

Koestel, and now lives in Hutchinson, Kansas. Has 5 children.

Nina Breese was born in 1896, at Quincy, Oklahoma Territory; died of diphtheria in 1901.

Joubert Breese was born August 29, 1898, at Quincy, Oklahoma Territory, married Rena Soeth and now lives in Willows, California. Had one child, Shirley Breese White.

Lissie Breese was born in 1902, at Quincy, Oklahoma Territory, married Glenn Lauderback, and now lives in Alma, Washington. Had 2 children.

the home place; and Deanna, married to Grant Ward.

Edwin for many years served on the Moore School Board. He was one of Cleveland County's first Flying Farmers, and flew his own two-place Luscombe Silveraire which was based in a steel hanger in back of his farm home, where he had a 2,000 foot runway. He used the plane in his farming, to check his cattle which ran in heavily timbered land along the South Canadian River, and also for trips to purchase cattle and farm machinery replacement parts. His family were all flying enthusiasts and flew with him. He never carried a parachute in all his eleven years of flying of about 100 hours a year. Edwin had to give up his flying due to poor health and died March 31, 1965.

Alma Gene Rowland married Ray Arnn of Okla. City; they have 3 children.

Eldin E. Rowland married Pauline Gray; have 3 children: Judy married Danny Thompson and has 2 children; Ronald E. married Karen Sue Spence, December 13, 1970, has one child; and Rita Jo married J. V. Luker and has 2 children.

Eldin owns and lives on the Breese home place, to which he has added more land, and carries on an extensive farm operation with stocker-feeder cattle programs.

Jay Breese was born on December 25, 1884, at Colwich, Kansas, fell down some stairs and injured his head from which he died in 1891.

Ralph Lee Breese was born in Wichita, Kansas, on March 16, 1886; married Sara Beatrice Newlon March 6, 1910. They have 5 children:

Nina Breese was born June 6, 1912, at Proffitstown, Illinois; married Fred Pults.

Ruth Breese was born May 17, 1914, at Moore, Oklahoma; married James Howard.

Voni Breese was born January 30, 1919, at Tuttle, Oklahoma; married Louis Burns.

Ralph Breese, Jr., was born August 26, 1929, at Tuttle, Oklahoma; married Frances Burson.

Lois Ann Breese was born on Thanksgiving day (November 28), 1933, at Tuttle, Oklahoma; married Jack Edsall.

Ralph was a farmer and cattleman, and in 1919 moved his family across the river (South Canadian) to Grady County where he rented land and then bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 26, T. 10 N., R. 5 W., 7 miles east of Tuttle and 1 mile north, where he still resides. (1972)

Mattie Breese was born in 1888, at Colwich, Kansas; married Edward Sime and had 3 children. Both died in 1967.

Beulah Breese was born May 14, 1890, at Colwich, Kansas; married Peter

her and her school seemed to go along without a hitch. We sang religious songs and had prayer. It seems I went to school to her more than one term.

My father was nearly always on the School Board, and I heard some contracts made. In 1899, Theodore Dorland taught school for \$20.00 per month. He wanted \$25 per month, but my father told him we just could not pay that much. Our schools in those days were called conscription schools. My father would canvass the neighborhood for the money to hire the teacher and how many children they would send, and the schools were generally for a three month term. Two and a half miles is the farthest I can remember walking to school.

The school, later called Quincy School, was moved from the first location to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., as set up by law, and a new building constructed. It was this building which was sold to John Dobbs when the school was discontinued and he used the lumber to build his home.

On June 16, 1906, there was a consolidation of school districts, as several farms in the Quincy School District #11, had gone into the river or were on the other side of the river now. Property east of the center 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, in the NE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8, T. 10 N., R. 4 W. The petition was signed by my father. We went to Grand Valley School. In the 1940's both Grand Valley and Elm Grove schools were closed and the children went by bus to Moore to the Consolidated School there.

Nellie Breese was born March 11, 1880, in Colwich, Kansas; married John Frye who was born in Texas, and came to Oklahoma, made the Run of 1889 and homesteaded the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, T. 10 N., R. 4 W. They had 6 children. She died in 1961; he died in 1935; both are buried in Moore, Oklahoma, Cemetery.

The West Short Junction Gasoline Plant of Continental Oil Company is located on their homestead.

