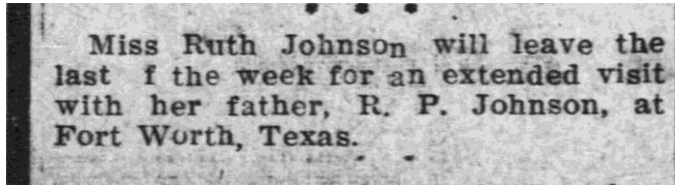


Richard P. Johnston

Richard P. Johnston, the son of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden, was born Jul 1870 in Missouri¹ and resided in 1880 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.² In 1892,³ R. P. as he was known, married **Almedia Holland**, daughter of Robert Holland and Elizabeth Norman. Almedia was born 15 Aug 1874.⁴ As a side note, Robert Holland later married Richard's sister, Mary Olive Johnston.

Information on the R.P. and Almedia is sketchy. Census data and newspaper articles of the time provide most of the information. On 10 Jan 1899, Fred and Margaret Ann Johnston deeded their son R. P. 40 acres (NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec 31, TS 28 R 3E) in Greenwood Valley. In 1900 Richard and his brother, Eugene, were both working as barbers Poplar Bluff, MO.⁵ In 1902, R. P. had moved his family to Shreveport, Louisiana to continue his barber career. His youngest child Bernice was born in



Shreveport. Soon after the birth of Bernice the family moved to Coffeyville, Kansas where, in 1907, Richard was initiated into the Modern Woodmen⁶ and became a state deputy of the Highland Nobles in 1909.⁷ Almedia and R. P. had three children: **Ruth M. Johnston**, b. Aug 1893 in Poplar Bluff, MO⁸ **Frank Richard Johnston**, born 12 Dec 1894 in Williamsville, MO,^{9,10} and **Bernice Johnston**, born 14 Nov 1902.

From 1910 to 1912 R.P., Almedia, and children lived at 510 E. 10th Street in Coffeyville, Kansas and R.P. worked as a traveling salesman. Sometime between 1912 and 1917, R. P. left the family and “walked away from home because of discord in the home. No one ever saw him again.”¹¹ This may not be exactly true for numerous people told of having seen him and there was a brief note in the Coffeyville Daily 26 Mar 1912 stating, “Miss Ruth Johnson will leave

the last of the week for an extended visit with her father, R.P. Johnson, at Fort Worth, Texas. No other records on R.P. have been found and even in 2015, living descendants did not know what happened to him.

In 1915, when Almedia's daughter Ruth married, the newspaper article describing the wedding listed “Mrs. Almeta Johnson” as the mother but there was no reference to R.P. In 1917 Almedia and two children lived at 506 E. 10th and took in boarders. She continued to live in Coffeyville until her children were married. In 1922 were living at 817 Lincoln Street.

In 1927 she moved to St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida to be near her daughter Bernice, and she lived at 11 Montrano Avenue in the Davis Shore area until she died on 13 Jul 1961. Almedia was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in St. Augustine.



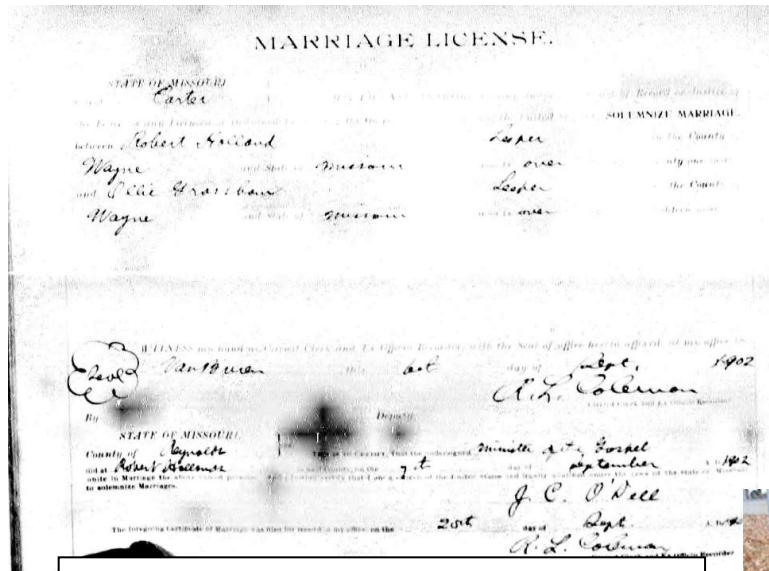
Mary Olive Johnston

Mary Olive Johnston, the daughter of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden, was born 11 Dec 1872 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.¹²

