

POWELL FAMILY

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(GRANDDAUGHTER OF NER POWELL)**

The Powell name goes back to Wales and was ApHowell. One group dropped the A and H and assumed Powell. The other group assumed Howell. They were originally from the town of Breconshire South Wales which indicates a Scottish settlement. The name of Powell was known as English during the reign of King Henry VIII, A.D. 1509.

THOMAS J. and HENRIETTA POWELL and family took 70 days getting to the U.S. from England as they had to go around a storm at sea. Their 2nd son was William Henry Powell.

WILLIAM HENRY POWELL born May 17, 1810 on Church St., London, England, married ORPHA POLAND born Oct. 19, 1815, Allegheny County, MD. Married March 6, 1833. William died Nov. 30, 1865 in Converse, IN. Orpha died Jan. 6, 1897 at Delphos, KS.

William Henry Powell was instructed by his mother in learning & morals & in industry & hard labor & had his lessons in the forests & fields & in helping his father with his canal contract so that even though somewhat handicapped those early days, he was well fitted for life's work. Sometime they moved to Iowa City which was then the state capitol. There was no railroad W. of the Mississippi River, & they helped build the first one on the ice at 37 degrees below 0. The extreme cold discouraged them, & after two years they moved back to Ohio. William Henry was a Republican & an Abolitionist. Their children were:



ORPHA POLAND POWELL

THOMAS POWELL born Feb. 13, 1834. He came to Kansas from Iowa and enlisted in Co. D 11th KS. Voluntary Mounted Infantry. At the end of the war, he was sent to Ft. Laramie, WY and was killed by the Indians July 26, 1865.

HENRIETTA POWELL born Aug. 11, 1836 married ARISTIDES DEVAUSE GEREN on March 1, 1855. He was a blacksmith in 1872 in Beloit, KS and in 1877 in Delphos, KS. They had 7 children. Henrietta died Feb. 16, 1877 and her husband married her sister ARILLA. They had 5 more children. He died June 13, 1905.

JOSEPH F. POWELL born Sept. 23, 1837. He was in the battles of Pittsburgh Landing & Shiloh. In 1865 he was located in Missouri & married MARIAH J. DAVIS. They had 1 child. In 1880 he moved to Wilson Co., KS and 1890 to Denver. Mariah died in 1913 and he married MARGARET DUNSMORE.

PRISCILLA POWELL born Sept. 10, 1843 in Ohio & later went to Kansas. Married Jan. 22, 1885 to a Civil War soldier, JAMES WANZER. She died Jan. 12, 1901. He died a few years later at Simpson, KS.

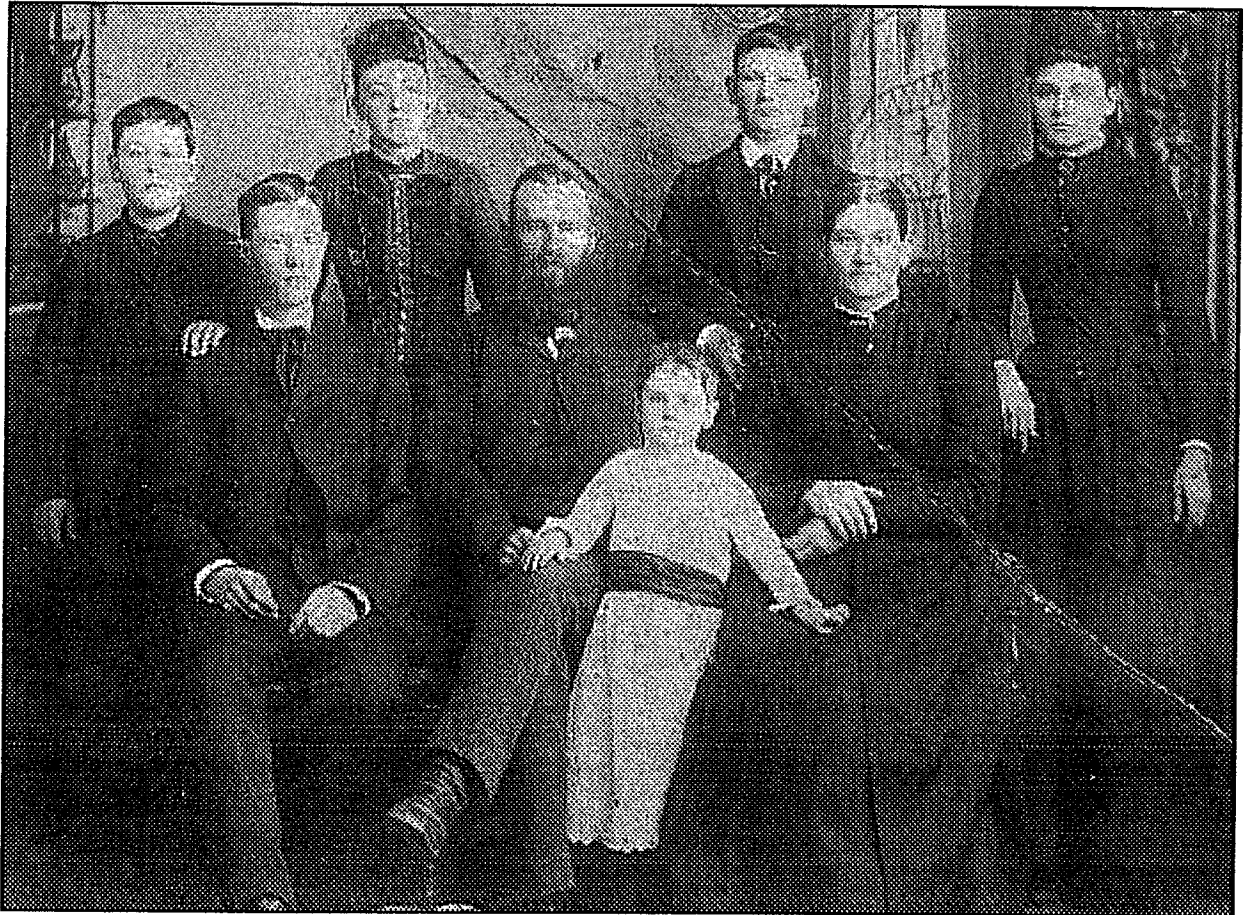
FINLEY LEONARD POWELL born Oct. 5, 1844 (see following)