Maude Breese was born on November 16, 1882, at Colwich, Kansas; married Elbert S. Rowland, born in Marysville, Kansas, March 10, 1880. She died November 17, 1966; he died August 18, 1959; both are buried in Moore, Oklahoma, Cemetery.

After their marriage they lived on the Breese place, and their four children were all born there.

Amelia Rowland married Milton Buerger of Oklahoma City; have three children.

Edwin O. Rowland was born April 26, 1910; married Beatrice Barton of Moore, and they lived on a farm--the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., where he ran a dairy and raised crops. They had three children: Loretta, married to Donald Lee, and has two children; Warren, married to Norma Charolene Mahan on June 14, 1958, had four children, and presently lives on

and I both worked in the store. "The Post Office Department would not accept the name 'Eagle Center' as the name for the Post Office, as another Post Office, already established, was too near the same name and they thought it would cause trouble in handling the mail. When my father got the word he just said 'We will call it "Quincy" and that was settled just like that". I do not know but I always thought he had Quincy, Illinois, where he came from, on his mind at the time. Mail came once a week at first, then twice a week; and finally three times weekly.

The Quincy Post Office was established in the SE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., on March 27, 1892, with Vincent Eugene Breese as Postmaster. It was later moved to the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 7, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., in the store operated by Hicks Ricketts, a mile north and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west. It was moved again to the NE corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 13, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., across the road west from the Antioch Christian Church, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Ricketts Store, and in a house and store run by Bob Watkins. The Post Office was officially closed on February 29, 1904.

My father sold the store to Gene and Jan Fulp, who were from Paoli, -- traded it for 25 horses, and bought the quarter across the road, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., which had been homesteaded by Nicholas Hoyle, and moved over there in January, 1905.

The store was held up one day about four o'clock in the afternoon by the Dalton gang when my Mother was taking care of it. My father was out in the wheat field. They took what they wanted, socks, shirts, underwear, -- clean clothes and left. It was held up another time about midnight, and when the Winchester was used the thief was hiding behind a barrel and the bullet cut a barrel stave partly in two. My father helped catch lots of out-laws in those days, and maybe let some get away. There were lots of horse thieves, but I can not remember of but few cattle being stolen, maybe one at a time when somebody got hungry. My father also served on the Jury and on the Federal Jury.

The first school, named "Beulah Land" opened in 1889 and was located on land which would have been the right of way for the north-south road, had it been extended north of the section line road, which comes to a dead-end as the terrain would not permit a road without bridges over Cow Creek. The school land adjoined the store and Post Office on the east.

The first teacher at Beulah Land was a Mr. Jordan, an old gentleman, who, as I remember, chewed tobacco in time of school and his order in the school room was equal to the Hanging Judge Parker. He was my teacher when I first started to school and I had not been in school five minutes until he gave me a whipping, for what I never knew. He carried a switch 5 or 6 feet long and used it on us all.

The next teacher was a Miss Poole, I think her given name was Ada, a really nice girl with plenty of guts. She whipped 15 of us boys one morning, and the 15th boy was Willie Hisel about 15 or 16 years old, who got away from her and never came back, and she went right ahead and whipped his younger brother, Andy, -- 16 in all.

Then there was an old lady, real gray, a Mrs. Cox. They all liked

VINCENT EUGENE BREESE FAMILY

By Ralph Lee Breese

Vincent Eugene Breese, my father, was born on July 30, 1853, at East Paw Paw, DeKalb County, Illinois, near Quincy, Illinois, of English parentage. He married Rachel Riggs on March 17, 1879, at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where she was born on June 3, 1862. They lived at Colwich, Wellington and Wichita, Kansas. He died in October, 1920; she died in October, 1956, in Willow, California, at the age of 94 years. They had 9 children: Nellie, Maude, Jay, Ralph, Mattie, Beulah, Nina, Joubert, and Lissie.

My father came to Oklahoma in 1891, and leased the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 10 N., R. 4W., (School Land) 8 miles west of Moore, in Cleveland County. There was a shack on the property, and he built a 4-room - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ story house in the southeast corner of the quarter, moved the shack up to the house and used it for the kitchen. When the house was completed he sent for the family, my Mother and the six older children, who came by train, got down to Oklahoma City in the dark, and stayed with the Alair family, who lived across the road, a few days until the house was ready. He raised cattle and hogs, had a garden and raised fruit.

He started a store and Post Office located in the front room of our home and then added another room to the store. He also built a store building and a storehouse there.

The store and Post Office was first named "Eagle Center", and Maude