



Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Zahn

## The Zahn Family

by Viola Zahn Reece

Many family trees, now flourishing in the United States had their roots in other countries, strong roots, grown that way by facing life bravely through many generations. This is true of the Zahn family who immigrated to this country from Germany.

Pawnee County Pioneer Joseph Zahn (pronounced Zawn in German) was born in Germany February 17th, 1844 and came to America with his parents when he was eight years of age, where they located near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania where he grew up. He fell in love with Miss Fanny Gibson (b. Nov. 15, 1848, d. Jan. 9, 1905) and they were married Nov. 25, 1867. Joseph earned a living for his wife and the four children that came to enlarge their family circle, by hard work in the steel mills at New Castle, Pennsylvania. These children were Fanny Zahn (Fergus), Minnie Zahn (Waters), Belle Zahn (Peats), and one son William Edmund Zahn.

Joseph heard of the free land to be had for the taking in Kansas so he gathered up his family, and leaving the steel mills for others to work, he came to Kansas along with many others in 1877 and homesteaded five miles southwest of Burdett. They lived here for thirteen years, when Joseph and Fanny moved to Stafford County in 1890 where Fanny died in 1905 while he lived on until the fall of 1925.

As soon as William Edmund (b. Oct. 2, 1869, d. Jan. 30, 1945) was old enough he filed on a homestead of his own near his father's home place. He married Emaline Howell (b. Sept. 11, 1873, d. Dec. 25, 1968) on Feb. 2, 1893. Emaline had come to Kansas with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Evan Howell of Fallsburg, Ohio in 1880. These were lean years on the prairies as these people carved out a home for themselves out of "nothing" so to speak. William and Emaline's first home was a one room frame structure but soon after their marriage they took advantage of the material at hand and built a fine, large, sod house of three rooms—warm in the winter and cool in the summer—all much appreciated after living in just one room. Here they were living when their two oldest children were born: Earl Zahn, now of Wichita and Carrie (Mrs. Leonard Edmisten) who died in 1973.

Their expanding family called for a larger house so father William set to work and the result was a frame house of six rooms and to help fill its rooms to the brim with fun and laughter came three more children: Viola (Mrs. Charley Reece), Harry Edward, and Nellie (Mrs. Louis Ellis) who died in 1973.

But William was not one to set down and get along with what he had if he could provide his family with something better so later he built another house—one with nine rooms so that he would have room to accommodate the twenty-five grandchildren who would be coming along.

The children all attended school at Union Vale, better known as District No. 64, walking there most of the time, even when the snow drifts were over the fences, carrying their dinner with them in syrup pails—no hot lunches in those days, in fact when the weather was real cold the pails had to be set in by the stove to keep them from freezing. Other family names of children attending school at Union Vale were: Kleins, Ruffs, Danford, Garten, Speck, Thomsons, Priest, and Jacksons. A few of the teachers of that time who are remembered were Miss Zella Musselman (Mrs. Frank Smith), Maud Harris (Mrs. Larry Mooney), a Mr. Thomas, and Miss Lulu Allen.

There were many happy social times as neighbors would get together for Box Suppers, Literary Society Meetings, and then on the last day of school everyone would gather at the school house with loaded baskets to visit, eat a bountiful dinner, and then they would enjoy the last day of school program after which they all disbanded to spend a busy summer on their several farms.

The Zahns attended church services at the Brick school house. One Sunday Carrie and Viola were in the buggy going to church when their horse ran away, upsetting the buggy south of Weidemann's, by the time help came and all was straightened out it was too late for church and they had to have their father come and get them.

While William was busy with all of his farming interests, Emaline was busy with all of the activities of the home. She especially enjoyed her many flowers and piecing and quilting quilts.

The years flew by and in 1943 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their farm home. They had almost two more years together to enjoy each other before Father Zahn died.

In 1954 Mother Zahn was crowned Pioneer Queen of the Eighties of

Pawnee County, at the Pioneer Dinner at the Blue Goose Cafe in Larned.