Mary Olive married **James Alexander Grassham**, a farmer who died before 1900.¹³ Following the death of Grassham, Ollie and their three children, **Bessie Grassham** born Jun 1890, **Eugene Alexander Grassham** born 1 Oct 1895, and **Charles Victor Grassham** born 15 Nov 1897, moved back home to her parents' farm near Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.¹⁴ To help support her family Ollie went to work for Robert Holland, a widower who was much older than Ollie and who had children as old as Ollie in some cases. "Thinking people would believe wrong thoughts about them being under the same roof, they wed," writes Coralee Holland Webb, a granddaughter.

Ollie married **Robert Holland** on 7 Sep 1902 in Van Buren, Reynolds, MO,^{15,16} Holland was born 1 Mar 1829 in Hall County, Georgia

. Like Grassham, Holland was a farmer and lived in Webb, Reynolds County, Missouri and was married to Elizabeth Norman. He served in Company A, of the 47th Missouri Infantry during the Civil War. Company A was assigned to Wayne County and Pilot Knob. Familiar names appear on the company "A" roster including Robert Carter, William R. McFadden and George W. Leeper. Holland was mustered out on 28 Mar 1865.

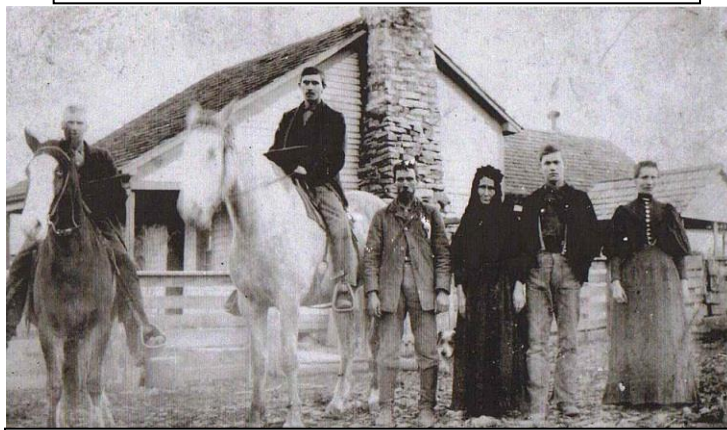


Mary Olive Grassham and Robert Holland - marriage license

Robert and Elizabeth raised thirteen children before Elizabeth died 12 Jul 1901. Following Elizabeth's death, Robert hired Ollie to help with the children.

Ollie and Robert lived in Webb South Half, Reynolds County, Missouri¹⁷ and had three children of their own: **Norman Miller Holland** born 12 Sep 1903, **Sanford Holland** born in 1906, and **Coralee Holland**, born in 1909.^{18,19}

On 8 Feb 1915, months before



Robert Holland, John Holland, Robert Holland Jr., Elizabeth Norman Holland, Joe Holland. Lucinda Holland 1895



Alwood Cemetery



Mary Olive Holland and grandchildren Nita, Naomi and Norma Holland

Robert Holland's death, Robert and Ollie sold their inherited interest in the Johnston family farm to Ollie's brothers, William and Eugene, giving William had a two-thirds interest and Eugene a one-third interest in the Greenwood Valley farm.

Robert Holland died 2 Apr 1915 and is buried in Alwood Cemetery. Ollie's youngest daughter Coralee Holland Webb wrote about this time in a letter. She said that when her father was ill and not expected to live, many relatives came and "just stayed waiting, and as though Mother didn't have enough to do, she had them all to wait on. After my father was dead and buried, they took it to court and tried to get 'something' and he had nothing but the farm and probably not a will. It made it real hard for my mother because she had to take I don't know how many trips, with me tagging along, for three or four days at a time to the county seat to court. Anyway, they weren't able to cut Mother and Norman and me out of any of the estate."²⁰ Ollie, with Robert's small Civil War pension, and the proceeds from the sale of the Holland farm moved back to live with her mother on the Johnston Greenwood Valley farm in 1915. On 31 May 1916, following her mother's death in Mar 1916, Ollie purchased 40 acres of the farm, including the family home, from



Mary Olive Johnston Holland

her brothers. Her son, Norman, and his family lived with her on the farm and worked the land and raised a family just as the previous generation had.



