

## Thompson---Burks---Pounds

William Franklin Thompson wed Emilia Field Gleaves on the ninth day of October, 1892 at Marysville Texas in Cooke County. Thompson was born on November 15, 1867 at Greensboro, N.C. He was an orphan boy bonded to E. C. Taylor. Emilia F. Gleaves Thompson was born in Emporia, Kansas on Jan. 23, 1873. William (Willie) passed away on Jan. 2, 1955 and Emilia (Minnie) on March 9, 1961.

### Their Children:

*My cousin Lloyd told me that Emilia had Blackfoot Indian ancestors?  
Possibly 1/8th - Blackfoot are from Canada.*

William Henry Thompson	July 24, 1893--July 31, 1893
Effie Ellen Thompson	Sept. 4, 1894-- Aug. 8, 1895
Thomas Benjamin	Jan. 19, 1896--April 18, 1974
Guy Noble	Feb. 24, 1898--Oct. 1964
Bertha Bell	April 11, 1900--June 10, 1970
Virgil Theodore Roosevelt	April 8, 1903
Mabel Ethel	April 11, 1906--Dec. 8, 1986
Infant Daughter	March 8, 1907--March 13, 1907
<b>Nellie Taft</b>	June 9, 1908--March 26, 1987
Bessie Viola	April 26, 1910 --Sept. 6, 1985
Beatrice Rose	March 5, 1912--March , 1997
Mary Ella	Jan. 31, 1914--Jan. 3, 1996

Nellie Taft Thompson wed Lloyd Edward Burks April 4, 1926 at Sayre, Oklahoma. Nellie was born on June 9, 1908 and passed away at Sayre, Oklahoma on March 26, 1987. Lloyd was born on Feb. 15, 1906 and passed away Oct. 14, 1993.

### Their Children:

Gene Malcolm Burks	Oct. 24, 1927	<i>wife: Nadine Copenhaver R - Deborah</i>
Reyburn Howard	June 27, 1931 -	<i>Pamela</i>
<b>Frances Nell</b>	Feb. 23, 1935	
Judy Kay	July 3, 1945 -	<i>James Robertson son: Sean Cobb</i>
Don Edward	April 25, 1950	<i>ELLEN Reek sons: Paul Jonathan</i>

Frances Nell Burks wed Billy Ray Pounds on August 27, 1955 in Sayre, Oklahoma. Frances was born on Feb. 23, 1935 in Sayre at the family home during an Okla. dust storm. Billy Ray was born in Sayre, OK on November 17, 1929.

### Their Children:

Gary Ray Pounds	Oct. 11, 1957
Larry Don Pounds	Jan. 6, 1962

Gary Ray Pounds wed Laura Dawn Daniels, on Feb. 25, 1984 in Mulvane, Kansas.

### Their Children:

Nathalie Renee	October 15, 1986
Ethan Scott	April 15, 1988

Larry Don Pounds wed Marie Carmen Shearhart on May 22, 1988 in Parsons, KS. They are divorced.

Their Children:

Derek Anthony  
K. C.

Dec. 19, 1985 - Derek's son Christopher  
Jan. 6, 1990

William Franklin Thompson was born in Greensboro, N. C. November 15, 1867 and departed this life Jan. 2, 1955 at the age of 87 in his home at 209 W. Elm St. in Sayre, OK. When a small boy, Mr. Thompson moved to W. Tennessee and then to Texas where he met and married Emilia Field Gleaves. In 1900 they filed on a claim in western Oklahoma near Grimes during the Ok run.

The Thompsons had 12 children and 9 survived. Grand dad became a Christian as a young man and was licensed to preach by the Delhi Baptist Church.

Grandmother Thompson was an accomplished musician with two hymns published. One named "Mother" was written to honor her own mother. The other published song, "Jesus of Calvary" was to honor her saviour.

Grand Mother Thompson became the first Postmaster (Postmistress) in Oklahoma Territory in Roger Mills County on April 21st, 1905. Grand mother gave music lessons to her children as well as others. She used a pump organ instead of a piano and the organ had a high carved top. If the family happened to move to a home that had a low ceiling, grandmother would cut a hole in the ceiling instead of cutting the top of the organ down.

Bertha, the oldest daughter, purchased the house on 209 Elm when my grandparents passed away. The house was purchased by my parents when Loyd and Nell retired and moved back to Sayre in 1972. Dad also passed away at the home on 209 W. Elm in 1993, also at the age of 87.