The children grew up and had families of their own: Earl married Ethel Sorne and they have four children; LeRoy, Junior, Jaunita, and Floyd.

Carrie and Leonard Edmisten had a full house with ten children: Thelma, Lloyd, Ralph, Stella, Richard, Marjorie, Wid, Royal, Lorraine, and Stanley.

Except for their daughter Dortha, Viola and Charley Reece have all of their children close by Burdett: They are Charles Jr., Dortha Lee, Ernest, Roland, and Clyde.

Harry married Hattie Belle Burres of Burdett and they have three children: Marilyn, Sue, and Noel besides one son Darwin Randal who died soon after birth. Noel is the youngest grandchild of William and Emaline and is carrying on the name and the family tradition of farming south of Burdett.

Nellie and Louis Ellis of Burdett had three children: Sheldon, Kendal, and Beverly.

At Thanksgiving time, 1974, there are also fifty-nine great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Now Joseph and Fanny had three daughters, who although not carrying on the family name are none-the-less their descendents. Their daughter Fanny married William Fergus. Later she and their only baby died.

Minnie married Charlie Walters. They had one daughter, Lena, who married Ed Klein of Burdett. Their daughter Freda (Mrs. Lowell Pelton) lives in Burdett; while their son Alvin lives in Great Bend.

Bell Zahn Peats had seven children: Ed, Harry, Ruth, Leslie, Eldridge, Paul, and Fanny.

Grandfather Joseph, your family tree has flourished!

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October 1911: "James Burns and Philip Bauer returned from their trip to South Dakota last Saturday. The remainder of the group will stay until after the drawing which took place October 24th. Lester Preston and Rex Mather returned Monday from South Dakota where they had gone to register in the Rosebud land drawing. In the crowd of eight from here Joe Landry and James Burns drew claims."

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## Early Days

In a February 1931 Pawnee County publication the following account of the early days was given by J.E. Mooney who lives about 12 miles southwest of Burdett.

"We arrived in Kinsley, February 18, 1878 and that's a long, long time ago. Mrs. Mooney and I came from Illinois with our three children, the youngest just a baby. The winter we arrived was very mild and I remember several of the farmers along the river near Kinsley had their oats and barley patches planted and they were about two inches high.

We made the trip to our homestead by ox team, the only way we had of going and our first home was a dugout on the same quarter where we are now living. Later I filed a pre-emption and built a house where we lived until our present home was built.

The country was alive with antelope. I planted a patch of feed that spring of 1878 and the antelope ate it up. They were so thick it looked like a bunch of cattle in the feed. And Coyotes? Yes! They ran in packs like wolves and you didn't see just one or two but a big pack.

There was no Hanston then and I hunted antelope all over the valley where the town now stands. A few years later Marina postoffice was established and Gus Heimer carried the mail on foot from Duncan's crossing to the new postoffice.

Browns Grove was pegged out and beginning to build up but we bought our supplies from Kinsley as that was a railroad town. These trips were made with ox teams and it took the whole day to make the trip, about thirty miles, an ox can travel about two miles an hour. Those were some trips for there was not a tree nor house nor sign post of any kind to mark the trail and if you were caught after dark the best thing to do was to make camp for you were soon lost and could wander around for hours and get nowhere.

There was nothing southwest of us until you got to Dodge City except a few settlers' shacks along the river.

The Mooney home of today is an up-to-date modern farm home with electricity and a water system much different from their home of fifty-three years ago. They have five sons and four daughters all living in and near this community.

It taxes our imagination to vision the experiences of these pioneers when it took a whole day to go to town to get groceries leaving the wife and babies at home. No telephones to chat with neighbors, in fact no neighbors. No gardens to tend as gardens need water and water was not plentiful, no highways with cars flashing by, nothing but the trackless prairie.

These pioneer fathers and mothers should be honored for their part in making this a land of pleasant homes.