In 1922 Ollie rented or sold the farm to her brother-in-law, William R. McFadden and moved to Philadelphia, Yeadow Borough, Delaware County, Pennsylvania to live with her son, Charles Victor Grassham.²¹ Every summer she returned to Greenwood Valley to visit family and friends. Ollie died 6 Apr 1941 in Philadelphia, Delaware County, PA²² and is buried in the Johnston family cemetery on the site of the family farm in Greenwood Valley, Wayne County, Missouri.

Upon her death, her sister Ethel Chilton wrote: "Loyalty to duties –

and there have been many, loyalty to principles – and they have ever been the highest loyalty to family – and she never wavered here, loyalty to friends and neighbors – and they could always count on her, loyalty to church and God, loyalty in the truest and fullest sense has been the watchword of her life, unflinching courage – and there have been so many occasions that demanded just that;

Johnston/Holland family farm (above)
Greenwood Valley family cemetery (below)
Mary Olive Holland tombstone (below left)



patience to wait and strive that the purpose planned and desired might be achieved; hopefulness in the outcome of all worthy needs; cheerfulness ever in meeting a crisis whether grave or trivial; a full measure of womanly graces and ambitions. Ollie has been a lingering figure of joy and comfort, beloved alike as mother, wife, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend and neighbor – a woman nobly planned.

William ~~W.~~Wiley Johnston

William Wiley Johnston, the son of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden, was born 26 May 1875 in Wayne County, Missouri.^{23,24} He grew up on the family farm in Greenwood Valley near Leeper, Missouri and attended county schools. He attended the Cape Girardeau Normal School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to prepare to become a teacher.²⁵ This was the forerunner of Southeast Missouri State University and was attended by many of his siblings. After graduation, he worked as a teacher in the Leeper, Missouri area, in Cape Girardeau County, and at Jackson, Missouri before heading to Doniphan, Missouri to live.

He moved to Doniphan in 1898 or 1899 and may have taught in Doniphan and then worked as a clerk at the Palace Drug Store.²⁶ In Aug 1900 he purchased a drug store from Fred Caldwell and began Johnston's Pharmacy. In 1901 he added a soda fountain, the first of its kind in Ripley County.²⁷ Will's brother, Eugene, apprenticed with him to become a pharmacist and his partner in the business.

Will married **Sallie Jane Mabrey** on 25 Feb



HOME OF W. W. JOHNSTON, DONIPHAN, MO.

1902 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.^{28,29} Sallie was born 28 Aug 1888 in Doniphan and was the daughter of Thomas Mabrey and Sarah Carter.^{30,31} Her father was the proprietor of the *Doniphan Prospect-News*, a prominent lawyer, a notary public, a state representative, a state senator, and had a ferry boat and landing on the Current River opposite Doniphan. She was a member of the first high school graduating class of 1898 in Doniphan, and studied English, Latin, history and mathematics. After graduation from high school, Sallie went to Hardin College in Mexico, Missouri. She returned to Ripley County after completing her studies and taught in the local schools. The couple purchased Lot 4, Block 1 in the Mabrey's Grove Addition of Doniphan, built a home on the lot on Grand Avenue, and moved in January 1906.

In 1910, Willie and his family, including his sister Ethel who was teaching school, lived on Grand Avenue in Doniphan and were a prominent couple in the city. In addition to running his pharmacy, Willie served on the school board, was city clerk, and was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. He had hunting dogs and a new "dandy" steel launch that he kept on the Current River. Will was industrious in every endeavor. In 1906 he and some other Ripley County citizens incorporated to grub stake a miner, John Schriner, in a gold, silver, lead and copper mine in Mexico. Johnston was Secretary of the corporation. In addition, he expanded his pharmacy to include an Annex

In Sept 1909 the local newspaper wrote: "Johnston's Pharmacy, with Mr. W. W. Johnston as proprietor, is one of the best-conducted and most profitable businesses in the town. We were very much impressed with the size of the stock he carries and the business he is doing. His store is larger than any of its kind in Poplar Bluff or any of the larger towns surrounding. It is conducted by up-to-date business methods and would compare most favorably with the average down-town drug store in the city. Mr. Johnston takes great pleasure in hunting and fishing up and down the Current River, as will be further noticed when you see him in the midst of the hunting scene presented in this issue."



