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In 1865 when he was discharged from the Army he started back to school at Washburn College in Kansas, but his health was so bad that he had to quit. They thought he had TB - so he decided to go "out west." He spent many years prospecting and mining in Colorado & Utah. He went through the Mormon Temple while it was being built - the contractor was a friend of his.

While he was gone out west, his younger brother David married Hanora O'Doud. When he was forty years old he came back to Kansas to visit his family. At the same time, Hanora's younger sister, Mary Ann (Molly) O'Doud was visiting her from Chicago. David had often told her he had a brother out west that was always on horseback - said "he would walk a mile to catch a horse to ride a half a mile." And now she met him.

A year later, May 14th 1884 they were married and built themselves a little new home in Larkin, Kansas. There their first child, Mary Eleanor was born, on March 31, 1885. At the opening of Oklahoma, April 22nd 1889 he and two brothers (David & Gilbert), his mother and several brothers-in-law came with him to Oklahoma and took claims. His was directly east of Cashion (not there then) and he owned it until about the year 1901 when he sold it and moved to Wichita, Kansas. Two more children were born in





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Oklahoma, Gilbert Franklin on July 17th 1890 and Elizabeth, January 6th 1895. After four years in Kansas, he moved back to Oklahoma and bought land three miles north of Cashion from his brother David, but kept the land in Kansas.

He moved in to Cashion in the fall of 1915 and died there May 3, 1916 of a Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Mary Ann O'Doud

Mary Ann was the third daughter in the O'Doud family and was born in Chicago April 15, 1860 of Immigrant Irish parents.

Before she was born her father and another man took a team and wagon and started out West to find a new location, presumably Kansas. Many of their relatives settled around Atchison.

They camped on the banks of a river and in the night a flash flood came and they were both drowned.

Grandmother was left with Katherine aged 8 (Aunt Kate Quillin) Hanora age 6 (Aunt Nora Woodworth), and Mary Ann - yet unborn.

Several years later Grandmother married Grandfather Smith and had five more children. Effie (Casselman) Jim, Ervin, Horace and Daisy (Latta).

Ruth thinks she met Grandpa Smith in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was a traveling man. How she got there we don't know.

At the age of fourteen Mary Ann went back to Chicago where there still were many relatives and worked in a dressmaking shop. She made hand made dresses for the Libby girls (The cangoods people.





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It was from there that she came to Kansas to visit when she met and married Frank Woodworth.

Grandmother and Grandfather Smith came to Oklahoma in the opening and took a claim just east of ours in Logan County. Grandmother died there when I was 1½ years old and Grandmother Woodworth died soon after - so I don't remember them.

The year of the Opening, when father was planting a new orchard, Eleanor was out with him when a rattlesnake bit her. He lanced it with his pocket knife and sucked all the blood he could out, but even then they almost lost her.

When I was three and a half years old, I walked too close to an open draft stove and my dress caught fire. When Mother came into the room, I was all in flames. She smothered it out with a wool shawl she had around her shoulders.

That accident my Father never got over. That is what took him to Kansas. He heard there were doctors there that could do skin grafting.

In Kansas, Eleanor went several years to Mount Carmel Academy to school. Then Avery Wight came home from the Army and she met him. They were married after we moved back to Oklahoma, Dec. 12, 1906.

They lived on our farm in Kansas until 1909. George was born there May 10, 1908. They then moved to Cashion and Avery was cashier in The Farmers State Bank (That Father was President of) until 1917 when he went to the Army in World War I.

*The above was written by my aunt, Elizabeth Woodworth Abner
on Feb 5th 1963*



Avery Wight