Row 1. L. to R. Jean Bindley, Della (Notestine) Mather, Ronald Notestine, John Notestine, Bobbie Notestine, Carrie Notestine, Marjorie Bindley, Hallie (Notestine) Bindley, Kent Bindley, Rolland and Sydney Notestine. Row 2. George Bindley, Martha Notestine, Sadie Notestine, Ed Notestine, Carolyn Mather, Ernest Notestine, Bruce Mather, Wayne Notestine, Robert Notestine, Ruby Notestine, Guy Mather and Ida Notestine.

## Notestine Family History

by Arlene Notestine Todd

Migrating from Rotterdam Holland to Leigh County, Penn., was the beginning of the Notestine family. Jacob Notestine came west and settled in Allen County, Indiana near Fort Wayne. He was one of the early settlers and he planted the first corn grown there in 1834. Mary his daughter was the first white child born there. He also helped start the first Church. It almost sounds like a repeat story of the family I'm going to tell you about now, the John Notestine family. Daniel and Isaiah sons of Jacob wanted to migrate on farther west so in 1876 they came to Kansas and took a homestead. Daniel filed a claim but did not prove up on his and returned back to Indiana. John (Daniel's son) had been born in Allen County, Ind. on May 8, 1847, being a young man of 29 years of age he came out to help his uncle Isaiah move. Isaiah filed a claim as did John both filing claims in the same neighborhood "The Brick School house neighborhood". It is John I am going to write about, John came to Kansas on March 1876, coming to Larned as far as the railroad was built, walking over the country to his claim this choice being the north half of Sec. 22-22-20 on the Sawmill creek. This was the first filing in Keysville township. Here he built a sod house and lived a bachelors life until 1879. Money was scarce and no work to be had in this frontier country. He started for Salina in the summer of 1876 with his gun and his worldly possessions on his back, making the entire trip on foot, he secured work, making enough money to put the filing papers on his claim. After working less than a month he made the return trip on foot, that he might arrive at his claim within the time limit set by law.

When he first came to this country he said it was full of antelope and a few buffalos left. The lure of the chase was strong, and he together with his cousins made up a party that went southwest to the Cimarron river, where they hunted buffalo's with considerable success. The hides they sold, while the meat was brought home. In the hard times of the early days, buffalo bones were gathered and hauled to Kinsley and sold to buy flour, sugar, and other necessities of life.

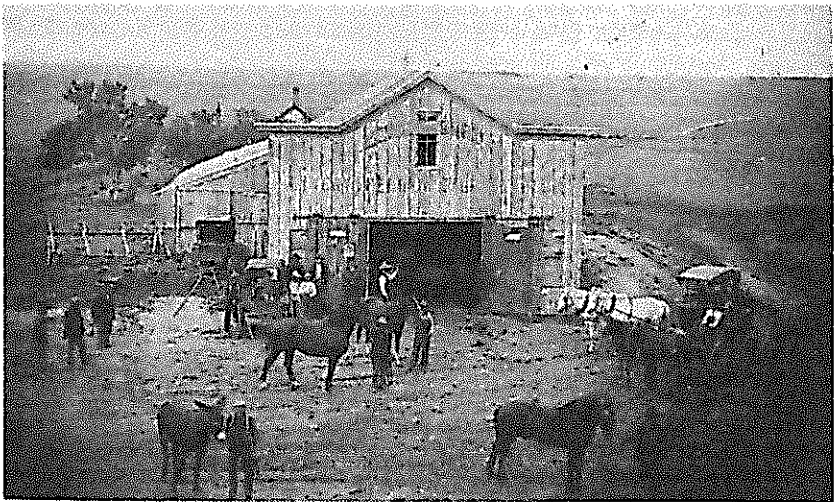
In 1877 enough families had settled along the Sawmill that a school was needed, and in order that a district might be formed and a school started, Mr. Notestine gave the land and the fuel needed for the burning of the brick with which the school was built. The bricks were native clay and burned in a kiln near by. It not only served as a school but was the scene of many social and church gatherings, and under the preaching of Dr. Gibson in 1885, Mr. Notestine was converted and joined the Church.

On March 11, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Ziemmer. This being the first marriage in Browns Grove. In the marriage records of Pawnee County book 1 listed:

Henreitta Notestine m 11, 1879 George Robinson by Rev. H.C. Hockensmith.

