

I. JAMES A COURTNEY

James A. Courtney, the first child of George and Lourinda, was born January 11, 1862, in Tennessee, and died November 9, 1870, of Polio.

II. ELLA V. COURTNEY and ACHILLES LISLE FAMILY

Ella V. Courtney was born July 19, 1863, in Tennessee, and died January 1, 1938, and is buried at Moore, Oklahoma, Cemetery. She married Achilles Lisle on September 3, 1884, at McKinney, Texas. He was born in Winchester, Kentucky on February 18, 1852, died July 29, 1922, and is buried in Moore Cemetery. They had 9 children.

They lived near Roby, Fisher County, Texas, where he farmed and raised cattle. Cabbages, turnips and sweet potatoes which they raised were stored in trenches in layers of hay for winter use. The country was very dry and water scarce and they sold out and bought and moved on November 1, 1898, to a farm located 5 miles south and 1½ miles east of Wheatland, Oklahoma, the SW¼ of Sec. 16, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., in Cleveland County, Oklahoma (8½ miles west of Moore), and about a mile east of Ella's parents, George and Lourinda Courtney.

They came in a covered wagon and two surreys and camped out, taking two weeks on the road and got caught in a snowstorm in the Red River bottom and were held up a whole day. While they were building their new house they stayed at the Grandparents, Jack and Lourinda. Here, Nevada Neoma was born February 9, 1899, on the coldest day recorded in Oklahoma - 17° below zero. Ella sent Elsie (10 years old) with Lallah and Manson (younger children) over to the neighbor, Mrs. William D. Cornish. She was the widow of Elihue Haynes who homesteaded the SW¼ of Sec. 17, just east of the Courtney place, and the mother of Mick Haynes. They were to stay with her while the baby was born with Grandmother Ricketts (Mother of Hicks Ricketts) in attendance. Achilles had gone with the wagon to get the Grandmother Ricketts who lived one half mile north and a mile west. The children were all bundled up against the cold with woolen gloves on their hands. They had to walk a distance into the north wind and then east and down across the creek. Their little hands were frozen and Mrs. Cornish put them in water which hurt terribly. After baby Nevada was born, Achilles came after the children in the wagon, about 4 o'clock, the sun had come out, and he told them they had a little baby sister.

The Lisle children, Sally Ann, Elsie, James and Lallah attended Quincy School, at first going from their Grandfather's home and then from their own home which was north of the school and about ¾ mile west. Professor Dorland was the teacher, and he stayed at the Lisle home during the school year.

On June 16, 1906, there was a consolidation of school districts, as several farms in the Quincy School District #11, had been taken by floods into the river or were now on the other side of the river. Property east of the center line, or half-section line, of Sec. 16, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., was transferred to School District #12 with the school at Elm Grove; and property west of that line was transferred to School District #10, the Grand Valley School, which was two miles north of their house. The petition

are buried at El Reno, Oklahoma. They had four children.

1. Reginald George Courtney and Opal Coit Courtney Family

Reginald George Courtney, son of John and Dora Courtney, was born October 13, 1893, at Union City; married Opal Coit, born in Missouri October 10, 1895. She died April 26, 1918, in El Reno, Oklahoma. They had one child.

Reginald married second, Lucile Amanda Olander, on January 26, 1929, at El Reno. She was born October 16, 1907, at El Reno. They had two children; Don Roger born July 10, 1934, and Regena Lucile born August 5, 1936, and lives at Moore.

2. Verna Margaret Courtney and Rex Alfred Coit Family

Verna Margaret Courtney, daughter of John and Dora Courtney, was born June 22, 1895, at Union City; married Rex Alfred Coit, October 10, 1917. He was born September 22, 1894, in Breckenridge, Missouri. She died January 9, 1967, at El Reno. They had two children: Rex Weldon Coit born October 20, 1918, and lives in Oklahoma City, and Barbara Roberta Coit, born April 1, 1929.