William W. Johnston, far left

Another article reported: "W. W. Johnston is the proprietor and manager of one of the finest drug stores in Ripley County which is conspicuous as the agency of the world-famed Rexall Remedies and toilet articles. The store is finely furnished and carries a full line of rubber goods, popular novels and

periodicals, Eastman kodaks, and victrolas. The prescription department is up-to-date and does a large business in that line.

“W. W. Johnston and E. B. Johnston are both registered pharmacists and have been successfully operating the store for the past 15 years. Two years ago they opened an ice cream parlor and delicatessen store which is one of the show places of the town and county.

“Elegantly furnished and equipped with a fine soda fountain, it caters to the best trade and has a fine moral effect with the young people of the community.

“Personally, the Johnstons are popular citizens whose public spirit and progressive methods place them in the front rank of Doniphan’s businessmen.

“Johnston Brother in addition to their lucrative business own considerable land in Southeast Missouri which the rent on shares producing fine crops of wheat and corn.”³²



Johnston's Pharmacy advertisements

The pharmacy, in addition to drugs and prescriptions, also sold books, toys, jewelry, games, cutlery, paint, fancy china, perfumes, suitcases, school supplies, cigars, and was the broker for most event tickets sold in the town. The pharmacy even housed a circulating library.³³ The ads said, “Come to Johnston’s for anything you want!”³⁴ In 1908 Will became the agent in the Doniphan and the surrounding area for the Andrew Lohr Bottling Company, a producer of soda water, out of Cairo, Illinois.

In addition to a good business sense, William had a sense of humor. The Ripley County Democrat reported that “Johnston’s Pharmacy has an attractive window sign this week. Two mice in a box arranged with a tread mill wheel and in their ply about the box the mice get on the wheel and make it go around very rapidly. It is amusing and attractive and there is generally a crowd around the window.”³⁵ The mice continued to be a problem for Will and six months later the paper reported the solution. “Druggist Will Johnston, of Johnston’s Pharmacy, received a ferret one day last week, which he had sent for, and the little animal had gone to work cleaning up the rats about his warehouse. Will had captured nine big gray fellows in a trap and he put the ferret at work on them with the result that in a very short time the only live thing in the cage was the ferret.”³⁶

William died much too soon on 20 Aug 1916 at age 41 in Doniphan, Missouri as a result of perforation of the bowels due to typhoid fever.³⁷ He was buried 22 Aug 1916 in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO.^{38,39} *The Ripley County Democrat* reported his death:

Death of W. W. Johnston

William W. Johnston died at his home on Grand Avenue, in this city, last Sunday morning at 3:05 o’clock, after an illness of about two weeks from typhoid fever.

No death that has occurred in this community in the history of the town occasioned more of a shock or surprise than when it became known. The deceased was so well

known and generally liked, and, while it was known that he was ill with fever, it was known that he was not in a dangerous condition, and was not, in fact until about an hour or so before he died. At 11 o'clock Saturday night, in reply to queries as to his condition by those who know, he was getting along all right and doing as well as could be expected. About 1 o'clock the trained nurse in charge of the case noticed a change in his condition and called the physician, Dr. S. A. Proctor, who came immediately. There had been a change for the worse in the case, though right at this time it was not thought to be such as to lead to a fatal result, but it was soon found out that he was failing and could not be rallied, and he died at 5 minutes past 3 o'clock, surrounded by members of the family and relatives.

