

## **BACHMAN, ALBERT**

Albert O. Bachman was born in 1876 in Napoleon, Indiana. He was the second son of Edmund and Lydia Bachman. They came to Conway Springs, Kansas in 1884.

While in school at Conway Springs, Albert met his future wife, Mary Trekell, who was in the 7th or 8th grade then, went to Conway Springs to stay with her brother Will who was teaching school there. For a short while she lived there and did the cooking and housekeeping for her brother while going to school. Albert and Mary became interested in each other and began to correspond after Mary returned home.

In 1893 Albert came to Oklahoma with his family when they filed a claim in the Cherokee Outlet. For a while he taught school near Medford.

Meanwhile, Albert's correspondence with Mary had continued, and they were married in February, 1900 near Wellington, Kansas. In 1901 he took part in the Kiowa-Comanche lottery for land, but failed to win a claim. However, he was able to buy a claim near Apache in Caddo County, and in 1903, with their two small children, they moved in a covered wagon to Caddo County, fording the rivers between here and there. Once there, they dug a well, built a two-room frame house and other improvements and lived there five years.

Their home was about ten miles from the nearest doctor. During this time the Bachmans lost their second child, Clarence, to membranous croup. Eva started to school while there at a little country school. While living there, three more children, Merble, Ruth, and Lester were born.

The Bachmans were not happy in Caddo County. Due to field work, the school term lasted only about three months. As Albert often said, "I didn't want to raise my children where they turned out school to pick cotton and where women worked in the field."

In 1908 the Bachmans sold their farm and bought one near Eddy, Oklahoma where they lived about ten years. One son, Kenneth, was born there. In 1918 they sold this farm and moved to Grant County.

They bought three farms and sold two before finding the spot on which they wanted to build their home. In 1919 they bought a farm one mile north of the town of Deer Creek. This land was near the school and town, so in the winter of 1921 and 1922 they built a house there. Albert and Mary Bachman lived in this house until Albert's death in 1938. Mary Trekell Bachman died in 1949. She was buried beside her husband in the IOOF Cemetery west of Tonkawa.

In 1949 Albert's grandson, Edwin, bought the north eighty acres of this farm and he and his wife Mary reared their family in the house Albert built.

Albert and Mary's daughter, Eva, married Houston Moore and they lived on the Moore farm east of Renfrow.

Merble married Helene McCall and they established a home in the Deer Creek area.

Ruth, Lester and Kenneth were all graduates of Oklahoma A&M College. Ruth taught Home Economics at Hennessey. Lester taught Vocational Agriculture and later was in the Soil Conservation Service in seven counties of Oklahoma. Lester had two children, Dick and Dee Ann. He is now retired and lives in Enid.

Kenneth Bachman went to work in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington, D.C. In World War II he served as Lieutenant (J.G.) in the Navy. Then after earning his doctorate at Harvard University he returned to work in the U.S.D.A. He is now retired and lives in Reston, Virginia. He has one son, Kenneth, Jr., who is practicing law in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Eva Bachman Moore

## **BACHMAN, MERBLE**

Floyd Merble Bachman was born in Oklahoma Territory near what is now Broxton, Oklahoma in Caddo County on November 25, 1903. He was the son of Albert and Mary (Trekell) Bachman. He moved with his parents and brothers and sisters to Kay County, Oklahoma, when he was four years old. He attended grade school

The children of Merble and Helene were Edwin, Bebe Jean and Merlene.

Edwin married Mary Virginia Keney and they settled on the farm which his grandfather had owned, one mile north of Deer Creek, Oklahoma. Their children were Anita, Debra, Don and David.

Bebe Jean married Robert Montgomery. Their children were Marilyn and Robbie. Bebe Jean and her husband are living in Cleveland, Ohio, at this writing.

Merlene married Don Webster. Their children are Jerry, Barbara, Robert, Michael and Patricia. They make their home at Pryor, Oklahoma, and both work with the school system there.

By: Edwin Bachman

## **BACHMAN, EDMUND E.**

Edmund E. Bachman was born at Napoleon, Indiana in 1848 to Lewis and Elenor (Eaton) Bachman. He went to school there, and as a young man worked as a tanner in his father's tannery.

In 1871 he married Lydia McKee, daughter of Samuel McKee. Soon after their marriage they moved to Carmi, Illinois. Their oldest daughter Mary (Mollie) was born there. In the early 1870's they moved back to Napoleon, Indiana where their other five children, Lewis, Albert, Elenor, Clarence, and George were born. Then in 1884 Lydia and Edmund made the journey from Indiana to southern Kansas with their six children. The oldest was twelve at that time and the youngest two.

They lived on a farm near Conway Springs, Kansas until the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1893. In the race the Bachmans located on a claim five miles east and one north of Jefferson. Mollie took a claim 1 Vfe miles north of her parents. The Bachmans built a home and reared their family, enduring the hardships of pioneer life. Edmund enjoyed fishing and gardening. The family always had a large garden, and whenever he got a chance, Edmund would slip off with a canepole to the creek to fish.

They were a religious family. While living in Kansas he began to preach and continued as a pioneer preacher in Oklahoma. He held meetings in school houses and helped establish several churches over the county, driving a horse and buggy to the places where he preached. He performed marriage ceremonies and conducted funeral services when called upon. His wife remained at home with the family while he was performing these services for the church. The older boys were able to carry on much of the farm work. Edmund was the first regular minister for the Christian Church in Medford.

Mollie married Al Riggs and they had two children, but tragedy struck and Al died. Mollie stayed on the claim until she married Tom Wilson and they moved to Woodward County. Lewis died of tuberculosis at the family home southeast of Medford, Oklahoma Territory in 1898 at the age of 23. Albert married Mary Trekell. Elenor married Norman Brown, but she and her young son both died while living southeast of Medford, Oklahoma Territory when she was a young woman, in 1906. They were buried four miles east of Jefferson, Oklahoma Territory. Clarence married Agnes Ferguson and lived in Kansas City. George married Nellie Hughes and lived near Mutual, Oklahoma for a while, then in Wichita, Kansas. Mollie, Lewis, and Albert taught schools.

In 1903 the Bachmans sold their farm and moved to Medford to live. While living there, they sometimes went to Eddy to visit the family of their son Albert. This trip took about a day each way by horse and buggy. On such occasions both families would pack a picnic lunch and go fishing on Deer Creek, west of Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

About 1917 the Bachmans moved to Tonkawa. While he was in a gospel meeting in California, Edmund's voice failed and he retired from preaching. His wife Lydia died in 1925. Edmund then moved from place to place living with each of his children for a time. He was living in Kansas City with his son Clarence at the time of his death in 1935, and was buried beside his wife in the IOOF Cemetery west of Tonkawa.

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