no more information)

7. Annetta Bell Spencer the seventh child of Fred & Etta Spencer, born 11-15-1925 Topeka, married Mr. Stone and had two children Fred N. and Jerry W. Stone. #2 Mr. Hendrick. and had one child, Jackie L. Hendrix. Annette died 9-10-1984 Topeka & buried in Rochester cemetery.

Obituary: Mrs. Annetta Bell Hendrix, 59, Topeka, died Mon. Sept. 10, 1984, at a Topeka hospital after a long illness. She was born Nov. 15, 1924, in Topeka, the daughter of Fred L. and Etta Josephine Higgins Spencer, and spent her life in Topeka. She was a member of Seaman Community Congregational Church and later was a member of Seward Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Fred N. Stone 10750 N.W. 13th, Jerry W. Stone, in Hawaii, Jackie L. Hendrix; five sisters, Mrs. Fern Holstrom, 2022 Stone, Mrs. Freda Shirley, Kansas City, Mo. Emilene Spencer, 712 Sumner, Mrs. Twila Morrow, 2501 Lincoln, and Mrs. Dorene Michael, 535 Burr. Burial in Rochester cemetery.

8. Twila Lorraine Spencer the eighth child of Fred & Etta Spencer born, 1927 married a Mr Morrow and had three children: Karen Morrow, Rita Morrow and Steve Morrow.

9. Melvin Louis Spencer the ninth child of Fred & Etta Spencer, born : 11-28-1929, married Clara Anderson 8-35?-1962 and had two children Michelle Louise Spencer and Teresa Denise Spencer. Obituary -- Melvin Louis Spencer, 44, died Saturday afternoon after he was stricken at his home 912 NW 8th, in Shorey. He apparently had a heart attack. He was born 11-28-1929, in Topeka. He attended East Indianola Grade School and was graduated from Seaman High School.

He served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. He was a heavy equipment operator and was a member of Local No. 101 of the Hoisting Engineers Union. He was a member of Seaman Congregational church, Moose Lodge No. 555, the Topeka Bowmen's Club, and Shawnee Sportsmen's Club.

He was married to Clara Anderson Aug. ?, 1962, in Topeka. She survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Michelle Louise Spencer and Teresa Denise Spencer, both of the home, and seven sisters, Mrs. Fern Holstrom, Mrs. Belva Narns and Mrs. Fred Shirley both of Kansas City, Mrs. Twila Morrow, Mrs. Dorene Michael, Emilene Spencer and Mrs. Annette Hendrick all of Topeka. Burial in Rochester cemetery.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. March 31, 1927-- Oliver Spencer Dead--Pioneer Kansas, Veteran of Civil and Indian Wars.

Oliver D. Spencer 81, pioneer resident of Kansas, died at his home, 1815 Cherokee street last night. He was born in Elizabethtown, Ky., Oct. 9, 1845, and came to Kansas in 1857, settling near Big Springs. He moved to Topeka in 1908. He took part in the Battle of the Blue and was a veteran of the Indian war.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. J. Taylor, Misses Mabel and Edna Spencer, of Topeka; four sons, Q. M. Spencer, Vallejo, Calif.; Clyde G. Spencer, Amarillo, Tex.; I. R. Spencer, Kansas City, Mo.; and Lewis Spencer of Topeka; two brothers, Frank Spencer, Lecompton, and Charles F. Spencer, Westphalia, Ks.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bare, Marion, Ks. and Mrs. Martha Shaffer, Lecompton and six grandchildren. Funeral services were at the First Christian church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial in Rochester Cemetery. N. Topeka, Ks.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Monday, Feb. 21, 1921--Mrs. Sylvia J. Spencer 66, wife of O. D. Spencer, died at 9:15 o'clock last night at her home in Shorey. She is survived by her husband, four sons: O. M. Spencer of Vallejo, Calif. C. G. Spencer, Dalhart, Tex., I. R. Spencer of Kansas City, Mo., and Louis Spencer of Topeka; and three daughters; Mrs. A. G. Taylor, Miss Mabel Spencer and Miss Edna Spencer of Topeka. Funeral services were at her home on Route No. 4, North Topeka, was held at 2 o'clock today from the Central Ave. Christian church. Burial in Rochester cemetery.

#1. Nettie Pearl Spencer the first child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born July 14, 1875 at Big Springs, Ks. and died Sept. 11, 1900-Topeka, Ks. and is buried in the East View cemetery at Big Springs. She was married to W. H. Bell, Jan. 2, 1898. To this union one child was born:

1. Wilda Spencer born Feb. 2, 1899

Information found on her was that she was married three times to H. G. Vaughn, Buell Canady and Mr. Forest. No children that we know of.

#2. Quincy M. Spencer the second child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 7-15-1877, Big Springs, Ks. He died 11-24-1956, Vallejo, Calif. He was married 2-24-1904 in Vallejo, Calif. to Mable Cox the daughter of James L. and Nellie Letcher Cox. She was born 12-15-1878 in Negaunee, Mich. and died 11-23-1958, Vallejo, Calif. To this union two children were born:

1. Sylvia Sophia Spencer born 4-4-1905, Vallejo, Calif. married 4-26-1959 to Harold J. Burbach. Harold was born 12-21-1892 in Chicago, Ill., the son of Henry J. & Augusta F. Schoenlank Burbach. Sylvia died 12-9-1969 in Walnut Creek, Calif. No children:

2. Melvin James Spencer born 7-16-1907, Vallejo, Calif. and was married 12-8-1949, New York City to Mercedes Anita Scharpo the daughter of Chas. Edward Turner and Louise Anna Marie Barthel Scharpo. She was born 6-2-1914-New York City. No children:

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital, Sun. 11-25-1956-Word was received in Topeka by Mrs. Mabel Lund. of the death Sat. of her brother, Quincy M. Spencer at his home in Vallejo, Calif. Mr. Spencer was born Big Springs, Ks., July 15, 1877, and moved to Vallejo in 1901. He was employed there in the Mare Navy Yard. He is survived by his wife, Marie, and a daughter, Sylvia Spencer, both of the home; a son, Melvin, of Detroit; two sisters Mrs. Edith Taylor of Route #4 and Mrs. Lund, and two brothers, Clyde G. Spencer of 1401 Clay and I. Ray Spencer of Anaheim, Calif. Burial in Calif.

#3. Edith Gertrude Spencer the third child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 5-2-1880 in Big Springs, Ks., and died 6-9-1973, Topeka, Ks. She was married 12-15-1903 to Arthur G. Taylor who was born Sept. 14, 1881, Meridian, Ks. the son of John W. and Catherine Rhoades Taylor. He died 6-9-1973, Topeka, Ks. and both are buried in Rochester Cemetery. To this union one child was born:

1. Donald Noel born 11-4-1905, Topeka, Ks. and was married 7-20-1932 to Virginia Storey. Donald died 12-10-1974, Phoenix, Ariz. To this union one child was born:

1. Donna Lee Taylor born Kirksville, Mo. and married Theodore Mobley and had one baby boy who died July 21, 1962. By Donald's obituary, Donna had three more children:

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-9-12-1965-Edith Taylor Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Edith Gertrude Taylor, 85, Route 4 died Sunday at a Topeka hospital after a short illness.

She was born May 2, 1880 near Big Springs in Douglas County and spent most of her life in the Topeka Community. She was a member of Oakland Christian Church, Forestry Club and Happy Home

Demonstration Unit.

She was married to Arthur G. Taylor, Dec. 16, 1903 at Big Springs. Besides her husband, survivors include a son, Dr. Donald N. Taylor, Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Lund, 2434 Beverly Court; a granddaughter and two great grandchildren.

Services at Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary with burial in Rochester Cemetery. Memorials to Oakland Christian Church.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital--June 9, 1973-Arthur Taylor, Age 91, formerly of 442 N. E. Croco Rd. died June 9th. Services at Wall-Diffenderfer Chapel Tuesday. Burial in Rochester cemetery. Memorials to the Oakland Christian Memorial Fund.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Dec. 10, 1974-Services were Sat. for Dr. Donald N. Taylor, 69, Phoenix, a former Topekan, who died here Tuesday. He had cancer.

He was born Nov. 4, 1905, near Lawrence, the son of Arthur and Edith Taylor. He spent his early life in Topeka and attended Topeka schools. He was graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan and the School of Osteopathy at Kirsville, Mo.

He was an osteopath and practiced many years at Phoenix, Ariz. He was married to Virginia Story on July 28, 1932, at St. Joseph, Mo. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donna Lee Mobley, Paradise Valley, Ariz; and three grandchildren.

#4. Clyde Garfield Spencer the fourth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 3-13-1882, Big Springs, Ks. and died 7-21-1964, buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Topeka, Ks. He was married 12-26-1911 in Clarendon, Tex. to Dixie Logan born June 27, 1890 in Archer Co. Tex. the daughter of Robert Alexander and Martha Sue Hill Logan and died 6-6-1939, Groom Tex. buried in Clarendon, Tx. To this union one son was born:

1. Marston Clyde Spencer born 10-11-1912, Dalhart, Tex. He was married June 27, 1942 in Evanston, Ill. to Emily Frances Zobodny born 8-18-1908 the daughter of Paul and Anna Sifel Zavocny. To this union was born one daughter.

1. Jeanette Ann born May 10, 1943-Gary, Ind.

Obituary: Clyde G. Spencer, 1401 Clay died Tuesday, 7-21-1964 at his home after a long illness. He was 82. He was born Mar. 13, 1882, near Big Springs and spent his early years in the vicinity of Topeka.