LUTHER M. POWELL born July 27, 1847 married SARAH JANE KNOX of Ohio born Sept. 18, 1848. Married Sept. 13, 1870. Drove in a covered wagon from Indiana to Ottawa Co., KS. Bought a homestead west of Delphon where they lived for 20 years. They had 7 children. He died March 23, 1914.

JOHN Q. POWELL born Nov. 10, 1851 married MARY E. STEVENS born Oct. 5, 1850. Married Nov. 2, 1876. John taught school in Owen Co., IN, had a grocery business at Coal City, was a Postmaster in 1903 in Bowling Green, & was a rural mail carrier for 12 years. They had 3 children & owned their farm.

THE FAMILY OF

FINLEY LEONARD POWELL



BR: ADOLPH, ETTA, NER, MYRTIE
FR: QUINN, FINLEY, BLANCHE, LOVEY

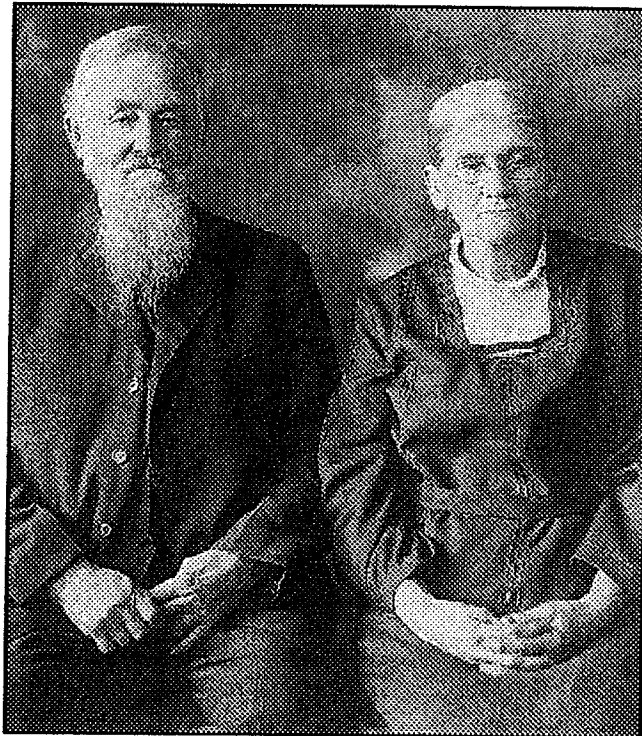
FINLEY LEONARD POWELL born Oct.5, 1844 near Bakersville, Ohio in Coshocton County & raised in Indiana married LOVIE ANN TANQUARY born May 1, 1849 near Converse, IN to Wm. & Elizabeth Shackeford Tanquary. Married Nov. 22,1868. Finley died March 18, 1927 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E.L. Chamberlain in Cedar township. Lovie died June 22, 1930. Both buried Altoona, KS.