Grand dad Thompson never sat down to eat without saying the following prayer:

"Oh Lord, bless this food to the good of our bodies and our bodies in thy service. Amen."

Beckham County in the year 1820 was Choctaw and Chickasaw land and in 1879 - 1885 was Cheyenne, Arapaho. Oklahoma became a state on November 16, 1907. Cheyenne-Arapaho land was opened for settlement in 1892. Only 1/2 of the land was settled by October and sold for \$1.50 per acre. This newly settled territory took the Southern part of Roger Mills County and the North part of Greer County and formed Beckham County.

Most of the memories of my grandparents are centered around family reunions. We lived close to them but I can't remember going to visit them as a child. I can remember granddad out on his front porch with his "shoe last" repairing his soles and heels. Their kitchen was very small with a small table and a couple of chairs. Whenever he ate anything, even a slice of bread, he said his prayer out loud and it didn't matter who was there. I learned a lot about reverence from them both. I cannot remember going to church at the First Southern Baptist Church in Sayre, OK. without seeing my grandparents in the front pews as long as they were able to go.

I can still hear grand dad's song whenever he would be rocking in his chair, "Bye-e-Oh, Baby, Bye-e-Oh, Baby", sung to the tune of a wonderful old hymn, "How Firm A Foundation".

A part of my childhood memories are of just every day life of my mother's parents at their home at 209 W. Elm St. in Sayre, the home my parents bought for their retirement home years later.

Grand dad had a cow that he often kept tied up out front or wherever the grass needed to be mowed. This was their milk supply and my brother Reyburn reminded me it was ours also. I believe this was in the early 1940's.

In the living room above the mohair brown couch hung a print of "The Scout." On another wall was a dark blue card board square picture with the inscription in silver shiny words, "Let Us Live Together and Love One Another."

The home at 209 W. Elm was well used by all the family and showed signs of age. There was linoleum over wood floors and wall paper on the walls and ceilings. The house was always clean and welcome to everyone. Grandmother always wore pretty, feminine dresses and often a shawl over her shoulders. There was always a pin or flower decoration on her dress. Black lace-up sturdy shoes and hose. Her hair never did turn all grey. It was dark, not black though with grey streaks. Her hair was pulled back in a neat bun most of the time. Grand dad wore a suit or dress pants and a white shirt unless he was working around the house. He was a slight gentleman, stooped over from years of hard work and also age. He always wore a hat when outside. I was interested in his vest pocket watch too. Granddad developed a health problem in his old age and the doctor told him he should take a drink of wine occasionally to stimulate his circulation. He really was bothered at this suggestion, being a tee-totaler, but later gave in to the idea. He passed away on Jan. 2, 1955 at their home in the east bedroom. I hope I always remember his smile and his gentle laugh.

Bill and I were wed in Aug. 1955. We moved to Quantico, VA the following Jan. After Basic training we located to 29 Palms, CA. and after 3 years, Bill's service time was over with the Marines. We moved to Albuquerque, NM. where he taught Jr. High School. After one semester we moved back to Sayre. Grandmother had kept in touch by mail and now we lived near her again. She called often and we went to see her when we could. We bought a house about four blocks from her.

I remember the trash truck pulled up in their alley once when Gary and I were there and she went out to her rose bush and picked her prettiest rose, walked over and gave it to the driver. After they had left she told me one should be kind to everyone no matter what they did. I also remember kids never did like to mow her lawn because she would follow them around and not let them mow down any wild flowers.

One night we were having a bad rain storm and we had gone to bed. the phone rang and it was one of the local telephone operators. They knew me as I had worked there for two and one-half years before we wed. The operator also knew that "Mrs. Thompson" was my grandmother. The operator told me she thought something was wrong at grandmothers. She had the receiver off the hook and they could hear her breathing. I rushed over to her house and found her sitting in her rocking chair. She smiled at me but couldn't speak. She was having a heart attack. I called the doctor, Aunt Mabel, and Aunt Bess and they came right away. Dad and mother lived in Amarillo, TX.

Grandmother lived out her days in a nursing home and went home to be with the Lord March 9, 1961.

*209 W. Elm - The old house has burned down. Bill and I drove past the street and were so sad to see a new home built on the property.*