John Notestine m 11, 1879 Caroline Zeimmer by Rev. H.C. Hockensmith it being a double wedding Henrietta was a sister of John.

John and Caroline resided on the farm until August 1887 when they moved into Burdett. Four children were born to them while living on the farm. The big blizzard of 1886 very nearly wiped them out financially, moving to Burdett they started up the livery business. In 1892



**Curtis and Lee Livery stable. Later John Notestine's.**

the family moved into the Commercial House hotel and continued in the hotel business until 1904. Mr. Notestine loved the living and

growing things and enjoyed raising a garden in his later years, his was a disposition of quiet, droll humor and was always ready with little jokes. Caroline loved quilting and quilted many quilts for friends and



### Old Commercial Hotel

relatives, also a devout Christian leader in the Methodist Church in Burdett. They raised six children S.E. Notestine, R.A. Notestine, Earnest Notestine, Wayne Notestine, Hallie Notestine and Della Notestine. These children had a hand in the building of Burdett; I will now try to tell something of their activities the oldest Samuel Edward was for the greatest part of his life a store keeper and postmaster, and wrote many articles for the county papers, one article in 1951 when he and his wife of 50 years, Ida Heimer Notestine celebrated their anniversary. Mr. Notestine recalls some memories, "I attended school in the brick school house for two years before we moved to town where I attended the Burdett school until the eighth grade. In 1896 I went to work for R.M. Norris clerking in his general store. "In 1900 Norris started a store at Hanston although he was only 20 years old his boss picked him to manage the new business venture. It proved a good business deal for there is where he met his wife and by 1905 he had saved enough money to buy the store at Hanston and have his own business. In 1906 a bank was organized at Hanston and he was one of the charter members, he remained a member director until he left Hanston in 1910 and built a store in Burdett, which he operated until 1932, closing because of ill health.

A staunch Democrat all his life, he served two hitches as postmaster. The first in 1912 when Woodrow Wilson was president, and the second time in 1933 under Franklin Roosevelt until 1950 when he reached the retirement age. Always interested in community activities he was a member of the high school board, director of the telephone company, state director of the national association of

postmasters, and a presidential elector in 1932. Ida was a good neighbor and a friend to all and for her Red Cross work was listed in the "Who's Who" as an outstanding citizen of Burdett. They had two sons Rolland of Pretty Prairie and Sidney of Scott City, Ed passed away in Oct. 1955, and is buried in Browns Grove cemetery. Robert Alonzo Notestine another son of John lived his complete life in Burdett also, his profession was a business man and mail carrier. His early life was a variable assortment of jobs herding cattle on the prairie to hauling patrons in buggys in his father's livery business. In 1905 Robert Notestine started to run a confectionary store, his father and two brothers helped work in it. It was a small store John Notestine owning the building. In 1912 the commercial hotel was torn down and the lumber was used to build a large store building between the S.E. Notestine drygoods store and John Patricks building (later used as a post office). In 1912 after the store was completed he and a brother Earnest Notestine worked together in this store. On Oct. 1913, E.E. Notestine left for Chicago to work at the American express office. He later married Sadie Chamberlain of Grand Rapids, Michigan and resided there the rest of his life. They had 2 boys Robert and Ronald who lives in California. Wayne Notestine, the youngest brother worked in the store some until World War I when he then entered into Army service, he met and married Martha Wetzel at Junction City, Kansas and his home was made elsewhere. For many years he lived in Wichita and was employed with the Federal Employment Agency, then working at Boeing Aircraft company in the same capacity. "Bob" continued in the business for over fifty years, in 1921 he married Ruby Michael of Rozel who worked beside him in his business for many years. They had one daughter Arlene who literally grew up behind a store counter. An article in the paper stated, "The rural route is an established fact since last Friday, Robert Notestine is our mail carrier, and comes Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week in 1912. Continuing in the 1914 paper it printed "Our mail carrier makes flying trips over the plains on his motorcycle now. It makes us hustle to reach the mail box in time to catch him." Bob delivered mail by horse and buggy, motorcycle, and an automobile. After the death of Bill Robbins he carried several years again until the appointment of Gerald Selfridge. Hallie Notestine Bindley and Della Notestine Mather were the two daughters of John Notestine and resided in the territory where their father homesteaded in all their lives. Today some 100 years later there resides three granddaughters and one great-grandson and two great-great-grandchildren in the community where John Notestine homesteaded.





