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THE HARRY F. WINEGARNERS

*Mrs Bryan Gunning*  
*Iris Winegarner*

Harry Franklin Winegarner was born on his father's farm in Illinois, in 1867. Later he moved to Kansas, and there he met Laura Knoles. Laura, like Harry, had been born on a farm in Illinois and in 1867. This interesting fact might have been the bond that first interested them in each other.

Harry Franklin Winegarner and Laura Knoles were married in Cherryvale, Kansas, in 1889. They were the parents of eight children.

Mr. and Mrs. Winegarner heard many tales of the fine land that was given to the white men in the April 22, 1889, "run" into the unassigned lands. They decided to try their luck in the next opening for land in the Oklahoma Territory.

This chance came on September 22, 1891, when the United States government opened the lands of the Pottawatomie Indians. This land touched the eastern edge of Cleveland County. A six mile wide strip of the "Pott Country" was added to Cleveland County by the same Act that provided for "the run" into the Pottawatomie lands. Mr. Winegarner made "the run", but failed to get a claim. He looked around the area and picked out a farm of 160 acres that he liked and bought it from the man who had placed the stakes on the land.

Mr. Winegarner traded a team of horses and a wagon for the farm land. He received a patent on 160 acres, S.E. quarter of Section 34, 10-1 East Cleveland County, signed by President Grover Cleveland. This farm land is in the Stella community.

Mr. and Mrs. Winegarner lived on this farm until their deaths. Mr. Winegarner died in 1931, and Mrs. Winegarner died in 1939. The land was

sold by the heirs in 1944.

The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Winegarner were born and reared on this farm.

Shelby Winegarner, the son of Harry F. and Laura Winegarner, and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1971, and a daughter, Allie, lives with her husband in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Fay Winegarner married Bud Jennings, the son of W. R. and Eva Zula Jennings of the Stella Community. Bud Jennings served as deputy sheriff, and later as sheriff of Cleveland County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jennings are deceased.

Another daughter of H. F. and Laura Winegarner, Iris, married Bryan Jennings, a brother of Bud Jennings.