3. John Martin (Pete) Courtney and Alice Henrietta Hofman Family

John Martin (Pete) Courtney, son of John and Dora Courtney, was named for his Uncle, John A. Martin, who made the Run in 1889 and homesteaded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., in Cleveland County, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the Jack Courtney place, on what is now known as Council Road. He was a bachelor and lived there until his death on July 13, 1946. He was buried in Wheatland Cemetery.

John Martin Courtney was born April 20, 1899, at Union City; married Alice Henrietta Hofman January 14, 1925, at El Reno. She was born June 22, 1904, at Wathena, Kansas. They had four children: Vivian Bernadine Courtney, born May 4, 1926, Richard Martin Courtney born August 22, 1927; Darrold Lynn Courtney born July 24, 1941; and Leslie Robert Courtney born October 5, 1943; all born at El Reno. John Martin and Alice lived for many years on and farmed the John A. Martin place, until it was sold, and now live in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

4. Jessie Ina Courtney and Leonard Boyd Scott Family

Jessie Ina Courtney, daughter of John and Dora Courtney, was born February 8, 1902, west of El Reno; married Leonard Boyd Scott, June 14, 19___. Divorced. They had one child, Jack Courtney, born February 20, 1937.

V. MARY M. COURTNEY

Mary M. Courtney, daughter of George and Lourinda Courtney, was born January 18, 1868; died March 5, 1875.

VI. CROCKETT MONTGOMERY COURTNEY AND MAGGIE F. WEST COURTNEY FAMILY

Crockett Montgomery Courtney, son of George and Lourinda Courtney, was born March 21, 1871, in Tennessee; married Maggie F. West, November 12, 1899,

The homestead farm had some upland and some bottom land. In the fall of 1904, (October 6, 1904) at about husking time, there came a flood of the South Canadian River, which was not far from the south line of his property. In those days this river came down rolling and roaring several feet high and was a sight to see, but with destruction and devastation in its wake.

Floyd tells that "this time it took the quarter section just south of our farm, which was nearly all bottom land, and which was homesteaded by E. Hill and Mary J. Hill, and after the flood had receded their farm was on the south side of the river. A steam threshing machine had moved the Hills by my father's house (which was upland) just a short time before the river washed the Hill farm away. I was born January 11, 1902, and was not quite three years old, but I convinced my Mother and Aunt Ida that I remember the occasion; that my Mother opened the gate of the hog pen to let the hogs out before they washed away. Nettie was in my little wagon and my Mother made me stay up on the hill to take care of her while she opened the gate. I was a little disappointed."

The South Canadian River bed is very wide at this point - over a mile - and the channel has changed from north to south and back again several times, and is now (1972) on the north side. Some 40 acres of this farm have been taken into the river bed. However, since 1930 when the farm terracing and farm pond programs were promoted, rises and floods are not frequent and are not so devastating as in the early days.

Floyd says, "I attended Grand Valley School and my Uncle, Earl J. West Jr., had one of the bricks from the school fireplace stamped with "O. T." for Oklahoma Territory."

VII. TONNIE LENARA COURTNEY AND LUCY CATHERINE DRYDEN COURTNEY FAMILY

Tonnie Lenara Courtney, son of George and Lourinda Courtney, was born March 20, 1873, in Cullin County, Texas; married Lucy Catherine Dryden December 23, 1900, at New Salem, Lincoln County, Oklahoma. She was born September 2, 1877, at Montague County, Texas. She died June 29, 1951; he died November 4, 1958, at Shawnee, and both are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Oklahoma. They had three children: Connie Vergil born April 22, 1902, at McCloud; Larena Lenara born and died in 1911, at McCloud; and Vineta Myrtle Lee born December 30, 1912, at McCloud.

VIII. LILLIE A COURTNEY AND JOHN DOBBS FAMILY

Lillie A. Courtney, daughter of George and Lourinda Courtney, was born September 3, 1875, at Fayetteville, Arkansas; married John Dobbs February 18, 1897. He was born in Alabama September 9, 1869, and died June 29, 1954. She died September 1, 1945, and both are buried in Wheatland Cemetery, Oklahoma. They had two children.