### Wedding Picture

#### George Bindley-Hallie Notestine

Row 1. L. to R. Bruce Mather, Della Mather, (Groom) George Bindley, Guy Mather, (Bride) Hallie Notestine, Grace Mather, Lena Mather, Mildred Grace Crawford, Ida Notestine, Katie Hoffman, Ed. Notestine, Roland Notestine. Row 2. Ernest Notestine, Rev. and Mrs. Riechard, Caroline and John Notestine, Mary Bindley, C.N. Rucker, Semira Summers, Robert Notestine, George Notestine, Bryon Bindley, Rex Mather, Curt Notestine.

## Bindley History

By Jean Bindley Thompson

The Bindley's came to America from Nuneaton Warwickshire, England. My great grandfather (Jabez) was two years old when he came with his parents John and Sarah in 1826.

Jabez made the run to California during the gold rush but returned to the old farm homestead near Sugar Grove, Warren county Pennsylvania.

He married Sarah Edith Green and they had five sons, Benjamin, John, Thomas (my grandfather) Ira and Will.

In 1876 Thomas married Mary A. Mather and they came to Kansas in 1877 with Mary's father N.O. Mather and her sister Annice and husband Seymour Webber. They came to get away from the severe winters back east.

They took a claim just across the line into Hodgeman county about one mile east of the C.N. Rucker home known in the early days as "Rose Mayne Ranch." (This is the Marc Rucker's residence.)

My father George Bindley was born on this claim in 1878 and also his brother Earl in 1880. It was in 1883 on this claim that Grandmother was severely burned when struck by lightning. Grandfather was in town helping D. Y. Sabin with hay work. Following is an item that was in the county paper. "During the storm last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Tom Bindley living three miles southwest of Burdett, was struck by lightning and badly burned. Her little son Earl was also burned but not seriously. The conduct of little George who is but five years old is worthy of mention. The boys were taking their afternoon naps and the shock must have awakened him as when his Mother regained consciousness he was pouring water over her. He then ran to the nearest neighbor, E.E. Ellis, over a mile away and brought help." Mrs. Bindley was taken to the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. N.O. Mather where she recovered.

They moved to Missouri for a few years but were here at the time of the big 1886 blizzard. My Dad in later life loved to write of those early days and this is an account of that blizzard. "It was on January 1 (New Years Day) that my younger brother (Earl) and I were left at our grandparents so Mother and Father could attend a dance at the Sthor place north of Burdett. They intended to pick us boys up on their return but about midnight it began to snow and they started home and made it, but had enough to do to find their way let alone bother with us. Next morning grandfathers house (a semi-dugout) was drifted over with snow. The one doorway was blocked by a drift eight feet high. I can still see how it looked after a path was shoveled out. We were snug and warm but as I remember it we didn't have a great variety of food. The big item was codfish gravy and corn bread, and to this day the smell of codfish reminds me of the blizzard of '86. January fourth was nice and bright but cold and Mother walked the mile to grandfathers and took us home. Talk about angels appearing she looked like one to we homesick boys. On the sixth it started up again and kept it up all month. One cow drifted against a barbed wire fence and froze standing up."

The family lived in Missouri 1889 to 1898 and two sons were born there, Elmer and Byron. It was there in 1892 at the age of thirty-seven the father died. The family returned to Burdett and acquired land west of town on the Pawnee.

George was only fourteen when his father died and he shouldered responsibility and helped his Mother raise her family. He learned the carpenter trade and worked with his Uncle G.F. Mather. He also clerked at Bauer's store, and worked in the depot station, and at one time made building bricks.