After his graduation from the Kansas City Veterinary College in 1909, he moved to Amarillo, Tex. and was in government service there for a number of years. He returned to Topeka about 11 years ago.

Mr. Spencer was a member of the Central Park Christian Church and Arab Shrine in Topeka, and the Masonic Lodge at Amarillo, Tex.

He is survived by his wife Ethel Spencer of the home; a son, Marston C. Spencer of Crown Point, Ind.; a granddaughter, Jeanette Spencer; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith G. Taylor, Route 4, and Mrs. Mabel I. Lund, 2434 Beverly Court, Topeka.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. June 8, 1939-Mrs. Dixie Spencer of Pampa, Tex. wife of Clyde G. Spencer formerly of Big Springs, Ks. died Tuesday at Groom, Tex. according to word received in Topeka. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Marston Spencer, Pampa, Tex; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Logan of Lubback, Tex. and one sister and five brothers. Burial in Texas.(I assume this is his first wife and Ethel was his second wife.

MARSTON SPENCER DID MOST OF THIS WORK ON THE SPENCER GENEALOGY

He died before he could get it completed. This information was left with Esther Spencer.

#5. Irving Ray Spencer the fifth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born July 7, 1884, Big Springs, Ks. and died 1-19-1964, Seal Beach, Calif. He was married 6-9-1922 in Olathe, Ks. to Grace Mae Wilton the daughter of John M. and Bessie Crain Wilton, who was born 9-6-1896, Franklin County, Ks. To this union four children were born:

1. Edna Jean Spencer born 4-13-1923, Topeka, Ks
2. Betsie Jo Spencer born 4-11-1925, Kansas City,
3. Marilyn Lee Spencer born 1-22-1928, Kansas City
4. Barbara Ann Spencer born 9-2-1935, Kansas City, Ks.

1. Edna Jean Spencer the first child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 4-13-1923, Topeka and was

In the Probate Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

NOW, on this 15th day of December 1903, comes A. G. Taylor

and applies to the Judge of the above entitled Court for a Marriage License, authorizing

A. G. Taylor, of Oakland, Kans., and

Edith G. Spencer, of Big Springs, Kans., to be joined in Marriage.

And the said A. G. Taylor being first duly sworn, on oath says: That

he is 22 years of age; that Edith G. Spencer

is 23 years of age; that said parties are not related to each other within

the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of the one-half or the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, or first cousins; that neither of said parties has been divorced by the decree of any Court in this State within six months last past, and that there is no legal impediment in the way of their marriage.

A. G. Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of Dec, 1903.

Theo. Z. Orner

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires July 23th 1907.

No. ~~719~~ 919

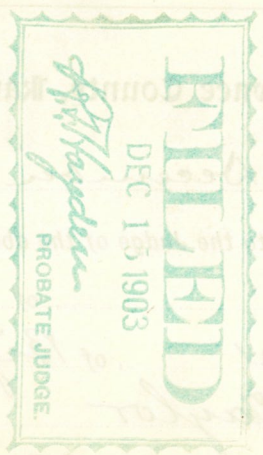
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A. S. Taylor

AND

Edith S. Spencer

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Letter written by Oliver Spencer

The writer of this story moved from Larue Co. Kentucky the 1st of October year 1857 to the terrtory(territory) of Kansas with his Father and Mother with ther(their) 4 boys and 3 girls, with all ther(their) belongens(belongings) in a wagon drving(driven) by two find Kentucky horses hauling the load, drove to Louisvill then shiped(shipped) on cars to St. Louis and from thear(there) to Leavenworth on the E. M. Riley a very nice steem(steam) boat landing there on the 8 day of October 1857 and then reloaded and camped on Little Stranger the nex(next) day wer(where) the writer celebrated his 12 birthday. We moved to the Big Stranger, got a log caben(cabin) to lib(live) in until the 15 of December, loaded up agane(again) and landed 2 miles north of Big Springs and located on the N.E. 1/4 2 T12 R17 wher(where) my father lived to 1883. My mother lived on the same place up to sept 22, 1917 when she past away being 95 years old, 2 boys and 1 girl being born Kansas Jahawkers(Jayhawkers), making 6 boys and 4 girls borned to them of whitch(which) 4 boys and 3 girls are still living. We settled on this farm Dec. 17, 1857. Lived in a pole cabin witout any stove of any kind. Built a fire place in the corner. Halled(hauled) what grocerys(groceries) from llworth(Leavenworth) Paid \$10.00 a sack for Flour, \$2.50 for sod? corn of whitch (which) the wormes had their sher(share) first as they had there shear like the today. Wages was \$13.00 for mo. insted instead) of 5 to 8 a day. Lecompton was the big town then, it had a saloon and Land ofice(office). Tecumseh, Topeka had 1 small store located on Ks. 6st. Bunby by Burgadery Bro. Free state war was there then and it was cept/ up untill the war of 1861 for year we had it prety(pretty) fearce for sum time in Oct. 22, the writer met old pop Price on the Blue and him in check until Pheseton came up and turned him South. If it hadn"t of bin(been) for the Ks Molishe(militia) going over the line into Missouri and stopping him, Price would of got to K.C. and destroyed it and other towns in Kansas and our Government didnn't reconized us for what we did. We have ask them to give us credit by giving a pension to the men who saved Kansas of many lives and millions in money. My 2 older brothers were in Co. A, 5 Kas. for 3 years. I was in the Indian War of 1868 fighting the Indians and lacking just 13 days of 50 years got a pension of \$20.00 per mo. My father died in 1883 and my mother died in Sept. 1917, a few days befor she was 95. I have 3 bros. and 3 sisters yet to date 1919. I married Sept 21st to Sylvia J. Boyd in 1873 and had borned to us 4 boys & 4 girls all are living except my oldest daughter, which died in 1900. Was married to W. H. Bell, Jan. 2nd 1898. Was born to them Wilda H. Bell Feb. 2d, 1899, Quincy M. born July 15, 1877 and was married to Mable Cox Feb. 24, 1904 and had 2 children, Sylvia Sophia born, April 4, 1905, Melvin James born July 16, 1907. Edith was married to Arthur Taylor Dec. 16, 1905 born to them Donald Noel Nov. 4, 1905, Clyde Garfield born Mar. 13, 1882 married to Dixy Logan Dec. 26, 1911 born to them Marston Clyde Oct. 11, 1912. Irving Ray born July 7, 1884 was married to Jessey Seragin June 15, 1914, no children. Mable Irene born Sept. 18, 1888 single, Edna

Estell born Mar. 17, 1891 single. Louis Hearl(Harold) born Oct. 9, 1893 single. Making 4 boys and 4 girls born to our union after 47 year living together, the Lord took her.

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married 2-4-1943, Kansas City, Mo. to James Robert Chamberlain. He was born 1-12-1920, Kansas City, Ks, the son of David Leroy and Velma Martha Parker Chamberlain. To this union three children were born.

1. James Robert Chamberlain, Jr. born 9-3-1944, Kansas City, Mo.
  2. Rebecca Louise Chamberlain born 1-19-1949, Lawrence, Ks.
  3. Susan Jane Chamberlain born 8-23-1951, Kansas City, Mo.
2. Betsie Jo Spencer the second child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 4-11-1925, Kansas City and died 4-21-1926
3. Marilyn Lee Spencer the third child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 1-22-1928, Kansas City, Mo. and married 9-19-1946, Lawrence, Ks. to Z. Lynn Craig. To this union one child was born:

1. Laura Lynn Craig

Marilyn Lee then married Gene R. Thompson, 12-19-1953, Kansas City, Mo. He was born 12-25-1925. To this union one child was born.

1. Spencer Thompson married Behnke(?)

4. Barbara Ann Spencer the fourth child of Irving and Grace Spencer was born 9-2-1935, Kansas City, Ks. and married in 1959 to Leslie E. Toye. No more information

#6. Mabel Irene Spencer the sixth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 9-17-1888, Big Springs, Ks. and died 9-14-1982, Topeka, Ks. buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery. She was married Oct, 1950 in Topeka to William E. Lund who died 8-28-1955 in Topeka. No children:

Obituary: Mrs. Mabel Spencer Lund, 93, 1205 W. 29th, died Tues. 9-14-1982, at her home after a short illness. She was born 9-17-1888, Big Springs, Ks. the daughter of Oliver D. and Sylvia J. Boyd Spencer, and spent most of her life in Topeka. Mrs. Lund taught in Topeka schools from 1920 before she retired in 1950.

She was a member of West Side Christian Church and the Retired Teachers Association. She was married to William E. Lund in Oct. 1950 in Topeka. He died in 1955. Nieces and nephews survive. Penwell-Gabel Funeral home in charge.

Graveside services at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The casket will remain closed. Memorials contributions be made to West Side Christian Church. 432 Lindenwood.

Obituary: Topeka Capital-Journal-Monday, Aug. 29, 1955-William E. Lund, 72, of Scranton, died Sunday in a Topeka hospital. He was born March 23, 1883, near Alma, Kan. Mr. Lund was a Rock Island employee 37 years. He moved to a farm south of Scranton 10 years ago.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mabel Lund, of the home; a sister, Miss Katherine Lund, Topeka, and four brothers, J. G. Lund of Alta Vista, John Lund of Topeka, Frank Lund of Whitmore, Mich. and Thomas Lund, Harmony, Mo. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary, and at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burlingame Federated church. Burial will be in Eskridge Cemetery.