Lillie and John went to live in the Kickapoo Country when it was opened; then returned and lived on land just north of the Lisle Farm, in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, homesteaded by his father, James O. Dobbs and wife Margaret.

When school was discontinued at Quincy, John Dobbs bought the school

house, dismantled it piece by piece and used the lumber to build his home. Gertrude was born there on November 15, 1897, at Quincy, Oklahoma; married Chesley Richard Smith on June 23, 1928, at Winfield, Kansas. He was born April 14, 1897, at Lamar, Missouri. They had one son.

Son, Ralph Oliver Dobbs was born September 23, 1900, at Moore, Oklahoma; married Lula Perkins May 25, 1927, in Oklahoma City. They had one child, Johnny Franklin born April 27, 1931; died November 12, 1952, in the war. Divorced.

Married a second time to Sara Marie Harris, February 7, 1951, in Oklahoma City. She was born February 14, 1916, in Oklahoma City.

Gertrude Dobbs Smith has in her possession a letter written to her Mother, Illie A. Courtney Dobbs, by her grandmother, Naomi Kirkpatrick, of Bulls Gap, Tennessee, dated January 31, 1893.

IX. WILLIAM S. COURTNEY FAMILY

William S. (Bill) Courtney, son of George and Lourinda Courtney, was born January 12, 1878; married Sally _____ . She died August 28, 1910, as did several small children, all of TB.

Married second time to Carrie Lowrie in 1914; they had three children; Joseph Jennings born January 23, 1917; Weldon George born May 5, 1915, at Kingston, and was killed in the war in Italy in 1943; Mary Beth born June 7, 1932, in Kansas.

Bill came to Norman in 1898 with the A. M. Reeds family and attended the University of Oklahoma that semester. In the fall, Grandmother Lourinda came to Norman and lived while Bill and Orval attended the University. Bill was one of the first graduates of the University in Pharmacy, graduating in the Class of 1901. He had a drug store and soda fountain at Moore for some years, and then in Kingston, Oklahoma. He died January 3, 1955, and is buried at Roosevelt, Oklahoma.

X. ORVAL A. COURTNEY AND STELLA IRENE POLK COURTNEY FAMILY

Orval A. Courtney, son of George and Lourinda Courtney, was born June 5, 1880; married Stella Irene Polk about 1905. She died in 1960. They had two daughters: Emma Lou born October 24, 1906; and Dorothy Marie born March 3, 1911, at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

at Wheatland, Oklahoma. She was born April 6, 1881, in Arkansas, the sister of Earl West, Sr., who lived two miles north of the Courtney place on what is now Council Road. Crockett had homesteaded and lived on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 18, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, 10 miles west of Moore. They had five children. He died August 30, 1957, in Altus, Oklahoma; she died August 23, 1959, in Hollis, Oklahoma.

1. Fay Courtney

Fay Courtney, daughter of Crockett and Maggie Courtney, was born August 10, 1900, at the homestead south of Wheatland in Cleveland County; died March 29, 1901; buried in Wheatland Cemetery.

2. Floyd Preston Courtney and Flora Vasques Courtney Family

Floyd Preston Courtney, son of Crockett and Maggie Courtney, was born January 11, 1902, at the homestead south of Wheatland, in Cleveland County; married Flora Vasques of Laredo, Texas, Sunday, September 2, 1956. No children. She died July 24, 1960, with cancer and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Laredo.

3. Nettie Viola Courtney

Nettie Viola Courtney, daughter of Crockett and Maggie Courtney, was born in 1904, at the homestead south of Wheatland in Cleveland County; died at Shamrock, Texas, of typhoid fever in 1918, and is buried at Shamrock Cemetery.

4. Herbert Ellison Courtney and Lucille Vanderslice Courtney Family

Herbert Ellison Courtney, son of Crockett and Maggie Courtney, was born April 5, 1906, east of Tuttle, Oklahoma; married Lucille Vanderslice November 12, 1929, in Los Angeles, California. She was born in Texas. They had one child. He died from pneumonia while working in the shipyards at Richmond, California, about 1942, and is buried in California.

