

I WANT TO INCLUDE A FEW FACTS CONCERNING THE PEOPLE AND PLACES MENTIONED. AS I HAVE WORKED ON THIS I HAVE BECOME SO EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED THAT SOMETIMES I HAVE TO QUIT WORK ON IT. THIS FAMILY WERE ALL TENDER, KIND, AND VERY SENSITIVE, LOVING PEOPLE. MANY OF THEM WERE VERY ARTISTIC. YOU MAY SEE SOME OF THESE WONDERFUL QUALITIES IN YOUR OWN CHILDREN.

WILLIAM N. CARD --- A QUAKER MINISTER OF SOME RENOWN ALL OF HIS LIFE THERE IN WEST NEWTON. ACCORDING THE OBITUARY (INCLUDED), HE WAS QUITE FLUENT AND MOST ARDENT IN HIS "SAVING OF SOULS". CAN'T YOU SEE HIM WITH HIS WHITE BEARD FLOWING REALLY LAYING IT ON IN THE PULPIT? PERHAPS, THAT IS WHY MANY OF US IN THE FAMILY HAVE A DEEP ABIDING FAITH, FOR THE BIBLE STATES IN NO UNCERTAIN WORDS, THAT SOMEONE LIKE THIS HAS AN INFLUENCE FOR MANY GENERATIONS. INCIDENTALLY, THEY WERE A VERY POOR FAMILY SO THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY SEVERAL OF THE CHILDREN LEFT AND WENT WEST.

MARY JANE CARD --- I KNOW NOTHING OF HER BACKGROUND AND NOT MUCH CONCERNING HER, EXCEPT HEARING IT MENTIONED THAT ARTHUR RECEIVED HER KIND AND LOVING NATURE (AND THAT HE DID, AS DID MONA, EFFIE, JOHN AND ED). THE OTHERS WERE MORE DRIVING AND SUCCESS ORIENTED. APPARENTLY, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER SHE WROTE NELL WELCOMING HER INTO THE FAMILY (INCLUDED) SHE EXPERIENCED POOR HEALTH DURING HER LATER YEARS --- PERHAPS, THOUGH, YOU WILL OBSERVE HER LOVELY, STEADY HANDWRITING IN THAT LETTER. ALSO, HER USE OF THE LANGUAGE WAS VERY LOVELY.

JOHN P. CARD -- HE CAME TO THE GATE AREA QUITE EARLY, PROBABLY BEFORE STATEHOOD IN 1907. THERE WAS QUITE A QUAKER SETTLEMENT THERE AND A QUAKER ACADEMY (HIGH SCHOOL) WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE TOWN -- THAT WAS OLD GATE IN THE VALLEY EAST OF THE PRESENT TOWN. HE AND RILLA CAME WEST AND HE WAS A CARPENTER AND HEADED UP A "THRESHING CREW" AT HARVEST TIME. RILLA WAS A NOTED COOK SO THEY SET UP A COOK - SHACK THAT WENT WITH THE THRESHING CREW AND SHE DID THE COOKING. THE BREAD SHE COULD BAKE AND THE FOOD SHE COULD COOK I HAVE A FEELING PARTLY KEPT HIS CREW ON THE JOB, FOR YOU DID NOT FIND THAT VERY OFTEN IN THOSE DAYS. LATER, THEY RAN THE HOTEL AT GATE. I WELL REMEMBER IT. IT WAS A TWO STORY LONG WHITE FRAME BUILDING ON MAIN STREET JUST ABOUT DUE SOUTH OF THE GATE CO-OP. THEY KEPT ROOMERS AND OF COURSE, BOARDERS. THAT KEPT RILLA VERY BUSY. I SPENT MANY AN HOUR IN THEIR LOBBY LOOKING THROUGH THEIR STEREOSCOPE. I ALSO SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME AT THE LONG TABLE WHERE SHE SERVED FAMILY STYLE MEALS. I WELL REMEMBER AN INCIDENT INVOLVING MY MOTHER AT THAT TABLE. JOHN'S SON, WILLIAM, WAS ABOUT 16 AND HE AND MY MOTHER ALWAYS LIKED TO TEASE. AT ONE MOMENT AT THIS TABLE SHE PICKED UP A PIECE OF PIE AND THREW ACROSS THE TABLE AT HIM, BUT HE DODGED AND THE PIE HUNG IN THE CURTAINS AND ON THE WALL. I WAS ONLY 5 OR 6 AND AT THAT TENDER AGE I WAS QUITE SHOCKED!

