

# ***Blackwelder Family Genealogy Notes***

## ***Kansas***

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## Isabel, Kansas - The First 100 Years, 1887 – 1987

### Charles Blackwelder, p. 43:

#54BB3

Charles was born in the Sawyer community, about two miles southwest of his home place in 1886. His family moved 3 1/2 miles north and one mile west of Isabel.

Charles married Jennie Armitstead in 1912. Jennie was born in Richfield, Kansas in 1889 and later moved to their home north of Isabel. After their marriage they lived 3 miles north and 1/4 west of Isabel. Their sons Forest, Max and Dell were born there. In 1920 they moved 3/4 mile west.

Jennie was a charter member and the first president of Ashton EHU in 1917. She was MYF leader and teacher at Isabel Methodist Church for many years. She also taught Sunday School at Ashton. Charles was a member of Ashton School Board for several years; he was on the board when the brick school was built. He served on the Farmers Co-op Elevator and Hardware Board. He attended church at Ashton and Isabel Methodist Church, and held numerous offices in both.

Charlie died in 1951 and Jennie in 1980. Both were proud to be a part of the Isabel-Ashton community.

Submitted by: Dell Blackwelder [#54BB32]

### Dell Blackwelder, p. 44:

#54BB32

Dell was born in the Isabel Ashton community, and lives about one mile from his birthplace, having moved only twice. He is the second son of Charles and Jennie Blackwelder, brothers Forest (deceased) and Max who resides in Wichita.

Dell attended Ashton Grade School, Isabel High School and Wichita University. During this time he lived three miles north and one west of Isabel, where his son Kenneth and family now reside. He was active in 4-H Club, and was County Health Champion one year, and was also active in community affairs.

Dell married Gladys Goodrich in 1940 in St. Paul Methodist Church in Wichita. Gladys graduated from Wesley Hospital School of Nursing; she followed her profession in Wichita until she moved to the Isabel community. She worked part time at Medicine Lodge Hospital for many years.

Gene, Donna and Kenneth were born at Nashville Hospital. They attended Ashton Grade School and Isabel High School. Gene graduated from Emporia State College. He and his family reside in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is affiliated with the University of Utah. Donna received her RN degree from Grace Hospital Hutchinson. She and her family live in Ellinwood, Kansas. She is employed at Ellinwood Hospital. Kenneth is a Fort Hays State graduate. He farms and he and his family live on the farm where his grandparents lived. Dell farmed with his father raising grain and livestock until his father retired in 1946. Dell participated in Pratt County affairs. He served as President of Farm Bureau, board member of Pratt Junior College, ASCS committee and Gove Township Assessor. He also served on the Isabel Co-op Board. He attended Sunday School and Church at Ashton and Isabel Methodist where he served as Superintendent and Layleader. He and his wife were youth leaders and teachers. They were also 4-H leaders.

We have many fond memories of our friends and neighbors, and are glad to have been a part of this community. We enjoy our grandchildren, four boys and four girls, and are proud of their accomplishments. We spend our leisure time in our home on wheels, seeing and appreciating

the beauty of God's creation.

**\*\*Sam Blackwelder was 30 years older than his second son Charles. Charles was 30 years older than his second son Dell. Dell was 30 years older than his second son Kenneth. Kenneth was 30 years older than his second son Kraig.\*\***

Submitted by: Dell Blackwelder [#54BB32]

**Earl D. Blackwelder, p. 44:**

**#54BB1**

Earl D. Blackwelder (1883-1945) came with his parents, Samuel R. and Orlene (Davis) Blackwelder, from Illinois to Pratt County, Kansas. Their home was in the Ashton community. Mary Gertrude Blakely (1885-1976) came to the Ashton community as a teacher at the Ashton school. Her home had been near Lyons in Rice County. Earl and Gertrude were married in Wichita March 31, 1914. They established their home on a farmstead one mile north of Isabel. The Methodist Church and the Ashton Sunday School were important parts of their lives. Earl was the first president of the Farmers Equity, now the Farmers Cooperative Equity Company.

Earl and Gerturde had two children, Lawrence Merle (1918-1978) and Mildred Maxine (1922). Earl liked "the West" and Gertrude's health was better in the higher altitude, so they bought land in Texas County, Oklahoma. In 1928-29, they moved to their farmstead two miles west of Hooker, Oklahoma. They retained their land in Pratt County and it is presently owned by their daughter, Mildred and their daughter-in-law, Ulah Mae.

Speaking for the descendants of Earl and Gertrude Blackwelder, we are proud to have our roots in Isabel's first one hundred years!

Submitted by: Mildred Blackwelder [#54BB12]

**George Blackwelder, p. 44:**

**#54B36**

George Blackwelder was born in Litchfield, Illinois and came to Kansas in 1892. He married Ella Swinson in 1903. They had four children: Effie, Cecil, Florence and Lloyd.

Effie married M.M. Decker and had two children, Georgia Ruth and Gale. Georgia Ruth has six children and Gale two.

Cecil married Mildred Oneal and has one daughter, Phyllis Jean, who has three children. There are six great grandchildren and one great-great grand-daughter.

Florence died when she was sixteen.

Lloyd married Leona Weber. They have eight children: JOhn, Gregory, Douglas, Rodney, Jay, Julie and Joan, who are twons, and Charles.

George died in 1950 and Ella died in 1960.

Submitted by: Cecil Blackwelder [#54B362]

**S. R. Blackwelder, p. 45:**

**#54BB**

Sam (S.R.) and Orlena Blackwelder moved from Springfield, Illinois to Isabel in 1885. Their son Earl was two, Ida a few months when they came on the train to Medicine Lodge bringing their wagon, livestock, and other necessities - then by wagon to Isabel.