5. Joseph Jackson Courtney and Eilene Henrietta Von Tungeln Family

Joseph Jackson Courtney, son of Crockett and Maggie Courtney, was born August 19, 1918, at Shamrock, Texas; married Eileen Henrietta Von Tungeln December 22, 1944, at El Reno, Oklahoma. She was born July 2, 1922, at El Reno. They adopted two children: Jolene Gayle, born March 6, 1954, at Kermit, Texas; and William Doyle, born November 11, 1958, in Oklahoma City. Joseph J. Courtney and son William D. were in a party of men and boys on a fishing trip on Lake Texoma and were drowned in a boating accident on April 5, 1969. Both were buried in El Reno Cemetery. Jolene is married and has one child.

Crockett and Maggie lived on their homestead until about 1905, when they moved east of Tuttle. They lived in Shamrock, Texas, 1908 to 1913; moved back to Oklahoma in a covered wagon, visiting brother Bob and sister Lillie Dobbs south of Wheatland. There Crockett helped shuck corn; then rented a farm west of Mustang; and then moved to Moore where his father had owned the wagon yard and stable. After the estate was settled, they went back to Shamrock, Texas, in 1918; to Plainview, Texas in 1935, and to Hollis, Oklahoma where he died.

to consolidate was signed by Crockett M. Courtney, member of the School Board.

Achilles needed more land and sold his farm and moved to Minco, later to Shamrock, Texas, and in 1916 moved back to Moore to take care of the Grandmother Lourinda Courtney and the property after the death of Grandfather Jack Courtney.

When Ella's daughter Lallah, Mrs. J. P. Bradford of Shamrock, Texas, died on June 18, 1915, Ella moved to Norman to take care of and send granddaughter Thelma Bradford to University High School. Later she lived in the next house to her daughter Elsie Lisle Lindsey on South Lahoma Street until her death on January 1, 1938.

1. Sally Anne Lisle and Earl J. West Family

Sally Anne Lisle, daughter of Ella and Achilles Lisle, was born July 14, 1885, in Indian Territory, and came to Oklahoma with her parents in 1898; married Earl J. West on November 25, 1903, who lived on and homesteaded a farm, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 6, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., in Cleveland County. They had four children. She died November 27, 1937; he died November 20, 1954.

James Edward West born November 10, 1904, near Minco, married Mildred J. Olesby, born February 17, 1911, at Aurora, Missouri. They had four girls.

Carl West born February 1, 1907, near Minco, married Bertha Dawson, November 24, 1934, at Birmingham, Alabama. She was born September 6, 1910, at Atlanta, Georgia. They had 7 children.

Clifton Robert West, born January 15, 1915, at Shamrock, Texas; married Annie Laurie Martin April 7, 1945, in Birmingham, Alabama. She was born April 19, 1917, in Birmingham. No children.

Earl J. West, Jr., born October, 1919, at Shamrock, Texas; married Betty _____, July 26, 1951. She was born May 1918, in Dallas, Texas. No children.

2. Emma Lou Elsie Lisle and Josiah Lawrence Lindsey Family

Emma Lou Elsie Lisle, daughter of Ella and Achilles Lisle, was born October 18, 1889, at McKinney, Texas, and came to Oklahoma with her parents in 1898; married Josiah Lawrence Lindsey, February 14, 1915, in Shamrock, Texas. He was born in Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas, January 5, 1882, and died January 1, 1962, and is buried in Moore Cemetery, Moore, Oklahoma. They had two children.

Elsie attended Quincy and Grand Valley Schools, and finished High School at Minco, in Grady County, Oklahoma. Roy England was the teacher. In 1908 Elsie went to Chickasha to Business College for eight months, and then went to work for a real estate office for \$25 per month; went to the Register of Deeds office for \$45 per month; and then to an Abstractor for \$60 per month; to Frederick, Oklahoma, as Deputy County Clerk at \$125, where she worked until she married.