Finley enlisted in the Civil War Service on Feb. 23,1864, CO M 9th Ohio Volunteers Cavalry & was wounded in the arm at Akin, SC. He marched with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. He was mustered out Aug.2,1865. Moved to Converse, IN in 1866. Finley & Lovie went to KS in a covered wagon in 1880 & settled 4 miles from Altoona, KS. The first thing he did was did was build a church with his own money & hired a preacher. The church was called Star Chapel. Someone purposely burned it down but the remains are still there. They lived 4 miles from Altoona, KS for 8 years & then moved to Fredonia & lived the remainder of their lives.

Finley always had prayer at mealtime & then again at bedtime when everyone knelt by a chair. At harvest time Finley even had a time of prayer with the hired help. He loved his family & made oportunities for getting the children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren together & there was always lots to eat.

His obituary read, "Finley Powell was converted & joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when young & has always been a faithful worker, giving gladly & willingly of his time & money for the upbuilding of the church & community. He was a faithful companion to his wife & a loving father to his children, always trying to instruct them the right way to live."

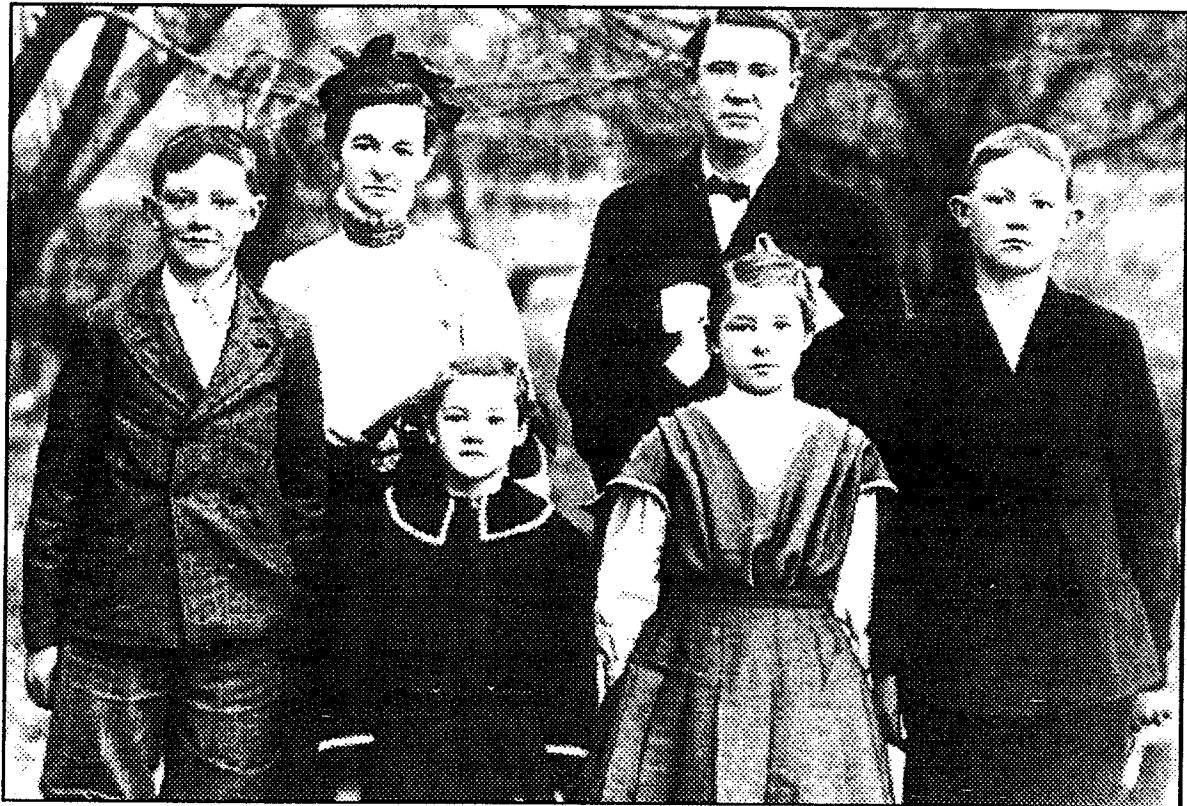
Finley & Lovey were married 59 years. All their children married from the old Powell farm.