THEY WERE BOTH KIND AND LOVING AND SHE WAS A HARD WORKER. I MIGHT ADD THAT WHEN MOTHER WENT THERE AS A BRIDE SHE AND DAD LIVED WITH JOHN AND RILLA FOR SOME LITTLE TIME IN THE HOUSE JUST NORTH OF WHAT LATER BECAME OUR HOME FOR TWENTY SOME YEARS.

EMMA R. CARD JESSUP --- I DO NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE JESSUP FAMILY, EXCEPT THAT THEY WERE A WELL RESPECTED FAMILY AROUND WEST NEWTON. THE HOME EMMA AND HER HUSBAND BUILT IN CAMBY, IND., WAS A LARGE, LOVELY RED BRICK -- I BELIEVE GEORGETOWN STYLE. IT HAD A LOVELY WINDING STAIRCASE AND I DID LOVE TO TREAD THOSE STAIRS. THEY HAD TWO DAUGHTERS, NEITHER OF WHOM MARRIED. LOUISE TAUGHT SCHOOL IN INDIANAPOLIS UNTIL RETIREMENT AND MARY WORKED IN AN OFFICE FOR YEARS. EMMA AND HER HUSBAND, WILL, HAD TWO SONS. HAL MARRIED BUT HAD NO CHILDREN AND THE OTHER SON, DON, MARRIED AND HAD SEVERAL CHILDREN. ONE OF DON'S SONS WAS SERVING IN THE INDIANA STATE LEGISLATURE THE LAST I HEARD. EMMA WAS A VERY HANDSOME, PORTLY WOMAN WITH MUCH BEAUTIFUL WHITE HAIR. I ESPECIALLY REMEMBER HER RECITING AND TEACHING ME THE POEM, L'ENVOI BY KIPLING. (I RECOMMEND IT TO EACH OF YOU).

EDGAR F. CARD -- I SPENT A FEW DAYS IN THEIR HOME AND FOUND THEM, BOTH, VERY QUIET, KIND PEOPLE. THEY HAD AN ORCHARD AND A FEW ACRES TO FARM. I AM SURE THEIR LIVING WAS SMALL -- AS WERE MOST WHO FARMED IN THAT AREA. PERHAPS, THE JESSUPS WERE THE EXCEPTION.

STELLA B. CARD BEEMAN -- I REMEMBER HER AS VERY DOMINEERING BUT A VERY SMART AND HANDSOME PERSON. SHE MARRIED L. L. BEEMAN (I DO NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS FROM) AND THEY, TOO, MOVED WEST TO CALIFORNIA. THEY SETTLED IN SANTA ANA WHERE HE TAUGHT IN THE SANTA ANA JUNIOR COLLEGE UNTIL HE RETIRED. SHE KEPT ROOMERS AS THEY HAD A LARGE BEAUTIFUL HOME AT 910 FRENCH ST. THEY HAD ONE SON, BILL, BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS. HE ENJOYED THE LIFE OF THE THEATRE, SO PROBABLY HE WENT INTO THAT WORK. DURING THE DEPRESSION YEARS BOXES NEVER FAILED TO ARRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS FOR OUR FAMILY. THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MUCH CHRISTMAS, OFTEN WITHOUT THOSE GIFTS. I STILL PRIZE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT CAME TO ME LIKE BOOKS, BOOK ENDS AND JEWELRY.

EFFIE M. CARD HOWELL --- SHE MARRIED ELI HOWELL OF THE WEST NEWTON AREA. SHE WAS A QUIET, GENTLE PERSON WHILE ELI WAS A BOMBASTIC SORT OF GENTLEMAN. I KNEW THEM AFTER THEY HAD MOVED TO SAN ANTONIO WHERE HE WORKED IN THE OIL BUSINESS. THEIR HOME ON DEL PRADO DRIVE WAS A SHOW PLACE. THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN, TWO OF WHOM STILL LIVE IN SAN ANTONIO. ONE DAUGHTER WAS A CONCERT VIOLINIST . SHE NOW RESIDES IN OR NEAR WASHINGTON D. C. ONE SON DIED IN HIS TEENS.