The deceased was a native of Leeper, Wayne county, having been born May 26, 1875. He spent his boyhood days on the home farm near Leeper and was educated in the schools of the county, finishing his education at the Cape Normal. He taught school at home and at Jackson, in Cape county, and came to this county about 1894 and became a member of the school corps of this city, teaching several terms. About 1898 or '99 he was employed as a clerk in the Palace drug store and in August 1900 purchased from Fred Caldwell the store he has conducted as Johnston's Pharmacy. Beginning business without much capital by careful attention, and a determination to serve the public faithfully, he built up a business that was successful, remunerative and deserved.

In February 1902 he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Mabrey, third daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Thomas Mabrey, the young lady having gone to school to him as a girl. From this union two children were born, a son and a daughter, within the past few years he built and furnished a handsome home on Grand Avenue, in the old Mabrey Grove.

Beside the widow and two children he leaves three brothers and three sisters, one of the brothers, Eugene, being interested in the Pharmacy.

The funeral was held Monday after at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church, of which he was a member and an official. Rev. J. W. Worsnop, the pastor, officiated at the church and at the grave. During the hour of the funeral every business house in town was closed. The interment was beside his mother in Oakridge Cemetery. He was 41 years old last May.

As a citizen he always took great interest in civic affairs, was ready at all times to do his share and aid in any way he could things that were of benefit to the community. He served as city clerk for four years, and was also a member of the school board for some years. In all his relations, public and private, he was kindly, obliging and ready to assist wherever benefit would come to his friends or the community. His death is a distinct loss to the town and the community. He was a member of the M. W. A. and held a certificate for \$8,000. Beside the interest held in the drug business, which is considerable, he owned farm land and other real estate and had other interests of profitable character. He had a host of friends, few, if any enemies, and all unite in sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

May his ashes rest in peace.⁴⁰

In 1920, after Willie's death, Sallie and her daughter Bernice and son Mabrey continued to live on Grand Avenue in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri and Sallie was a partner in Johnston's Pharmacy with Eugene Johnston, Willie's brother.⁴¹ In 1930 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri on Grand Avenue she lived with her son, Thomas Mabrey.⁴² Sallie was a member of the Methodist Church in

Doniphan and was president of the mission society for several years. She was a charter member of the Tuesday Reading Club and belonged to the Royal Neighbors.

She died 30 Dec 1945 in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.⁴³ She was buried 1 Jan 1946 in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, Missouri.⁴⁴ The cause of death was a ruptured gall bladder.

Children:

Berenice Johnston born 27 Nov 1902.

Thomas Mabrey "Skipper" Johnston, born 1904



Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO

James M. Johnston

The 1880 US Census and an early family history by Genealogical R & P of St. Louis, Missouri listed James M. Johnston as the son of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden.

According to Genealogical R & P's work, James M. was the twin of William W. was born in 1876 in Greenwood Valley, Wayne County, Missouri. This same research lists the birth date of Eugene B. Johnston as Apr 1879.

The US Census of 1880, dated 10 Jun 1880 presents a different picture. James, in the census was 2 years old and his brother William was four. No younger children were listed. In the US Census of 1900, Margaret Ann Johnston records that she had given birth to 10 children and that 10 children were living.

Other records, including the World War I draft registration, filled out by Eugene, and his death certificate all list his birth date as 19 Apr 1878.

Perhaps the recording of James M. in the 1880 census was incorrect and James M. was really Eugene Basil. Perhaps William W. did indeed have a twin brother, but why did their mother say in 1900 that she had had 10 children and all 10 were surviving? The existence of James M. Johnston remains a mystery.

**MRS. SALLIE JOHNSTON
DIED HERE SUNDAY MORNING**

Mrs. Sallie Johnston died at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the Williams Hospital following a major operation the day before and an illness of a few days. She was 63 years of age.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Doniphan on August 28, 1882, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mabrey. Upon the completion of her grade and high school education here she attended Hardin College in Mexico, Mo. She taught a few years in Ripley County schools.

She was married to Will Johnston in 1901. He died in 1916.

