

## GLADYS LUCILLE NEUKIRCH

Prepared by: Gladys Link in approximately 1975

Gladys Lucille Neukirch was born in 1921 at El Dorado, Kansas. She grew up on a farm near Lookout, Oklahoma with seven brothers and three sisters.

In 1940 she married Edward Brunell Link, son of John and Josie Gourley Link of Alvard, Oklahoma. To this union eight children were born.

1. Carolyn Louise        1943
2. Marilyn Bell         1946
3. Freddie John       1949
4. Mary Marie          1952
5. Jarilyn Sue         1956
6. Lola Jeanne         1960
7. Marjorie Ann        1962
8. Gladys Brunell      1965

We all grew up and lived all of our lives in Alva, Oklahoma. Carolyn is married to Gerald Dean Longhurst, son of L. M. Longhurst and Beulah Bonner Longhurst. Carolyn and Gerald have two sons. Shawn Reigh Longhurst, who was born in and Drew Alan Longhurst who was born in 1966. Carolyn attended beauty school at Enid, Oklahoma and had her own shop for a while. Gerald is a farmer – rancher and also custom-cuts in the summer and fall. The boys are attending school.

Marilyn is not married as yet. She is a school teacher in Kansas. She has taught in several different schools. She likes her teaching very much.

Fred married Janice Lyn Black, daughter of Leroy and Gertrude Glover Black, of Kiowa, Kansas. They have two children, Brian John, born in 1969 and Brandy Lyn born in 1973. Fred served in the Viet Nam war. When he returned he worked for a while for his father-in-law. He is now employed by City Service at the Strate Station out of Hooker, Oklahoma.

Mary Marie was married to Kim Duane Fisher, son of Elbert and Margy Fisher. They had one child, Margie Lucille Fisher born in 1971. They later divorced. Mary had Anthony Michael in 1974. Mary is now married to John Ray Hoover of Beaver, Oklahoma. Mary works at Otasco and John is employed by Bob Nida and they do farming and ranching. Margie is in school and Mike goes to a babysitter.

Jarilyn Sue is a Junior attending N.W.O.S.U. She is majoring in P.E.

Lola Jeanne is attending Alva High School where she is a Junior. She is active in basketball and track.

Marjorie Ann is attending Alva High School where she is a Freshman. She is active in band and basketball.

Gladys is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and she is active in basketball.

#### THINGS GLADYS REMEBERS AS A CHILD GROWING UP

- Swinging in the trees.
- Coaster wagon that was ridden up and down the big hill by the barn.
- When it rained she would wade in the creek or draw.
- She hated to take the bugs off of the potato plants.
- When she was eight years old she learned to milk – she sure wished she had never learned.
- Helped with the turkeys, gout after the milk cows, herded cows when needed.
- Hand pumped water to irrigate garden.
- Marjorie and Gladys worked together ridge busting when grain had not come up. Helped plant in some spots (with horses).
- Helped top maize and shuck corn by hand.
- One of the things she would do when shucking corn would put foot in from of the wagon wheel and see how close the wagon would get before jerking her foot away. Once it ran over her foot, this ended the game.
- In the winter time when there was snow a lot of the time they would sleigh ride in the moonlight.
- She attended school at Pleasant Valley District #40 for eight years. Freedom High School for four years. She was an average student. Played basketball and softball in High School. Graduated in May of 1939.