The house on the Bindley farm named "Long Hill Farm" was built of stone into the bank with a frame addition constructed above on the stone foundation. The family moved into the property in 1900.

He married Hallie M. Notestine in 1911 and they started housekeeping in a new home in Burdett. Property which he had purchased had a livery stable on it and when torn down lumber was used

for the house. Additional lumber used was ordered by the car load from Michigan. G.F. Mather helped with the construction. (This is the house just south of the Burdett State Bank)

They had three children Marjorie (Mrs. Harry Thompson of Minneola, Kansas,) Jean (Mrs. Howard Thompson, Burdett) and Kent (Anaheim, California.)

The family moved to the farm west of town and lived there until George died in 1944 age 66 years.

He was a Charter member of the Burdett Telephone Company being elected to the board in 1915 serving as a director until 1935 when he was made treasurer. This office he held until his death. Since 1923 he was Browns Grove Township clerk and helped in getting the cemetery into the care of the township boards.

Much time, research, corresponding, and filing was done so the cemetery records could be accurately brought up-to-date. He was recorder of Vital Statistics for this entire end of Pawnee county.

Hallie moved into Burdett and died in 1962. She loved to write and for many years wrote the "Burdett News" for the Larned Tiller and Toiler.

## "Our Prairie Trails"

by George (Taylor) Bindley

"Almost to dim to be seen are the trails or roads that we knew as a child across the prairies. They went and drew us to homes that have crumbled to dust, or some other fate befallen, so often thrust. Sixty years ago there were no roads laid out in Pawnee county west of Larned. When the townships were organized, they fixed the bad places in the trails made by the settlers leading to their homes.

The one I remember best led southwest of the little town of Browns Grove, passing first the little frame house of "Buck" Brown (father of the late Mrs. T.C. Wilson). This was the first frame house built in Browns Grove township. Then following the path of least resistance past the old Rodger place on up to the top of the hill. Here one trail branched off to the south going to the Mather homestead, the main trail going down the west side of the hill to the Bindley, Ellis, and Rucker homes.

At Ruckers a trail crossed the Buckner creek and led northwest and hit the Pawnee Fork at Duncan's crossing. Here was the postoffice that served the early settlers. The post-master was George Duncan. He sold supplies and operated a ferry boat across the Pawnee, this being the crossing place of the old Fort Hays and Fort Dodge trail. The place is marked now with a bronze marker giving the history of the spot.

At this time no timber on the creeks showed above the banks, except one or two places that had been taken earlier and protected.

One is the Norris land one mile west of Burdett owned at that time by Alfred Phillips and one east of town owned by A.B. Deaton. At one time there was timber all along the streams but it had been cut to provide firewood for the U.S. Army stationed in this part of the country, from the early 1860's until the year of 1878 when Fort Larned was abandoned. Sawmill creek got it's name by having a sawmill located there at one time.

And as the trails grow dim, we hurry on and in a few years we, like the trails will be gone. The younger generation traveling modern highways while we older ones follow the old trail west."