Surviving are one son and one daughter. They are Mabrey Johnston of Doniphan and Mrs. Dave Jolly of Memphis, Tenn. She also is survived by three grandchildren, Dave Jolly, Jr., and Bill Jolly of Memphis and Barbara Ann Johnston of Doniphan. In addition, Mrs. Johnston is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Bess Mahoney, Mrs. Nora Mailugen and Mrs. H. N. Miles of Doniphan and Mrs. C. A. Ponder of Poplar Bluff, and one brother, Will C. Mabrey, of Jefferson City. All members of the immediate family were present for the funeral with the exception of Will Mabrey who is ill.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of the Methodist Church in Doniphan, acting as president of the missionary society for a number of years. She also was a charter member of the Tuesday Reading Club and belonged to the Royal Neighbors.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church under the direction of the Rev. Otto Dvorak. Pallbearers were E. B. Johnston, Arthur Lacy, Carl Williamson, C. A. Doherty, P. Danner and G. A. Danner. Flower girls were members of the Tuesday Reading Club and the Lectus Club. A quartet composed of A. C. Jones, Miss Frances Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wright, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Arthur Lacy, sang at the funeral. Burial was in the Doniphan cemetery.

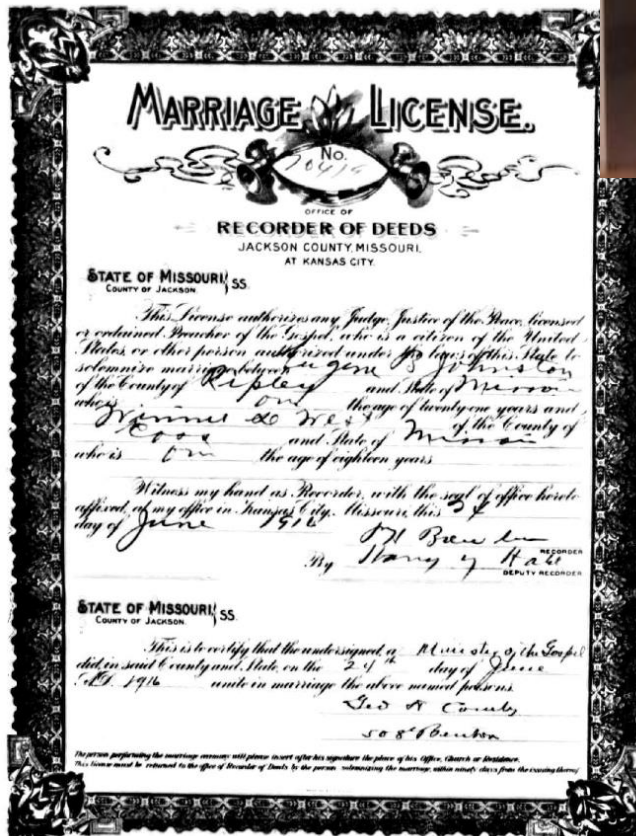
Eugene Basil Johnston

Eugene Basil Johnston, the son of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden, was born 19 Apr 1878 on the family farm in Greenwood Valley, Wayne County, Missouri.^{45,46} Eugene, known as Gene, moved from his home in Greenwood Valley to begin a teaching career but he did not like teaching so he turned to barbering. In 1900 he was a barber in Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri and lived with his brother Richard.⁴⁷⁻⁴⁸ He came to Doniphan in 1904 to join his brother, William, in the operation of Johnston's Pharmacy. In 1910 he was a lodger with Thomas Mabrey, father-in-law of his brother William on Grand Avenue and worked with his brother as a salesman in Johnston's Pharmacy.⁴⁹ He became a licensed pharmacist in 1911 after studying with his brother and obtaining the state license, as was the practice of the time. Following William's death in 1916, Eugene and William's wife, Sallie, became partners in the pharmacy and he operated the business until 1958.^{50,51}

Eugene was a ladies man, and was regularly teased in the local paper, *The Ripley County Democrat*. On 7 Sep 1906 the newspaper reported: "Eugene



Gene Johnston in front of pharmacy



Johnston packed his grip elaborately the first of the week and told his brother, Will, that he was homesick and would go up to Leeper for a few days visit with the 'folks' at home. At Neelyville 'Gene lost track of direction and when he found out where he was he was at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and the expected guest of a charmingly handsome and very dear young lady friend. She gave him a big party while there, and the boys now all say that Gene thought he was there for sure enough business in the matrimonial line, but it's a 'Crewson' story they tell about his exploded expectations. He found out the right road home and arrived here safely to-day. 'And the green grass grows all around on the little dead doggy's grave.'"