#7. Edna Estelle the seventh child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 3-17-1891, Big Springs, Ks. and died 7-29-1948, Topeka, Ks. Buried in Mt. Hope, Cemetery. Never married.

#8. Louis Harold the eighth child of Oliver and Sylvia Spencer was born 10-9-1893 in Big Springs, Ks. and died 3-2-1948, Topeka, Ks. He was married 6-4-1943, in Topeka to Julia Ethel Glenn the daughter of Frank V. and Julia Ann Gish Glenn. She was born 11-26-1897, Valley Valls, Ks. and died 10-23-1991, Topeka, Ks. Both buried in Mt. Hope cemetery. To this union one child was born:

1. William Louis Spencer born 9-12-1927, Topeka, Ks. and died 9-16-1927, buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Obituary: Tues. March 2, 1948 Louis Spencer, Well-Know Architect, Dies.

Louis Harold Spencer, one of Topeka's best-know architects, died unexpectedly Tuesday morning. A resident of Topeka and vicinity his entire life. Mr. Spencer had been in the architectural business in Topeka since 1930, and at the time of his death had offices in the Central Building.

Mr. Spencer had been associated with Carl G. Ossman for the past several years, and prior to entering business for himself, was associated with T. W. Williamson and Company for 18 years.

The 54 year old Topekan had designed a number of Topeka's public buildings including Grant and State

Street schools, and Washburn Rural High School. At the time of his death, he was working on the plans for the Seaman Rural High School. He had also designed buildings in Lawrence and Seneca and in Osage County.

Mr. Spencer was a member of Orient Lodge No. 51. AF&AM and was active member of Central Park Christian Church, where he served on the board of trustees. He was interested in music and was a member of the church choir and glee clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Spencer of the home, 1401 Clay; three sisters, Mrs. A. G. Taylor and Misses Mable and Edna Spencer all of Topeka; three brothers, Quincy Spencer of Vallejo, Calif.; Clyde Spencer of Amarillo, Tex., and Ray Spencer, Kansas City, Mo. and several nieces and nephews.

Services at Wall-Diffenderfer Mortuary, Rev. John T. Foust, pastor of Central Park Christian, officiated. Pallbearers were Charles Horner, Earl Nonken, Ray Smith, Norman Palmquist, Carl Ossmann and Thompson Euwer. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Louis wife Julia Ethel Glenn Spencer, after his death, then married 8-6-1951 to Clyde G. Spencer.

Obituary: Wed. Oct. 23, 1991-Julia Ethel Spencer, 93, Topeka died Wed. 10-23-1991, at a Topeka retirement center. She was born 11-26-1897, Valley Falls, the daughter of Frank V. & Julia Ann Gish Glenn, and was graduated from Valley Falls High School.

She was a member of the Central Park Christian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, 1812 Club and a former member of Topeka Woman's Club.

She was married to Louis Harold Spencer on June 4, 1923. He died Mar. 2, 1948. She then married Clyde G. Spencer on Aug. 6, 1951. He died July 21, 1964. An infant child died in 1927.

A sister, Hazel Crites, Topeka, survives.

Services at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

OLIVER SPENCER FAMILY



OLIVER SPENCER FAMILY

Quincy, Louis, Edith (Spencer) Taylor, Mabel (Spencer) Lund, Edna Spencer, Clyde Garfield, Irving Ray

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## SARAH ELIZABETH SPENCER GAGE

Sarah Elizabeth Spencer the fourth child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born about 1847 in LaRue County, Kentucky. She married William H. Gage, he died in 1925, and is buried in the East View Cemetery at Big Springs. Wm. was born in 1845, New York. Sarah died March 8, 1924. To this union no children:

Topeka Daily Capital-March 9, 1924- Mrs. Sarah E. Gage Dead "Had Moved Here About 18 Months Ago From Big Springs"

Mrs. Sarah E. Gage, 76, wife of Wm. H. Gage died at her home, 1103 East 6th Ave. yesterday. She formerly resided near Big Springs, but for the past year and a half she made her home in Topeka. Besides her husband, she is survived by three brothers; W. F. Spencer, Big Springs, O. D. Spencer, Topeka; and Charles Spencer, Westphalia, Ks. and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Shaffer, Big Springs and Mrs. Mary Bare, Marion.

Funeral was at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Big Springs Christian church. Sarah and William Gage are both buried in the East View cemetery at Big Springs, Ks.

William H. Gage married the 2nd time: Married in South Park 8- No date on clipping.  
"Topeka Man, 74, Weds Lawrence Woman, 54, Here"

South Park was the scene of the marriage of William H. Gage of Topeka, 74 years old, to Mary Coleman of Lawrence, 54 years old, late yesterday afternoon. Rev. William T. Smith of the Old Folks' Home performed the ceremony.

The marriage came as a surprise to inmates of the Old Folks Home where Mrs. Gage had been employed as nurse for several years. The couple obtained their marriage license from the probate judge and then called Rev. Mr. Smith to come to the court house to marry them. The city park was picked as a more romantic spot than the county court house for a wedding.

Mr. & Mrs. Gage left yesterday afternoon for Topeka where they will spend their honeymoon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gage had been married before.



William H. & Sarah Elizabeth Spencer  
Gage



William H. Sage  
Born 1845. New York

Sarah Elizabeth Spencer  
Born 1847  
died 3-<sup>9</sup>-1924

Sent to me from  
Susan Bentley  
130 Armstrong Dr.  
Claymont, Ca 91711



**IRVING SPENCER**  
SEAL BEACH, Calif.—Services will be Wednesday here for Irving Ray Spencer, 79, Seal Beach, a former Topekan, who died here Sunday.  
The son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Spencer, he was born July 7, 1884 near Big Springs in Douglas County, and attended Milliken School. He moved to California from Kansas City, Mo., several years ago.  
Mr. Spencer was a member of the Christian Church at Seal Beach.  
Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Grace Spencer, of the home; three daughters and seven grandchildren, all of California; a brother, Clyde G. Spencer, 1401 Clay, Topeka; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Taylor, Route 4, and Mrs. Mabel Lund, 2424 Beverly Court, both of Topeka.

Sebastian Nison  
& George "  
about 1876

taken about 1882

Maryquest Jane Nison  
Halding Hotel  
Born 1-1884

Jacqueline Nison  
born about 1978

about Nison  
Born abt 1880

Sent to me from  
Susan Bentley  
130 Armstrong Dr  
Claremont, Ca. 91711



Martha Jane holding Lola, Sebastian & George-Front Albert & Josephine

MARGARET

NIXON



Nixon Child



Cousin Albert Nixon

Died April 10<sup>th</sup> 1895

Age 17 years

With my  
love to you

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**MARGARET JANE SPENCER NIXON**

#5. Margaret Jane Spencer the fifth child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born 2-1850, LaRue, Kentucky, married Sebastian E. Nixon. Margaret died 12-14-1900, was buried in East View Cemetery at Big Springs and later moved to Topeka Cemetery. To this union seven children were born:

1. George F. Nixon abt 1876, married Mina. He died 1-10-1940, In 1937 living in Quincy, Ill.
2. Josephine Nixon born 1878?married W. R. Russell-applied for license 8-4-1903. She was 27 and he was 25
3. Albert Nixon born abt 1880 died 4-10-1895 age 17 years
4. Lola Nixon born 1-1881 married John Thomas Atherton-applied for license 3-8-1905 Lola was 24 and lived at Tecumseh and John was 29 and lived at Topeka
5. Arthur Nixon born 3-1884-married Lydia May Sweet-applied for license 9-21-1912 , In 1937 was living in Glendale, Calif.
6. Effie Nixon born 11-7-1885-Big Springs, Ks. married C. N. Atherton-applied for license 1-3-1906. Effie age 20, Topeka and C. N. age 28, Topeka, In 1937 was living in Wichita, Ks.
7. Sebastian Nixon born 12-1890, In 1937 was a Doctor in Long Beach, Calif.

Obituary: Wichita--Mrs. Effie Atherton, a former Topeka, died Tuesday at her home here. She was 81. Mrs. Atherton was born Nov. 7, 1885, at Big Springs, and she moved to Wichita from Topeka in 1940. Her husband the late Charles Atherton, had managed the Atherton Brothers Transfer Co. in Topeka. Survivors include a brother, Sebastian Nixon, Long Beach, kCalif. and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services at Downing Funeral Home, with burial in a Wichita cemetery.



Margaret Jane & Sebastian Nixon  
Josephine and George F. Nixon



In the Probate Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

NOW, on this 8 day of March, 1905, comes John T. Atherton

, and applies to the Judge of the above-entitled Court for a Marriage License, authorizing

John Thomas Atherton, of Topeka, and  
Lola Nixon, of Toombsch, to be joined in Marriage.

And the said John Thomas Atherton, being first duly sworn, on oath says:

That he is 29 years of age; that  
Lola Nixon is 24 years of age; that said

parties are not related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of the one-half or the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, or first cousins; that neither of said parties has been divorced by the decree of any Court in this State within six months last past, and that there is no legal impediment in the way of their marriage.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8 day of March, 1905

x John T. Atherton  
Geo. B. Filander

My commission expires Nov. 16, 1908.

Notary Public

Application for Marriage License.