In 1900 they build a new home sout of Ashton School. Other children were Charles, Eva, Rose, Bill, Roy and Edith. All the boys farmed in the Isabel community at one time. S.R. retired and moved to Pratt, where he spent the rest of his life.

**Jacob F. Blackwelder, p. 45:**

**#54B3**

Jacob F. Blackwelder was born in Montgomery County, Illinois on December 23, 1842, the son of Alfred and Joanna Scherrer Blackwelder, natives of North Carolina. He was one of thirteen children, with of whom grew to mature years. Other than Jacob, his siblings coming to Kansas were Minerva, the wife of Robert Morrison, a Pratt County farmer; Harriet, the wife of Gideon Davis, also a Pratt County farmer; Samuel, also a farmer of that county.

Jacob had to leave school at an early age because of failing eye sight. He assisted his father on the farm until his marriage to Sarah Rasor in Lithfield, Illinois in 1865. They came to Kansas in 1892 and lived on a farm in Gove township. They had nine children: Samuel; Frank; Mary, the wife of George Releford; Layton, a farmer in Elm Mills township; Bertie; John; George; Alfred; Oscar.

Jacob was a member of the school board in Isabel and the family were members of the Methodist Church. The Blackwelder farm and home came to be known as one of the model ones of the county. Besides the cereal grains raised, there were many fruit and ornamental trees and from his wells of never-failing water his windmills kept a steady stream of water flowing to irrigate his garden and supply his artificial fish pond, which was stocked with choice fish. He also raised Durham and red poll cattle. They lived in Pratt for a year, renting his farm to his son George and son-in-law George Relefore. He then bought a home in Isabel and in 1901, in partnership with a Mr. Knight, he embarked in the implement business, but later his son Frank took his place in the firm, which was known as Knight and Blackwelder. He also owned an interest in a hardware and harness business, which was conducted by himself and two sons, Frank and John.

The Jacob Blackwelders were numbered among the representative citizens of the locality and were loved and honored for their many noble characteristics.

***Dickinson Co., WWII Casualties***

Blackwelder, Myron K. (TEC5, S/N 37738119, died – not battle)

***Pratt Co., Marriages {9609}***

28 Jan 1904	Blackwelder, Geo D. (age 23, of Pratt Co.)	#54B36
	Swinson, Ella C. (age 18, of Pratt Co.)	
	by P. D. Sahr, Minister @ Isabel	

***Pratt Co., Ellenwood Cemetery {9607}***

Blackwelder, Orlena	b. 1858	d. 1942	#54BB/1
Blackwelder, Ralph A.	b. 1893		#54BB6
(son of S. R. & Orlena Blackwelder)			
Blackwelder, Samuel R.	b. 1856	d. 1928	#54BB
Blackwelder, Charles	b. 1886	d. 1951	#54BB3
Blackwelder, Jennie	b. 1889		#54BB3/1
(wife of Charles Blackwelder)			
Blackwelder, William C.	b. 16 Jan 1892	d. 26 Apr 1968	#54BB5

***Pratt Co., Greenlawn Cemetery {9608}***

Blackwelder, Roy Marion	b. 31 Aug 1894	d. 28 Sep 1965	#54BB7
Blackwelder, Elysabeth J.	b. 1922	d. 1922	#54BB7x ?
Blackwelder, Lucy Joy	b. 1894	d. 1984	

***Sedgwick Co., Wichita, Death Index***

1888	Blackwelder, Lenore (child) certificate 37	#52E6x ?
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***Sedgwick Co., Wichita, Maple Grove Cemetery***

Blackwelder, Lenore	b. 1 Nov 1887	d. 1 Mar 1888	#52E6x ?
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***Sedgwick Co., Wichita, City Directory (1887)***

Blackwelder, G. H., fr Ill (Johnson & B), r 349 n Emporia	#52E6
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***Sedgwick Co., Wichita, City Directory (1888)***

Blackwelder, Geo H, (B & Taylor), insurance, r 17 <sup>th</sup> & Water	#52E6
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***Sedgwick Co., Wichita, City Directory (1889)***

Taylor, Blackwelder & Co., 205 Sedgwick	
Blackwelder, Geo H., (Taylor, Blackwelder & Co.), r 1825 n Water	#52E6

***Sedgwick Co., Wichita, City Directory (1891)***

Blackwelder & Holbrook, (Geo H. B. & W J H) Real Estate, Insurance and Loans 202 & 304 Sedgwick Blk Tel no 135	
Blackwelder, Geo H. (B & Holbrook) r 1825 n Water	#52E6

***Sedgwick Co., Wichita Beagle & Beacon, Obituaries***

15 Feb 1977	Blackwelder, Robert E.	
28 Feb 1980	Blackwelder, Jennie Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles A.)	#54BB3/1
1 Mar 1980	Blackwelder, Kent E.	
1 Mar 1982	Blackwelder, Viola M.	
18 Dec 1984	Blackwelder, Joy	
3 Mar 1993	Blackwelder, Edith O.	#54BB9 ?
12 Jul 1993	Blackwelder, Max W.	#54BB33

**A Biographical History of Central Kansas (*The Lewis Publishing Company: New York & Chicago, 1902*)**

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Blackwelder, Jacob F., Vol. II, p. 1041

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b. 23 Dec 1842, Montgomery Co., IL

residence in 1902: Isabel Twp., Barber Co., KS