ARTHUR BARNETT CARD ----- YOUR GRANDFATHER DID NOT SPEAK OF HIS CHILDHOOD. I FEEL BEING SO POOR AND A "PREACHERS KID" ON TOP OF ALL MADE HIS EARLY YEARS HARD TO BEAR. AFTER GRADUATION HE AND TWO OTHERS WENT TO SEATTLE WHERE THEY STAYED SEVERAL WEEKS. HE OFTEN SPOKE OF THAT TRIP AND OF HOW HE ENJOYED IT. I DO NOT KNOW WHY HE DID NOT STAY BUT TWO RETURNED AND ONE STAYED. WHEN HE WAS 25 HE FINALLY DECIDED TO COME WEST AND JOIN JOHN, HIS BROTHER. HE TOOK THE TRAIN TO ALVA WHERE JOHN MET HIM AND THEY WENT BY WAGON TO GATE --- HE OFTEN SPOKE OF THAT TRIP TAKING THREE DAYS. I FEEL SURE HE WAS QUITE LOST AT GATE, BUT HE FILED ON A CLAIM SOUTHWEST OF TOWN (I WISH I KNEW THE LAND NUMBERS OF THE CLAIM), HE BUILT A SOD HOUSE AND ALSO TAUGHT SCHOOL DURING THE WINTER. I FEEL ARTHUR AND JOHN SETTLED IN GATE BECAUSE OF THE ACADEMY AND THE FACT IT WAS A QUAKER SETTLEMENT.

LATER A MR. KENT OF WOODWARD TOOK HIM IN AND TAUGHT HIM THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS. HE WAS MOST ACTIVE IN BRINGING THE MKT RAILROAD INTO THE PANHANDLE AREA. HE SPENT MUCH TIME DEVELOPING TOWNS AND SELLING LOTS ALONG THE RAILROAD. I HAVE A MAP FRAMED ON MY WALL THAT I FOUND THAT IS THE NEW PLATT FOR THE NEW TOWN OF GATE ON THE HILL. UP TO THAT TIME THE TOWN HAD BEEN IN THE VALLEY WHERE THE ACADEMY WAS. I DO NOT KNOW THE EXACT DATE THAT GATE MOVED TO THE RAILROAD ON THE HILL.

IN 1917 HE MARRIED NELL MADELINE RUNNELS . HE HAD MET HER AT AN AUCTION WHERE HE WAS SELLING LOTS AND SHE WAS THERE ON RAILROAD BUSINESS. SHE WAS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF ANTHONY & NORTHERN RAILROAD LOCATED IN HUTCHINSON, KS. HE WAS SMART ENOUGH TO MARRY HER AND THEY MOVED TO GATE WHERE HIS REAL ESTATE OFFICE WAS LOCATED. (PICTURE INCLUDED). THEY HAD THREE DAUGHTERS PHYLLIS, BARBARA AND JANET. AT ONE TIME THEY LIVED IN A ROOM BEHIND HIS OFFICE ON MAIN STREET, BUT SOON MOVED INTO THE HOME JUST SOUTH OF THE HOME THAT BECAME THE CARD HOME FOR TWENTY SOME YEARS.

ABOUT 1933 A MOST TERRIBLE DEPRESSION HIT OUR COUNTRY AND AT THE SAME TIME THE SAD DUST BOWL ERA WAS UPON US. REAL ESTATE WAS NOT SELLING TOO WELL (IT WAS ALL IN THE SKY), SO ARTHUR WENT INTO THE OIL LEASING BUSINESS AND OIL ROYALTY BUSINESS. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRST WELL DRILLED IN THE PANHANDLE IN 1934, JUST SOUTH OF KNOWLES. I WELL REMEMBER HIS DEEP SORROW AT THE TIME IT WAS PLUGGED --- NOW THERE ARE WELLS ON THIS LAND AND ALL AROUND. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED TO HAVE GREAT FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF THE OIL BUSINESS IN OKLAHOMA --- HE HAD IDEAS WELL AHEAD OF HIS TIME. HE OFTEN TOLD ME WHEN HE WAS HAVING IT SO HARD THAT HE WOULD NEVER SEE MUCH FROM ALL OF HIS WORK BUT THAT WE GIRLS WOULD. AND SO IT WAS!

IN 1940 OR 1941 THEY MOVED TO 630 CENTER IN ALVA, OKLAHOMA WHERE BARBARA AND JANET COULD ATTEND COLLEGE (PHYLLIS HAD GRADUATED IN 1940). FROM THERE HE CONTINUED TO WORK THE WESTERN AREA. EXACTLY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, MAY 23, 1955, THE BIG OIL PUSH CAME FOR BEAVER COUNTY. HOW HE HAD DREAMED OF THIS TIME --- BUT TOO LATE. NELL TOOK OVER THE BUSINESS AND RAN IT VERY SUCCESSFULLY . HER THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE OIL LEASE BUSINESS, HER ENERGY AND HER SHREWD BUSINESS CAPABILITIES WERE

RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT ONLY PRESERVING ARTHUR'S ENTERPRISE, BUT FOR CAUSING IT TO PROSPER AND GROW FOR THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS. SHE WAS VERY GENEROUS WITH THE INCOME FROM THE OIL BUSINESS AND OFTEN DIVIDED WITH ALL THE GRANDCHILDREN IN A MOST SUBSTANTIAL WAY ----- SHE KNEW ARTHUR WOULD APPROVE.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT TELL YOU -- ESPECIALLY YOU DUNN GRAND-CHILDREN --- THE VERY FACT YOU OWN LAND IN COLORADO IS DUE TO THE WORK OF YOUR GRANDFATHER CARD. ABOUT 1949 (?) HE TOLD US ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY LAND IN PROWERS COUNTY AND HE FELT SURE IT WOULD PAY OFF. THAT FIRST WHEAT CROP NEARLY PAID FOR OUR LAND. IN LATER YEARS GRANDMOTHER DEEDED HER 320 ACRES TO YOU DUNNS AND IN 1990 MAX AND I DEEDED OUR 240 ACRES TO YOU. SO AGAIN, WE ALL ARE BENEFICIARIES OF HIS WORK AND HIS ADVICE AND OF HER GENEROSITY AND HER ABILITY TO PRESERVE WHAT THEY HAD WORKED SO HARD FOR ALL OF THEIR LIVES.

MONA L. CARD ROWLAND ----- MONA WAS A VERY TENDER, LOVING PERSON. WE GIRLS AT GATE ALWAYS RECEIVED A CHRISTMAS BOX FROM HER, AS WELL AS ONE FROM STELLA, AS I HAVE MENTIONED. SHE STAYED HOME AND CARED FOR HER PARENTS AS THEY AGED, BECAME ILL AND DIED. SHE HAD A BAD MARRIAGE AND AFTER BEING DIVORCED (I SUPPOSE AROUND 1942) SHE MOVED TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA WITH HER SISTER AND HUSBAND. THE TWO WOMEN RAN A KINDERGARTEN IN A BUILDING IN THE BACK YARD FOR YEARS. FINALLY, MONA MARRIED C. M. ROWLAND. SHE HAD NO CHILDREN. SHE, TOO, IS BURIED IN SANTA ANA. MONA WAS THE ARTIST-- I HAVE HER LOVELY PICTURE ON MY WALL OF "GYPSY AT THE FOUNTAIN"--- TO ME A REAL TREASURE. NEAR HER DEATH HER MEDICAL BILLS WERE MOUNTING SO SHE SOLD ME THE PICTURE. SHE HAD MANY OTHER PAINTINGS BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

AND NOW GATE ----- (SO NAMED BECAUSE IT WAS THE GATEWAY TO "NO MAN'S LAND -----.) DURING MY GROWING UP YEARS GATE WAS QUITE A "SPOT". AS YOU KNOW THE MAIN STREET IS 100 FEET WIDE SO THAT LEAVES MUCH ROOM FOR PARKING. I WELL REMEMBER MOST OF THE TIME FOR THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS UP AND DOWN MAIN STREET, PARKING WAS SOLID. THEN TOO, PARKING WAS ALLOWED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET AND THAT, TOO, WAS FULL, ESPECIALLY ON WEEK ENDS. I REMEMBER GATE HAD THE TWO STORY HOTEL RUN BY JOHN CARD. IT HAD SEVERAL FILLING STATIONS, A BAKERY, DRY GOODS STORES, SEVERAL GROCERY STORES, RESTAURANTS, I BELIEVE AT ONE TIME TWO BANKS, A CREAMERY, REAL ESTATE OFFICES, AN UNDERTAKER PARLOR, CAR DEALERSHIPS, GARAGES, DRUG STORES, LAWYERS OFFICE, FURNITURE STORE AND PROBABLY SALOONS (OF WHICH I WAS NOT AWARE AT THE TIME). THERE WAS A TWO STORY, SQUARE, RED BRICK BUILDING THAT HOUSED GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL. THIS BUILDING WAS RAZED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE MODERN BUILDING WHICH IS THERE TODAY. AT ONE TIME THERE WERE SEVERAL CHURCHES, BUT I REMEMBER ONLY THE QUAKER AND METHODIST CHURCHES. THE QUAKER CHURCH OUR FAMILY ATTENDED WAS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL -- SOUTH. TODAY A HOME STANDS THERE AND THE NEW QUAKER CHURCH IS ON MAIN STREET. QUAKERS FROM INDIANA FIRST SETTLED OLD GATE AND THIS IS STILL THE DOMINANT FAITH OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS FACT, AFTER NEARLY A CENTURY, IS A TESTAMENT TO THOSE PIONEERS WHO SETTLED AND DEVELOPED THE AREA AND MOST SURELY IS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR ABIDING FAITH.