John T. Atkinson  
AND  
Dora Nixon

FILED  
MAR. 8 '1905  
J. H. Anderson  
PROBATE JUDGE.



In the Probate Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

NOW, on this 3 day of Jan, 1906, comes C. N. Atherton

and applies to the Judge of the above-entitled Court for a Marriage License, authorizing

C. N. Atherton, of Topeka, and

Effie Nixon, of " " , to be joined in Marriage.

And the said C. N. Atherton, being first duly sworn, on oath says:

That he is 28 years of age; that

Effie Nixon is 20 years of age; that said

parties are not related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of the one-half or the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, or first cousins; that neither of said parties has been divorced by the decree of any Court in this State within six months last past, and that there is no legal impediment in the way of their marriage.

X C. N. Atherton

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3 day of Jan, 1906

Geo. C. Flanders

My commission expires Nov. 16, 1908. Notary Public

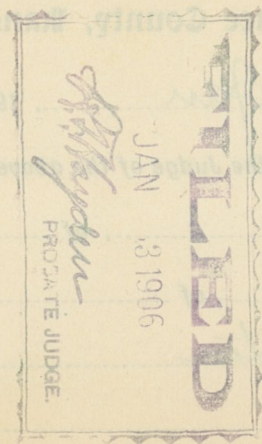
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Application for Marriage License.

L. N. Otherton

AND

Effie Nixon



Application for Marriage License.

In the Probate Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

NOW on this 21st day of Sept., 1912, comes Arthur Nixon and  
and makes application to the Judge of said Court for a marriage license, authorizing  
Arthur Nixon and Lydia May Sweet  
to be united in marriage.

The said Arthur Nixon and  
being first duly sworn, on oath says: That  
he is a resident of St. Paul, Minn.  
and is 28 years of age, and that Lydia May Sweet is a  
resident of Delphos, Kansas and is 29 years of age; That they have  
their parents' consent to said union; and that neither has been divorced by the decree of any Court in this  
State within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law  
namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or  
the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or insane; or, if  
either is or has ever been so afflicted, then that the woman is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so,  
that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

Arthur Nixon

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of Sept.,  
A. D. 1912.

Mary E. Chapin  
Probate Judge - Notary Public.

Commission expires 10/25/1913.

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No. 880

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

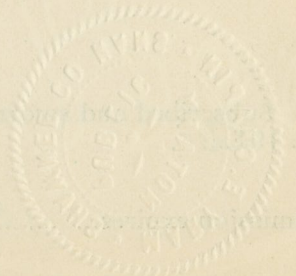
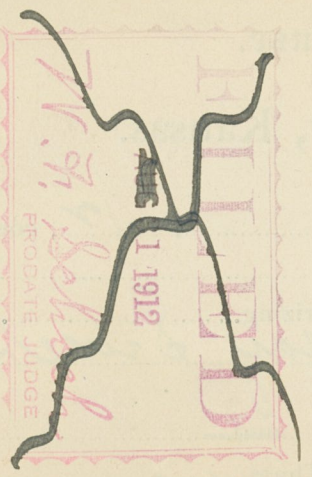
Arthur Nelson

AND

Lydia Mary Sweet

Filed Sept. 21st 1912

J. M. M. ... Probate Judge



In the Probate Court of Shawnee County, Kansas.

NOW, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1903, comes W. R. Russell

and applies to the Judge of the above entitled Court for a Marriage License, authorizing

W. R. Russell, of Topeka, Kans., and

Josephine Nixon, of Topeka, Kans., to be joined in Marriage.

And the said W. R. Russell being first duly sworn, on oath says: That

he is 25 years of age; that Josephine

Nixon is 27 years of age; that said parties are not related to each other within

the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister

of the one-half or the whole blood, uncle and neice, aunt and nephew, or first cousins; that neither of said parties

has been divorced by the decree of any Court in this State within six months last past, and that there is no legal

impediment in the way of their marriage.

W. R. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 1903.

Theo. J. Ormer

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires July 23th 1907.

No. 624

Application for Marriage License.

W. R. Russell

AND

Josephine Nixon

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Handwritten initials or mark



Notary Public signature and name

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Kansas, *Lawrence* County, ss.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

*Alburtis S. Spencer, John W. Long* who now here makes application for MARRIAGE LICENSE, addressed to any person authorized by law to join in Marriage

aged *47*, years, and *Laura B. McShan* the said *Alburtis S. Spencer* aged *40* years,

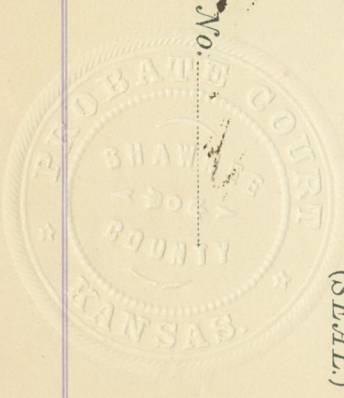
being by me first duly sworn, doth say that they have the unqualified consent of their parents to their marriage, and that neither of said parties have been divorced by the decree of any Court within six months last past.

And that they, the said *Alburtis S. Spencer* and *Laura B. McShan* are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit, parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins, and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

*J. E. Lawrence*

In Testimony Whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court, in and for *Lawrence* County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have herunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office, this *23<sup>d</sup>* day of *Oct*, A. D. 189*5*

*G. W. Shultz*  
Probate Judge.



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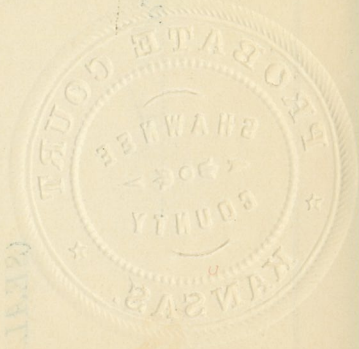
*by testis of Spencer  
to  
Laura B. Wilson*

**MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.**

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Filed *23-*, 189*3*  
*G. M. Elliott*  
Probate Judge.

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In testimony whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court, in and for *Shawnee* County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office, this *23<sup>d</sup>* day of *Oct*, A. D. 189*3*.

Probate Judge.

State of Kansas } S.S.  
Shannon County.

In the Probate Court in and  
for the said county.

I, Florence E. Spencer, the  
undersigned, do hereby solemnly  
and declare that I am the  
mother of the within named  
Martha Belle Spencer, and  
that her age is as herein  
stated 17 years past  
and that I am willing and  
do hereby give my consent  
for a marriage between her  
and one for the said Martha  
Belle Spencer to the said  
James R. Pigg.

Florence E. Spencer

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me, this 20th day of  
July 1891,  
W. J. Beville, Notary Public  
My Com. Exp. March 2/95



James R. Pigg

# MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.

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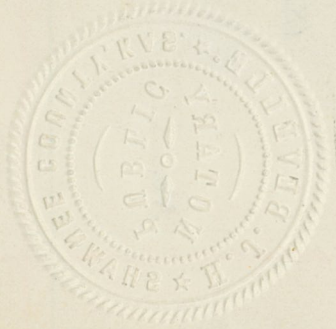
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W. J. Beville

Probate Judge.

The Hall & O'Donald Litho. Co., Printers, Topeka. - 1898.



State of Kansas, Shawnee County, ss.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

James R. Pigg who now here makes application for MARRIAGE LICENSE, addressed to any person authorized by law to join in Marriage

aged 41 years, and Martina Belle Spencer the said James R. Pigg of Shawnee County, Kans. being by me first duly sworn, doth say that they have the unqualified consent of their parents to their marriage, and that neither of said parties have been divorced by the decree of any Court within six months last past.

And that they, the said James R. Pigg and Martina Belle Spencer of Shawnee County, Kans. are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit, parent and child, grand parent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins, and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

In Testimony Whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court, in and for Shawnee County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed

(SEAL.)

my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office, this

day of April A. D. 1899

Subscribed and sworn to

before me, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891.

W. J. Bechler Notary Public  
My Comm. Expires March 2-1895

Probate Judge.

Sylvester Bud Spencer the 6th child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer born 1852 in LaRue Co, Ky. He was married to Forence E. Criss 8-11-1872. Florence Criss was born 1-20-1856 and died 6-25-1919. Sylvester Bud died 1-17-1914-Topeka and is buried in the East View Cemetery at Big Springs, Ks.

To this union seven children were born:

Sylvester Elliott Spencer served in the Military. Corpl. 6 U. S. Field Artillary

Obituary: Topeka Daily State Journal-Sat. Jan. 17, 1914-Sylvester Spencer died Friday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Rutter. The funeral was held Sunday at Big Springs. Interment in Big Springs Cemetery. The story is that Bud & Florence divorced. But in his last days, his first wife Florence helped take care of him. When he was buried, there was a big snow storm and they couldn't get down the road to the cemetery, so they took him by wagon down to cemetery through the fields. Was told that Bud was so orney that they whipped the horses all the way to the cemetery to get him buried. Told by Bess Morgan.

Bud second marriage was to Laura B. Mchan 10-23-1893

Florence his first wife then married F. E. Furguson

Obituary--Topeka Dailey Capital-Wed. June 25, 1919--Mrs. Florence E. Furguson, 63, died Monday evening at her home 212 East 4th. She is survived by her husband, F. E. Furguson, two daughters, Mrs. Belle Rutter, Topeka, and Mrs. Cora Snook, Eureka; and four sons, Harry Spencer, Topeka, Fred Spencer, San Francisco, Joe Spencer, Columbus, Wesley Spencer, Raysville, Mo. Penwell's furneral home in charge. Burial in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

1. Martha Belle Spencer born 12-30-1873 first married James R. Pigg and had one child Reba Pearl Pigg born 3-20-1891 and died 8-2-1893. 2nd to James Rutter & 3rd to Clay Stevens 11-10-1929? & 34th to Mrs. Stephens. Martha died: 10-6-1945 Kansas City 1. Jayne married Courch?