## The Delps

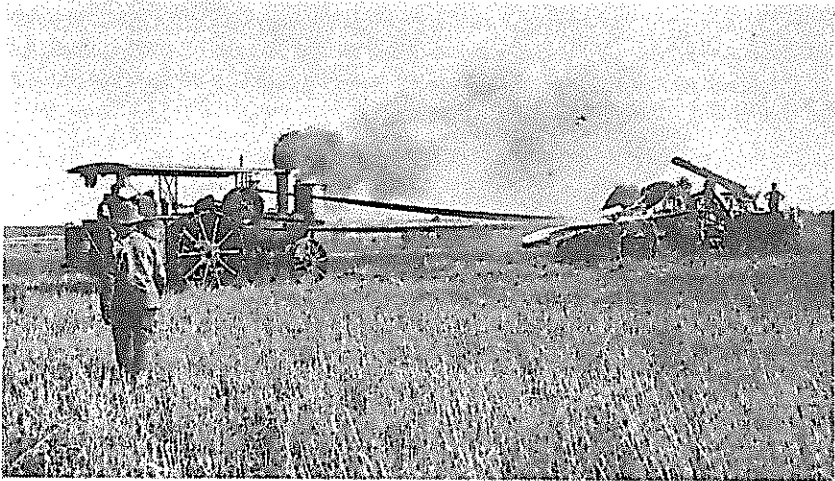
by Bessie Delp Singleton

The Delp family came from Germany, and were of the Mennonite Faith. In the early 1700's they came to Pennsylvania, and settled with a colony of Mennonites. From these descendents, Daniel A. Delp came with his parents to Kansas and eventually settled in the Burdett area. Daniel A. Delp and Sadie Alice Kilbourne were married at Kinsley, Kansas, and to this union 15 children were born. They grew to adulthood in Burdett and attended the Burdett schools. Dan and Sadie first lived on the Edwards Ranch approximately 7 miles south of Burdett, later moving to a little house just west of where the present airport is located. Later the Delp home was built, the first structure was a one story building but later a second story was added, and is now owned and occupied by Roy N. Delp Sr. Aunt Gertie Fisher, now Klein, made her home with them until she was married to Harry Klein in 1906. Gertie and Sadie were sisters.

Dan Delp was a well driller and threshing machine operator, and did some farming. He operated a machine shop, with his sons, Calvin and Roy, located where the Roy Delps present shed stands, south of the township hall. A good many of our water wells in town and the surrounding areas were drilled by Dan. He also drilled irrigation wells, and was well know for these operations. In July of 1911, Dan Delp and sons Calvin and Roy, and Arthur Venerable a hired man that worked for Dan purchased a new threshing machine in Great Bend, Kansas. When threshing time came you would see Dan getting his threshing machine, separator, and cook shack ready to take to the wheat fields, where the grain had been stacked. The late George Burre was his cook for several years. In the later years Sadie cooked for the men as well as her family. Sadie Delp was a dedicated and patient mother, but always had time for her Church, the "Ladies Aid" and her neighbors. Mrs. Delp died February 8, 1924, and Mr. Delp died January 5, 1930. The smaller children were taken in by their older brothers and sisters. There are only two of the Dan Delp family now residing in Burdett. Roy N. Delp Sr. and Mrs. Bessie Singleton. Calvin Delp who lived in Burdett all his life died in June 1973. His wife Beryl

Sears Delp still resides in Burdett. Roy Neil Delp Jr. and his family also live in Burdett. Other living members of the family are scattered, with Albert, Harley, Daniel and Stella living in California; Verna in Colorado; Louise in New Jersey; and Florence in Wichita. The deceased are Calvin, Henry, Alice, Glen, Byrl and Baby Delp.

Descendants of Dan and Sadie Delp number 98.



Daniel Delp. Threshing Rig.

## Water Department

"The windmill has ruined the sale of wilted vegetables from the east and as the consequence the express company is out several thousands of dollars. Pawnee county has raised a bountiful supply of fruits and vegetables. (June 1883)

Edith Hendershot wrote the following article in 1940, titled: "Local Citizens Use Windmills at Burdett for Water Supply." In most small towns the people get their water from windmills. Some small towns have cisterns but here we have windmills. There are 39 in Burdett. The highest one is located on the Gooding property east of the High School building. It is fifty feet high. John Bauer has the deepest well which is 200 feet.

Windmills are machines for furnishing power, for grinding grain, pumping water, or doing other useful works operated by the wind.

Europe had windmills as early as the 12th century. A.D. The American windmills are built in a large variety of styles. Some are constructed of wood and others entirely of metal.

A greater number of sails are on the American wheel and they occupy a much larger part of the area swept by them making it possible to reduce the diameter of the windmill. A common form of installation is that in which a pumping windmill is directly connected

to a single acting pump operating under a constant head. (Miss Hendershot's grandfather Daniel A. Delp was a local well driller in this community for many years. Three generations of Delp's have been in this business. Roy Delp Sr. and Roy Neil Delp Jr. but none of them are actively engaged in the occupation now.") Advice of well problems is still sought from the Delp's.