FINLEY & LOVIE

1ST CHILD OF FINLEY L. POWELL

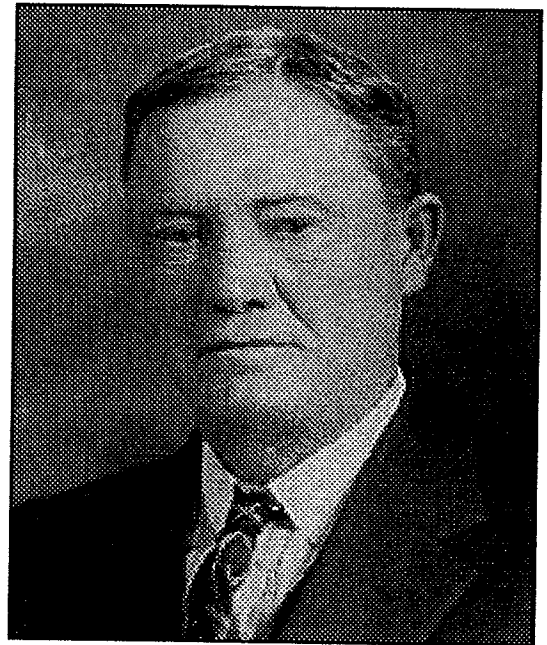
WILLIAM
QUINBY
POWELL



BR: ROY, ELDORA, QUINN, HAROLD
FR: MYRTLE, FERN

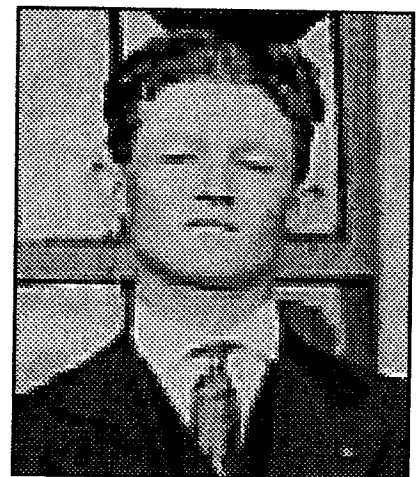
- I. WILLIAM QUINBY POWELL (twin to Etta) born Jan.24, 1871 in Converse, IN married ELDORA CLAY FISK born Dec.31, 1872 in Altoona, KS to Richard S. & Mary M. Fisk. Married Nov.29, 1894 in Altoona, KS. Eldora died May 4, 1915. Married LILLY HASKET. Quinn died Jan.23, 1941. Buried Altoona, KS.

Quinn & Eldora lived in Altoona, KS, then staked a claim around Edmond, OK for about a year. Because Eldora was sickly they moved back to Altoona the fall of 1897 & farmed. He worked at the Zinc Smelter until 1909. In 1910 he bought a steam threshing machine & threshed until the combine took over. After Eldora died he went to Colorado & stayed until 1917 when WWI began, then moved to Great Bend, KS. After Harold & Roy came home from the war, they all went to Baca Co., CO & worked a farm until the depression, then again returned to Great Bend. After Quinn & Lilly married, they lived on her property in Heavener, OK a short time but he could not stand the climate so he moved back to Great Bend & lived the remainder of his life there. Roy said, "They were very dear parents, hard workers, very staunch Methodists, and brought their children up in the way of the Lord."



QUINN 1928

- A. HAROLD (Butch) QUINCY POWELL was born Sept. 5, 1895 near Altoona, KS married ANGELINE LOUISE LUDWIG born Feb.10, 1897 in Great Bend, KS to George & Theresa (Bond) Ludwig. Married Oct.22, 1919. Harold died May 23, 1973 & Angie died March 29, 1978. Both buried in Great Bend Veterans Circle.



HAROLD 1916

Harold served in the Army in WWI Co C137 Infantry 35th Div. for 2 years. He had 1 year combat duty in France & was discharged May 9, 1919. He owned Powell IGA Grocery & Meat Market for 27 years until 1946 & then Powell Custom Packing until retirement. He was City Councilman, charter member of American Legion Club, Chairman of Parade Committee, & involved in VFW, Veteran of WWI Barracks, Saddle Club, & Masons. He attended the Methodist Church. Angie kept the books for the store & was active in American Legion, VFW, & Eastern Star. She enjoyed roses & crocheting.

1. VIRGINIA LOUISE POWELL born Aug.4, 1920 in Great Bend, KS married GLENN WENDELL SHAW born Jan.1, 1915. Married Oct.12, 1941. Address 1586 Bittern Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Ginny graduated HS Great Bend, KS 1938 & attended Lindenwood Girls School in MO. She enjoys knitting, bridge, & does volunteer work. Glenn retired in 1983 from Lockheed Aircraft Co. He enjoys electronics & photography. They both enjoy traveling.