2. Joseph K. Spencer born 6-24-1875

3. Wesley Spencer born 1-13-1877

4. Sylvester Elliott Spencer born 4-16-1878 died 3-17-1904

5. Cora Spencer Married Snooks

6. Fred Spencer

7. Henry B. Spencer born 9-1-1887 and died 1-11-1937

4. Sylvester Elliott Spencer the fourth child of Sylvester & Florence Spencer was born 4-16-1878 and died 3-17-1904, Topeka, Ks.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Fri. 3-18-1904, Sylvester E. Spencer, aged 26 years died yesterday of diabetes, at his home, 1108 East 8th Ave. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon from the residence. The body will be taken to Big Springs, Ks. for burial.

5. Cora Spencer the fifth child of Sylvester & Florence Spencer married Victor G. Snook July 17, 1900, Topeka, Ks. Victor was born July 3, 1878 in Ohio and died Dec. 9, 1965 at Eureka, Ks. To this union one child: 1. Raymond Snook

Obituary:Topeka Daily Capital-Dec. 11, 1965. Eureka--Services will be at 3:30 p.m. today at Baird-Campbell Funeral Home for Victor G. Snook, 87, Eureka, formerly of Topeka, who died Thurs. at a nursing home here. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at Eureka. He was born July 3, 1878 in Ohio. He lived in Topeka before moving to Eureka in 1941. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Johovah's Witnesses. He was married to Cora Spencer July 17, 1900 in Topeka. Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Raymond Snook, 930 Hedgewood, Topeka, and a brother, Fred Snook, Uniontown, Ohio.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capitol: Tues. Jan. 12, 1937 HENRY SPENCER DEAD

"Funeral Services Are Announced For Thursday Afternoon"

(7.) Henry Spencer, 49, died Monday morning at his home, 619 Lake St. He had been a meat cutter in Topeka 25 years. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Kenneth and Virgil Spencer, Topeka; four daughters; Mrs. Hazel Blazier, Miss Annabelle Spencer, Miss Helen Spencer and Miss Betty Spencer, all of Topeka; two sisters, Mrs. Clayton Stephens, Topeka and Mrs. V. G. Snook, Eureka; two brothers, Fred Spencer, San Francisco, Calif. and J. B. Spencer (Joseph K) Pittsburg, Kans. and two grandchildren. Services were

Wed. afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shellabarger's Chapel. Burial in Big Springs Cemetery.

Obituary--(1.) Martha Bell Stephens, 71, former Topekan, died Sat. in a Kansas City hospital. Born Dec. 31, 1874 near Big Springs, she had made her home in Topeka and vicinity most of her life, moving to Kansas City three years ago. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the Royal Neighbors of American. She is survived by a daughter, Jayne Couch, Ogden Utah; two brothers Fred Spencer, San Francisco, Calif. and Joseph Spencer, Pittsburg, Kans. and a sister Mrs. Cora Snook, Eureka. Burial will be in Big Springs Cemetery



Cora Spencer



Cora Spencer Snooks

### Emilene May Spencer

Emilene May Spencer, 84, Topeka, died early Monday, Nov. 30, 1992, in a Topeka hospital.

Miss Spencer worked 11½ years at McLellan's variety store, 2½ years at the F.W. Woolworth variety store and 25 years at the Topeka Goodyear Plant. She retired in 1971.

She was born May 19, 1908, in Topeka, the daughter of Fred Louis and Etta Josephine Higgins Spencer, and spent her life in Topeka. She was graduated from Seaman High School in 1927.

Miss Spencer was a member of Faith Assembly of God.

Survivors include two sisters, Dorene Michael and Fern Holstrom, both of Topeka.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Faith Assembly of God. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery. Miss Spencer will lie in state after 2 p.m. today at Davidson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Assembly of God, 3710 N. Topeka Blvd., 66617.



Emilene Spencer

SYLVESTER ELIOTT "BUD" SPENCER

Sylvester Eliott 'Bud' Spencer the six child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born in 1852 in LaRue Co. Kentucky. He married Florence E. Criss, Aug. 11, 1872. She was born Jan. 20, 1856 in Wisc. To this union seven children were born.

1. Martha Belle Spencer b: 12-31-1873
2. Joseph K. b: 6-24-1875
3. Wesley b: 1-13-1877
4. Elliot b: 4-16-1878
5. Cora
- 6 . Fred Louis
7. Henry

Florence left Bud 9-1-1891 & later divorced.. Bud married #2 Laura H. McHon 10-23-1893. Bud was Corpl. 6 U. S. Field Artillery in the Civil War.

He died Jan. 16, 1914. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Rutter. Burial in East View Cemetery at Big Springs.

Florence then married Mr. Ferguson and she died 6-25-1919 at Topeka and is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

1. Martha Bell Spencer the first child of Bud & Florence was born 12-31-1873 married first married to James R. Pigg, age 41 and she 17.-7-20-1891 and to this union one child was born: 1. Reba Pearl Pigg b: 3-20-1891 and d: 8-2-1893 second ames Rutter and third Clay Stevens.

2. Joseph K. the second child of Bud & Florence was born 6-24-1875.

3. Wesley the third child Bud & Florence was born 1-13-1877 and he died 3-17-1903

4. Elliot the fourth child of Bud & Florence was born 4-16-1878

5. Cora the fifth child of Bud & Florence was born and she married a man by the name of Snooks.

6. Fred Louis the sixth child of Bud & Florence was born and was married to Etta Josephine Higgins. To this union was born

1. Emilene May b: 5-19-1908-Topeka and d: 11-30-1992 Topeka.

Emilene never married: She worked 11 1/2 years at McLellan's variety store, 2 1/2 years at the F. W. Woolworth variety store and 25 years at Goodyear Plant. She was member of Faith Assembly of God. Burial in Rochester Cemetery.

2. Dorene Spencer married Mr. Michael 3. Fern Spencer married Mr. Holstrom.

7. Henry the seventh child of Bud & Florence was born

Mary Ann Spencer the seventh child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born July 22, 1856, LaRue county, Kentucky. She married David G. Bare born 4-1-1887, Leoti, Ks. He died 2- -1931 at Marion, Ks. Mary Ann died in 1937 at Marion, Ks. To this union twelve children were born:

1. Charles Bare no information
2. Lafayette Bare no information
3. Oliver Bare no information died 1965? living at Salina, 1958
4. James Garfield Bare born 4-1-1887, Marion, Ohio married Clara Amy Trowbridge 10-28-1914.
5. Ida Bare No information
6. Mehalia Bare married Mr. Russell no more information
7. Della Bare married Fred Calhoon living in Long Beach, Calif, 1958
8. Ethel Bare married Ferguson living in Houston, Tex. 1960 married name Sharp
9. Esther Bare married Boedemeir ? died 1- 1962 no more information
10. Maude Bare married Jake Cole living in Long Beach, Calif. 1958 married name Cole
11. Keith Bare died 1950 never married living in Kansas City in 1958
12. Sylvia Bare #1. Deem & #2 James Snyder, Salinas, Calif. living in Long Beach, Calif. married name Roach in 1960.

#4. James Garfield Bare the fourth child of David and Mary Ann Spencer Bare. born 4-1-1887-Marion, Ohio and was married to Clara Amy Trowbridge born 10-2-1897, Maryville, Mo. the daughter of Prosper Franklin and Mary Eliza Hull Trowbridge. He died 1-20-1958. To this union were born seven children:

1. Wilma Margaret Bare born 1-19-1920. Wichita, Ks. died 1-6-1923
2. James David Bare born 4-16-1921, Omaha, Neb. died 1-20-1958
3. Mary Jean Bare born 5-13-1923, Tekamah, Neb.
4. Irma Doris born 11-17-1924 Marian, Ks. died 11-22-1925
5. Donald Eugene Bare born 11-1-1926, Topeka, Ks. married Wilma Ester 6-8-1952
6. Arthur Willis Bare born 12-18-1928, Topeka, Ks. married Edith Wagner 6-8-1946 -Arthur died 8-30-1972
7. Shirley Ann Bare born 1-23-1931, Topeka, Ks. married John Delbert Reece 7-29-1949

James G. Bare, 72, of 210 Orchard, died Wednesday night in a Topeka hospital. He was born April 1, 1887, at Leoti and had lived in Topeka 34 years. He was a veteran of World War 1 and a member of Capitol Post No. 1, American Legion. He was the son of David and Mary Ann Spencer Bare.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Jean Bare, Topeka, and Mrs. Shirley Reece, Rte. #4; two sons, Donald E. and Arthur W. Bare, both of Topeka; 17 grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Della Berran, Mrs. Maude Cole and Mrs. Sylvia Roach, all of Long Beach, Calif. and Mrs. Ethel Sharp, Houston, Texas, and two brothers, Oliver Bare, Salina, and Keith Bare, Kansas City. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery.