Bonds were issued for the Burdett water department in 1965. A water tower is to be erected and a deep well dug (located just east of the township hall) and pipe lines laid to homes. A water meter is established at each place. Sewer and water projects were completed by the fall of 1965.



**Burdett's Water Tower 1972.**

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October 1914: "Washie Crockett's horse "Liberty" won in the free for all race at Larned last Friday making the mile in 2:24 minutes." "On Saturday Washie and Leora Moore were married."

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May 1922: "The barrel of soap chips which is in Ed Notestine's store has fooled several people. Some even filled their mouths and then decided it was not flake hominy."



### **The John Friend Family**

Row 1. L. to R. (Seated) Addie, John and Martha Friend, Kenneth.  
Row 2. George, Bertha, Hazel, Orval, Myrtle, Harry, Pearl, Gladys, Leroy.

## **John Friend History**

by Pearl Friend Horchner

John Friend and Martha Elmira Notestine were married on November 2nd, 1883, and came to Kansas in 1885. They settled in Brown county and after being there a couple of years they came to Pawnee county. It was here that they endured the hardships and privations common to all pioneers. These were met bravely and they lived to see the barren prairie change to the prosperous community it is today. Their home was situated in Sawmill township and Mr. Friend did a variety of jobs necessary for the settlement of the community, such as hauling flour from Larned to merchants in Burdett, and rocks for the use in buildings.

Mr. Friend owned a registered stud horse named "Monarch" that was leased to other farmers for breeding purpose. Many early day residents had foals sired by "Monarch."

John and Martha had a large family of eleven children: Harry, Hazel, Leroy (Pat), Bertha, Orville (Dick), Pearl, Myrtle, George, Gladys, Addie, and Kenneth.

In 1909 Hazel was married to Fred Gardner and they had four children: John, Roy, Mary, and Freda. John spent several years in the

home of his grandparents and completed his high school education with the class of 1929. Hazel was later married to Earnie Ellis and they had three children; Jack, Phy, and Myrtle. They made their home in western Kansas near Garden City.

Bertha married Luther Fine in 1910 and their children numbered seven; Harry, Elery, Lydia, Ralph, Clyde, Frank, and George. They made their home in Colorado.

Pearl was married to Fred Welch in 1916 and they had children; Hilda, Opal, and Bryce. Pearl was married in 1932 to Mr. Louie Horchner.

Orville (Dick) in 1921 married Anna Hayes and they were the parents of Claude, Elmer, Ray, Clay, and Betty. They lived in Colorado and Idaho.

Elmer Foss and Myrtle Friend were married in 1922 and their children were: Donna Bea and Wanda. The Foss family lived in Colorado.

The fifth daughter Gladys was also married in 1922 to Earl Dixon and to this union fifteen children were born: Marvin, Frances, Charles, Geraldine, a set of twins, Martha, Mary, Robert, Rex, Earl, Ray, Lee, Phyllis, and Freddie. Two of their children died in infancy. The Dixons lived at Great Bend, Kansas.

George in 1923 married Elsa Kniese and they had four children; Ola, Carl, Arnold and Norma. They resided in Colorado.

Addie and Jonas Bradney were married in 1925. Their children were: Forrest, Louise, Dean, Harry, and Shirley. They were also Coloradoans.

Harry Friend was married to Edith DeJean in 1929 and lived in the Burdett community for many years, later moving to California.

Kenneth and Lena Blackwell were married in 1930 and they have four children: Martha, Joyce, Kenneth Jr., and Larry. Their home was at Burdett for many years but later moved to Larned.

Pat Friend as most of us in Burdett know him was the bachelor in the family and lived practically his entire life at Burdett. The descendents of the original family still residing in Burdett are Pearl Horchner, her son Bryce Welch and wife Virginia, and her niece Mrs. Don Nuckolls (Martha Friend) her husband and family.

Mrs. John Friend died February 28th, 1928 and in the next two months Mr. John Friend passed away and Mrs. Jane Notestine (Mrs. Friend's Mother).