#1. James David Bare the first child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 4-16-1921-Omaha, Neb. married Ruth Deney, the daughter of Harold and Gladys Gordon Deney. James died 1-20-1958, Denver, Colo. To this union eight children were born:

1. Kenneth David Bare born Denver, Colo. wife: Barbara
2. Connie Jean Bare born Denver, Colo. m: William Kelley
3. Naoma Ruth Bare born Topeka, Ks. m: Anthony Cordova
4. John David Bare born Denver, Colo.
5. Rex Charles Bare born Denver, Colo.
6. Ralph Deney Bare born Denver, Colo.
7. James Phillip Bare born Denver, Colo.
8. Richard Wayne Bare born Denver, Colo.

Obituary: Topeka Capital-Journal-Tues. January 21, 1958

James David Bare, former Topekan, died Monday morning in Denver, Colo., according to word received by Topeka relatives. He had been living in Denver about 10 years and was employed at the Fitzsimmons

hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Bare; eight children; his parents, James G. Bare, Kansas City and Mrs. Amy Bare, Topeka; two brothers, Arthur and Donald Bare, both of Topeka; and two sisters, Miss Jean Bare and Mrs. Shirley Reece, both of Topeka. The body will be returned to Topeka for burial. Funeral services for James Bare, 36, will be at 3 p.m. Friday, at Wall-Diffenderfer Chapel. Dr. Ronald Terry, Lowman Memorial Methodist church officiating. Interment Mount Hope cemetery.

#2. Wilma Margaret Bare the second child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 1-19-1920- Wichita, Ks.

#3. Mary Jean Bare the third child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 5-13-1923 Tekamah, Neb.

#4. Irma Doris Bare the fourth child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 11-17-1924, Marian, Ks. She died 11-22-1925

#5. Donald Eugene Bare the fifth child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 11-1-1926, Topeka, Ks. He was married to Wilma Easter 6-8-1952, in Topeka. Wilma Easter was born 12-14-1933 the daughter of Harold and Sussie Slanson? Easter. To this union three children were born:

1. Harold Arthur Bare born 3-26-1954, Topeka, Ks. m: 5-16-1973 to Diane Sargent?
2. Amy Sue Bare born 11-1-1956, Topeka, Ks.
3. Jeanie Marie Bare born 11-5-1957, Topeka, Ks.

#6. Arthur Willis Bare the sixth child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 12-18-1928, Topeka, Ks. and married Edith Wagner 7-7-1946, Topeka, Ks. Edith was born 1928, Topeka the daughter of Robert Wagner. Arthur Willis Bare died 8-30-1972, Topeka, Ks. buried in Mount Hope Cem. To this union three children were born

1. James Robert Bare, born 2-27-1947, Topeka, Ks.
2. Judith Marie Bare born 9-23-1949, Topeka, Ks.
3. Arthur Willis Bare, Jr. born 4-13-1950, Topeka, Ks.

Arthur Willis Bare married 2nd Ruth and they had two children:

1. Robert Howard born 8- 1953
2. Sharon Irene born 5-3-1954

Obituary: Arthur Willis Bare, 43, Jefferson City, Mo. died Wed. Aug. 30, 1972 at a Columbia, Mo. hospital. He had a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 18, 1928, in Topeka, and had lived in Jefferson City the past eight years. He was employed by the State of Missouri until he retired in 1969, for health reason. He was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church at Topeka.

Survivors include two daughters, Judith Marie Bare and Sharon Irene Bare; three sons, James Robert Bare, Arthur Willis Bare, Jr., and Robert Howard Bare, addresses for whom are not available; his mother, Mrs. Amy Bare 3113 Randolph and two sisters, Susan Bare 3112 Randolph and Mrs. Shirle Reece, 625 Baldwin and one brother, Donald E. Bare, 5200 W. 25th. Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home. Burial in Mount Hope cemetery.

#7. Shirley Ann Bare the seventh child of James G. and Clara A. Trowbridge Bare was born 1-23-1931, Topeka, Ks. and she married John Delbert Reece 7-29-1949, Topeka, Ks. John D. was born 10-2-1929, Topeka, Ks. the son of Jessie Reece and Willa Bean Reece. To this union two children were born:

1. Bonita Jean Reece born 12-23-1955, Topeka, Ks. and died 12-23-1955.
2. Daneta Jean Reece born 11-3-1956, Topeka, Ks.



Left-Reed Spencer and ?

Reed SPENCER<sup>10</sup>



Reed + Gladys  
Spencer  
Children of  
Calumbus + Sarah  
Spencer

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Gladys Spencer  
E. Lewis  
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COLUMBUS T. SPENCER

Columbus T. Spencer the eighth child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born 10-21-1859, Big Springs, Ks. He was married to Annie Hill. Annie Hill was born 5-3-1861? the daughter of Mark Hill and Delila Boon Hill. She died 2-10-1954- Riverside, Calif. Columbus died 10-28-1919, Riverside, Calif. To this union three children were born:

1. Read (Reed) Hill Spencer born 9-23-1890 married Elora P. Elswick in 1914. He died 3-14-1953
2. Stanley Gladys Spencer born 7-21-1894 married Jack Elswick 2-3-1919
3. Cecil Bernice Spencer born 1-17-1904, Big Springs, Ks. married Emerson Jarves Pann, 8-21-1923

Gladys Elswick lived in Oregon. Bessie Herschell found out she was out there and they were good friends.



Reed & Gladys Spencer  
Children of Columbus Spencer



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Charles J. Spencer the ninth child of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer was born 8-12-1863-Big Springs, Ks. and married Anna Louise Marie Michels 6-10-1906-Topeka, Ks. Charles died 9-25-1946-Los Angeles, Ca. Anna Louise was born 2-19-1875-New Haven, Mo. and died 3-21-1923-Topeka, Ks. To this union two children were born:

1. Zelda Mary Jane Spencer born 4-25-1907, Topeka, Ks.
2. Herald Melvern Spencer born 3-25-1910-LeRoy, Ks.

#1. Zelda Mary Jane Spencer the first child of Charles J. and Anna Louise Michels Spencer was born 4-25-1907, Topeka, Ks. married 8-17-1941, Reno, Nev. to Carl Warvarovsky. Carl was born 5-10-1908, Santa Clara, Ca. the son of Adolph and Marie Novak Warvarovsky and died 7-2-1978-Los Angeles, Calif. To this union two children were born:

1. Carl Michels Warvarovsky born 4-30-1941-Los Angeles, Calif.
2. John Adolph Charles Warvarovsky born 7-8-1943-Los Angeles, Calif. and died 9-20-1966.

2. Herald Melvern Spencer the second child of Charles J. and Anna Louise Michels Spencer was born 3-25-1910-LeRoy, Ks. married 4-30-1939 to Louie Alice Warthen. Louie was born 2-2-1915-Burlington, Ks. the daughter of Walter and Louie Emma Milner Warthen. To this union three children were born:

1. Ruth Ann Spencer born 9-25-1943-Burlington, Ks. married Tom Wilks 12-23-1966
2. Walter Charles Spencer born 6-23-1946-Burlington, Ks.
3. Herla Sue Spencer born 12-23-1947-Iola, Ks. married 2-5-1967 to John Overbay.

Obituary: The Westphalia Times-Thurs. March 29, 1923-Mrs. Anna Michels Spencer died at Christ Hospital, Topeka, Ks. March 21, 1923. She was born at New Haven, Missouri, Feb. 19, 1875. She is survived by her husband and two children, Zelda and Herald, her mother, Mrs. Michels and five sisters, Amana, Lena, and Lida of Topeka, Mrs. Janzen of Burlangame, and Mrs. Bohrorst, of Sylvan Grove. Two brothers, Martin Michels, of Topeka and Harry Michels, of Salina.

Mrs. Spencer underwent an operation for cancer last Nov. at St. John's hospital at Iola. She was taken from there to her mother's home in Topeka, in December where she had gained in strength and planned to go to her home southwest of town, soon. Three weeks ago she became very ill with neuralgia, she suffered intensely but her condition was not considered serious. Late Wed. evening she had a stroke of paralysis and lived only ten minutes.

For the past fourteen years she and her family have lived near LeRoy and Westphalia. Her loved ones and her many friends feel the loss of a lovable wife, mother, sister and friend.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Fri. Sept. 27, 1946-Word has been received here of the death of Charles J. Spencer, 83, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Zelda Warvarousky, in Los Angeles. He was born 8-12-1863 in Big Springs, Ks. the son of John and Mary Jane Toole Spencer. He married Anna Louise Marie Michaels 6-10-1906. She died 3-21, 1923. Besides his daughter, he is survived by a son, Herold M. Spencer, of

Burlington; a sister, Mrs. Martha C. Shaffer and four grandchildren. Funeral services was at 2:30 Wed. at St. John's Lutheran church. Burial at Topeka, Cemetery.

Obituary:Burlington-Herald M. Spencer, 91, Burlington, died Wed. Dec. 19, 2001, at a Burlington nursing home. Mr. Spencer farmed and raised livestock east of Burlington.

He was born Mar. 25, 1910, southeast of Aliceville, the son of Charles J. and Anna Maria Sophia Michels Spencer. He spent his childhood in the Aliceville area and attended Westphalia High School. Mr. Spencer was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington.

He married Louie Alice Warthen on April 30, 1939, Aliceville. She survives.

Survivors also include a son, Walter Charles Spencer, Lawrence; two daughters, Ruth Ann Wilks, Alvin, Texas, and Herla Sue Overbey, Stafford, Va.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 23 at Jones Funeral Home. Burlington. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery east of Burlington.

Topeka Daily Capital, Thurs. July 6, 1978-

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Topeka Cemetery for Carl Warvarovsky, 70. Alhambra hospital.

He was born May 10, 1908, in Santa Clara, Calif. He was a mill work estimator in Los Angeles before he retired. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Alhambra.

He was married to Zelda Warvarovsky. She survives of the home. Other survivors include a son Carl. M. Warvarovsky, Alhambra, Calif. a sister Frances Hodgkinson, Burbank, Calif. and a brother Adolph Warvarovsky, Los Angeles.

Newcomer-Diffendenfer is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made in the Lutheran School and sent in care of 2320 Charnwood, Alhambra, Calif.

## Louie Spencer

BURLINGTON — Louie Alice Spencer, 87, Burlington, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at a Burlington care center, where she had been since 1997.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, near Burlington, to Walter and Louie Emma Milner Warthen. After high school, she taught in schools in Ottumwa and Strawn and in New Mexico. She later was a substitute teacher in Burlington.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington and a former member of St. John Lutheran Church in Aliceville.

She married Herald Melvern Spencer on April 30, 1939, in Aliceville. They lived east of Burlington for many years. He died Dec. 19, 2001. A grandson, Jake Charles Spencer, died in infancy.

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Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Jones Funeral Home in Burlington. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery east of Burlington. Mrs. Spencer will lie in state Thursday at the funeral home.

## SERVICES AT TOPEKA FOR CHAS J. SPENCER

Funeral services for Chas J. Spencer were held from the St John Lutheran church at Topeka Wednesday afternoon, October 2 and were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev Ed W. Licht. The music was furnished by the church quartet.

Charles J. Spencer was born in Big Springs, Kansas, August 2, 1863, died on September 25, 1946 at the home of his daughter, Mrs Zelda Warvarovsky of Los Angeles, Calif. He was one of the two surviving children of a

family of ten children. His father and four brothers served in the Civil War. Charles J. Spencer lived practically all of his life in Kansas in and near the towns of LeRoy, Westphalia and Aliceville, except for his latter years. Since 1937, he made his home with his daughter in Los Angeles, Calif.

On June 10, 1905 he was joined in holy wedlock to Anna Louisa Michels, who preceded him in death on March 22, 1923. This union was blessed with two children, a son, Herald M. Spencer of Burlington and a daughter, Mrs Zelda Warvarovsky of Los Angeles, Calif.

On August 4, 1934, he joined the St John Lutheran church at Aliceville and was a loyal member until death.

On September 21 he became sick and was taken to a hospital where on Sunday, September 22, 1946, a surgery was performed for an acute intestinal obstruction. He died September 25, 1946.

He is survived by a son, Herald M. Spencer and his daughter, Mrs Zelda Warvarovsky; one daughter-in-law; a son-in-law; a sister, Mrs Martha Shaffer of Lecompton, Kansas, four grandchildren and a host of friends.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our relatives for the flowers and acts of kindness extended to us in our recent bereavement.

Mr and Mrs Carl Warvarovsky  
Mr and Mrs Herald Spencer



John Eli Shaffer was born Aug. 2, 1857, Ft Wayne, Ind. and died Feb. 13, 1934, at Lecompton, Ks. and is buried in Topeka Cemetery. He was married to Martha "Mattie" Catherine Spencer Jan. 15, 1883 at Big Springs, Ks. by Rev. John Campbell. Martha was born Jan. 21, 1866, Big Springs, Ks. the daughter of John and Mary Jane (Toole) Spencer. She died Dec. 19, 1948 and buried in the Topeka Cemetery. To this Union six children were born.

1. Etta Jane b: 1-7-1884-Big Springs, Ks.
2. Lee G. b: 9-3-1885-Big Springs, Ks.
3. Maude Isadora b: 9-13-1887, Big Springs, Ks.
4. Earl C. b: 11-23-1888-Big Springs, Ks.
5. Stella b: -Big Springs, Ks lived 11 months
6. Mildred Velma b: 10-22-1897-Big Springs

*Could this be Myrtle  
B: 3-19-1892*



John Eli and Martha Shaffer  
Lee and Etta

No. 1. Etta Jane Shaffer, daughter of John Eli and Martha Catherine Spencer was born January 7, 1884 at Big Springs, Ks. She died April 2, 1932-Topeka Ks. She was married to Charles Walter Rubottom May 9, 1903-Kansas City. Charles Walter Rubottom died Oct. 31, 1942-Big Springs. To this union three children were born:

1. Wilma Margaret Rubottom b: 10-23-1904-Topeka, Ks.
2. Juanita Lucille Rubottom b: 5-18-1911-Lecompton, Ks.
3. Edmond Rubottom b: 10-13-1915-Lecompton, Ks.

Wilma Margaret Rubottom b: 10-23-1904 was married Sept. 5, 1923 to Harold M. Edmonds. No children

Juanita Lucille Rubottom b: 5-18-1911-Lecompton, Ks was married May 3, 1939 to Joseph Vaughn Logan b: 3-15-1914-Lecompton, Ks. Juanita died 9-12-1989 <sup>9-12-1989</sup> Lecompton, Ks. and Joseph V. died 5-30-1983. To this union two children were born:

1. Charles W. Logan b: 12-27-1942-Topeka & died: 12-29-1942  
Burial East View Cem. Big Springs, Ks.
2. Charles Richard Logan b: 12-29-1944-Topeka, Ks.



Front: Lee and Etta  
Back: Earl and Maude  
Children of Eli & Martha Spencer Shaffer

Charles Richard Logan 2nd son of Joseph and Juanita Rubottom Logan b: 12-29-1944 was married to Clydeen Marie Petersilie b: 9-2-1952. To this union three daughters were born:

1. Brenda Rose Logan b: 8-20-1973-Topeka, Ks.
2. Georgia Renae b: 8-10-1976-Topeka, Ks.
3. Sara Rae b: 2-27-1978-Topeka, Ks.

Brenda Rose Logan b: 8-20-1973 was married to Charles Rhoades 12-1-1992-Big Springs. To this union was born Brittany Charlene Rhoades b: 8-21-1994-Topeka, Ks.

Charles Rhoades b: 10-15-1944-Clinton, Mo. b: 12-2-1971-Topeka, Ks.



Front: Lee & Etta Shoffen  
Lee b: 9-3-1885      b: 1-7-1884

Back: Earl & Maude Shoffen  
Earl b: 11-23-1888      b: 9-13-1887

Children of Eli & Martha Spencer Shoffen

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1. 2. Lee G. Shaffer, the second child of John Eli and Martha "Mattie" Catherine (Spencer) Shaffer was born Sept. 3, 1885 at Big Springs

3. Maude Isadora the third child of John Eli and Martha "Mattie" Catherine (Spencer) Shaffer was born 9-13-1887 at Big Springs. Think she was first married to Kearney. Second marriage to Williams.

4. Earl C. Shaffer the fourth child of John Eli and Martha "Mattie" Catherine (Spencer) Shaffer was born 11-23-1888 in Big Springs, Ks. He was first married to Elizabeth intertainment 12-16-1908 at Topeka. She was died 2-2-1928. Earl C. died July, 1970. To this union three children were born: When Elizabeth died, he married Helen about 1928.

1. Eugene Dean Shaffer born 1-22-1911 in Topeka, Ks, died: 8-19-2002

2. Eleanor Shaffer born about 1915 in Cook County, Chicago, Ill

3. Earl Shaffer Jr. born about 1919 in Cook County, Chicago, Ill

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Eugene and Edna had two children:

1. Eugene Lee Shaffer born 8-13-1938 and died 1-17-1951 age 12 years old

1. Edward Dean Shaffer born 3-16-1944 Omaha, Neb., His first wife is the mother of his children. His second wife is Carol

1. Eric Dean Shaffer born 3-12-1970 was married Susan. To this union three children were born.

1. Eric Dean Shaffer children:

2. Evan Dean Shaffer born 6-25-1999

3. Ethan Shaffer born 1-15-2003.

2. Amy Kathaline Shaffer born 1-24-1973 as of 2007 not married

3. Beth Marie born 1-24-1973 as of 2007 not married

Eugene and Edna Schaffer were married 70 years before Eugene's death on 8-19-2002

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6. Mildred Velma Shaffer the sixth child of John Eli and Martha (Mattie) Catherine (Spencer) Shaffer was born 10-22-1897 in Big Springs, Ks., and married to Clifford V. Souders. Jan. 19, 1916 . Clifford died 2-16-1978 and Mildred died 2-21-1983 No children.

Obituary: Martha Catherine Spencer Shaffer, 83, the mother of Mrs. Clifford Souders, died Sunday 12-19-1948 afternoon at the Souders home.

Mrs. Shaffer was born 1-21-1866 on a farm 10 miles east of Topeka in Douglas county, near Big Springs, and spent her entire life there. The farm was homesteaded by her parents Mr. & Mrs. John Spencer, who migrated from Kentucky in 1857.

She leaves four children, Lee J. Shaffer of Detroit, Mich., Earl C. Shaffer of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. R E. Williams of Muskgee, Okla., and Mrs. Clifford V. Souders of Topeka, six grandchildren, Mrs. Harley Edmonds, Mrs. Joe Logan, and Edmond Rubottom of Lecompton, Eugene Shaffer of Bellevue, Neb., and Earl Shaffer Jr. of St. Louis, Mo., and six great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of Earl C. Shaffer who was called here from Sao Paula, Brazil ?, because of his mother's serious illness.

Obituary: Topeka Daily Capital-Thurs. Feb. 15, 1934-Tecumseh--Once more the neighborhood has been saddened by the death of one of its old time neighborhood friend Mr. J. E. Shaffer, who passed away early Tuesday morning after a brief illness. Two of the daughters were present at the time of death, Mrs. Maude Kearney of Muskogee, Okla., Mrs. Mildred Souders of Topeka. The neighbors and friends of this community sympathize with the family in this sad hour. The body will lie in state at the home, Rte. 2, Lecompton, from Thursday morning until 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. The funeral hour which will be at 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon at the First Christian church, 622 Topeka Ave. of Topeka. Burial in Topeka cemetery.

Obituary: Mrs. Mildred Souders, 85, 1171 Wayne, died Monday Feb. 21, 1983, at a Topeka hospital. She was born Oct 22, 1897, at Lecompton, the daughter of John Eli and Martha Catherine Spencer Shaffer, and spent most of her life in the Topeka area.

Mrs. Souders worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., several years.

She was a member of First Christian Church and the Loyal Berean Sunday school class at the church. She was a 50-year member of Beulah Chapter No. 34, Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the Knife and Fork Club and Woman's Club, all in Topeka

She was married to Clifford V. Souders, Jan. 19 1916, at Topeka He died Feb 16, 1978. Survivors include two nieces and a nephew.

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1920 Census records for Cook County, Chicago, Illinois.

Obituary:

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Shaffer, Earl C.	29	Kansas	Ind.	Machinist-Brewery
Elizabeth	20	Kansas	Holland-Dutch	
Eugene	8	Kansas	Topeka	
Eleanor	5	Illinois	Topeka	
Earl	1 3/12	Illinois	Topeka	

Eugene Dean Shaffer graduated from High School in Illinois and returned to Topeka about 1930.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS:

Topeka Daily Capital-Jan. 17, 1932

Mr. Lee Shaffer of Detroit, Mich. Was called here on account of the illness of M. E. Rubottom, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mr. J. Eli Shaffer.

Topeka Daily Capital-Jan. 23, 1932

The Children of Mr. & Mrs. J. Eli Shaffer met with their parents Friday evening to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Those present were Mr. Lee Shaffer of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Maude Kearney, Muskogee, Okla; Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Souders of Topeka; Mr. Earl Shaffer and children, Eleanor and Gene of Topeka; Mr. & Mrs. Harley Edmonds, and "Grandma Rubottom", Juanita and Edmond Rubottom. All were present with the exception of Mrs. Etta Rubottom, who is ill at her home.

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## THE STORY OF EDNA MARTHA SCHAEFER SHAFFER

*Edna lived most of her 97 years in Topeka as a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. The exception was when Gene took employment in Nebraska during World War II, which turned out to be a blessing for the Lutheran Church there.*

### Here is her story:

My people originated from Germany and they were of Lutheran Heritage. My father's folks came to Indiana and then came to Atchison, Kansas where he was a minister. His name was Schaefer. I don't have the dates of when they were married, but they had 13 children. My Dad was one of the younger children. Grandmother Schaefer lived to be 81 years old.

My Mother's folks lived in Alma, Kansas. They were cattle ranchers. Their last name was Koepsel. Grandfather Koepsel was coming back from the ranch and there was a very heavy rain storm; he had to cross a creek, but it was flooded and rushing so hard that it took him under and he drowned. That was in 1936. Grandmother died 2 years later in 1938.

My parents, Christian (Chris) Schaefer and Emma Koepsel were married in Alma, Kansas on August 20, 1905. Eventually they moved to Topeka and my father Chris got a job at the Santa Fe Shops. He built their home at East 11<sup>th</sup> and Republic. The home is no longer there. He had their house all paid for at the time they were married.

I was born September 1, 1909 at my parent's home at 11<sup>th</sup> and Republic in Topeka. The family attended St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Van Buren. I was baptized on September 26, 1909 and confirmed on April 13, 1924 by Reverend P.D. Mueller. My confirmation verse is from Revelation 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life". I had an older brother Paul and a younger brother Albert. They are both gone now. I'm the only one left.

I attended St. John Lutheran School all 8 years at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Van Buren. It was a two-room school. Ida Senne taught the lower 4 grades and Mr. SteinKamp taught the upper 4 grades. My mother drove me to and from school until I was 12 years old. Mother was a very hard worker. She did

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baking and canning, along with washing on a washboard. She died unexpectedly at the age of 41. After that happened I had to walk 5 miles to school from 11th and Republic to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Van Buren. Half way home, my friend Helen Rahn and I stopped at her grandmother's home and she gave us milk and cookies. Carol Black was one of my Sunday school teachers. She was a very good teacher. After 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation I attended Washburn High School.

I also attended Walther League. I remember we all met often at Harold and Kenneth Snyder's home. They were twin boys. We would walk from their house to Tecumseh for a picnic. If we didn't eat all the beans at the picnic, we would go back to the Snyder's home and eat them right from the can.

I met my husband on a blind date. Janette Locke was the one who planned the blind date for Eugene D. Shaffer and Edna M. Schaefer. The occasion was planned with 3 other couples to get together for a picnic at the park in Tecumseh. Janette was shocked when she realized that we both had the same last name. She had never thought of it until then. Gene was a printer and learned his trade at Cappers Printing. He had a roadster car, with no top, which I didn't like. He eventually got a different car.

Gene and I were married July 8, 1932. This was during the depression. Reverend Hoyer performed our marriage ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Van Buren. After Gene learned his trade, some friends of ours who worked for the government were transferred to Florida. He didn't have a car, so he asked Gene, "If you would take us down to Florida, I'll pay for the meals and transportation." So we took them to Florida. Gene got a job right away in Ocala, Florida. We lived there during the winter of 1933/34.

After 6 years of marriage, we were blessed with our first son, Eugene Lee. He was born August 13, 1938 here in Topeka. He died of complications from surgery on January 17, 1951 at the age of 12. Our second son, Edward

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Dean was born March 16, 1944 in Omaha, Nebraska. When Ed was in cub scouts I was den mother. He has been married to Carol for 15 years and they live in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. Ed has 3 children from a previous marriage. They are, twin daughters, Amy and Beth, and son, Eric. Eric & his wife, Susan, have two sons named Evan and Ethan. Ed works as a real estate broker in California, after having spent many years with IBM & Dell Computer. Carol has been in high tech training management for almost 25 years. Amy is based in Los Angeles, and is the production manager for the ABC TV show "Boston Legal". Beth is in finance management for AT&T - wireless division - in Austin, Texas. Eric has his own computer business in Austin, Texas, after completing a stellar 10-year career at Dell Computer.

During WWII, which was from 1939 to 1945, Gene was tool and dye maker for the Bomber Plant in Belleview, Nebraska. During that time 6 or 8 couples helped us to organize a Lutheran Church there. We bought a small house, made it into one large room, did some painting, etc. We then bought an old small pedal organ. Gene fixed it up, replaced the keys, and played it during the church services. Reverend Kautch was the pastor at that time. Belleview was a small town, but since the war it has really grown. They now have a big beautiful church.

After our son was raised, I worked part time with Lorene Stuenkel at Hillmer's Leather store, just during the Christmas Season. I also worked at Groll's Gift and Party Corner on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Groll's was really a nice place to work. They are no longer around. It was located where Stanley's Flower Shop is now.

I have been a member of the Ladies' Guild for many years. Of course, it is now known as the Women's League. I remember working with the communion ware, the altar linens and communion napkins. I would launder and iron the linens. The altar linens were so long I had to spread them on something across the floor to iron it. They were really a dilly to iron.

In August of 1983, we went on the first trip to Germany that Reverend and Carol Staudacher started. We saw Martin Luther's land; where he was born, where he preached, where he hung the 95 thesis, along with where he had to hide out. It was a wonderful and interesting trip.

We bought our first home on Park Lane. Later we moved to Windsor Court. When the yard work got to be too difficult for us, we bought a condo on Fox Croft Circle. When Eugene became ill, we moved to McCrite Plaza in 2000. He moved to the care center and I moved to this apartment. Gene died August 19, 2002.

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I still do my own cooking and I enjoy playing cards w some friends at McCrite. We can go down to wat movies. We go to the grocery store on Wednesdays. If needed, we go to the doctors on Tuesdays. We go to Walgreen's and Wal-Mart once a month, and we go to the Dollar Store once a month.

Some friends from church bring me the tape of the church service each week, along with the church bulletin. I sit in my rocking chair and sing the hymns and have my own little church service.

I have so much to be thankful for. I always thank the Lord for all the blessings He gives me. Every morning I pray: "Lord, I am in your hands."

*Edna Martha Schaefer Shaffer  
as told to Shirley Nolting & Geri Tate*

## NEW PICTURES

Please check our "Fort Wayne Seminary Bulletin Board" at the entrance to the South Education Wing for the following mentioned pictures.

Dear Members of St. John's:

We hope you enjoy this photo of our new little one! Jacob Christian was born in January so this comes a little late, but I am just now starting to get used to having two. Little John loves being a big brother. He is so gentle with Jacob.

We hope you are all doing well. We think of you all often! Have a blessed Easter! We miss you!

*In Christ, Pastor John, Rachael,  
"Little John" and Jacob Bestul*