All was not lost because Eugene had a successful trip in 1916. On 7 Jul 1916 *The*

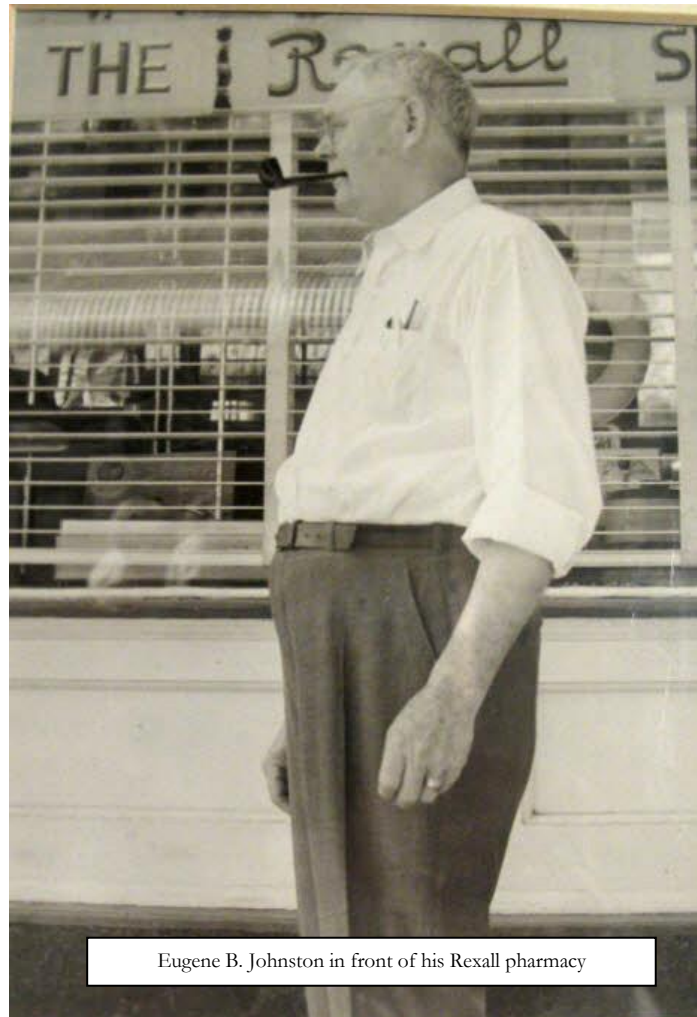
Ripley County Democrat reported: “Week before last Gene Johnston, of Johnston’s Pharmacy told the boys at the store that he was going to St. Louis on business. He didn’t stop at St. Louis any longer than it required to change cars, and he went on to Kansas City where on Saturday, June 24, he was united in

marriage to Miss Winnie Davis West, of Creighton, Cass county, Mo., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Combs, pastor of the R. A. Long Christian Church. The bride is well known here having been a member of the teacher corps of the public schools during the school year of 1913-14. She is a handsome young lady, accomplished and Gene is to be fecilited of capturing so charming a specimen of femininity. They came home last week Friday and are at home to their friends at their residence on Plum Street.⁵²

Winnie Davis West was born 26 Oct 1891 in Creighton, Cass County, Missouri,⁵³ and was the daughter of John Alexander West and Susan Jackson Horn. She was educated in Cinton High School and Springfield State Teacher College. Winnie came to Doniphan as a teacher in the city school in 1913. Gene and Winnie lived at 270 Plum Street in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri;⁵⁴

Eugene was active in the Doniphan community and served as the chairman of Ripley County’s chapter of the American Red Cross. He served as a city councilman and chairman of the board of aldermen for about 49 years. He oversaw the building of the city hall, in which was located his pharmacy; he and another alderman contributed their salaries so that the Doniphan Special Road District was able to build the concrete pavement from Doniphan to the Current River bridge; he used his influence to secure the Memorial House for the public library building; he was director of the county Public Works Administration, the Works Progress Administration, and National Youth Administration. He was also a director of the Bank of Doniphan and was instrumental in the establishment of the First National Bank of Doniphan. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce and served as county chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Campaign. His drug store was a popular meeting place for returning former Doniphan residents.

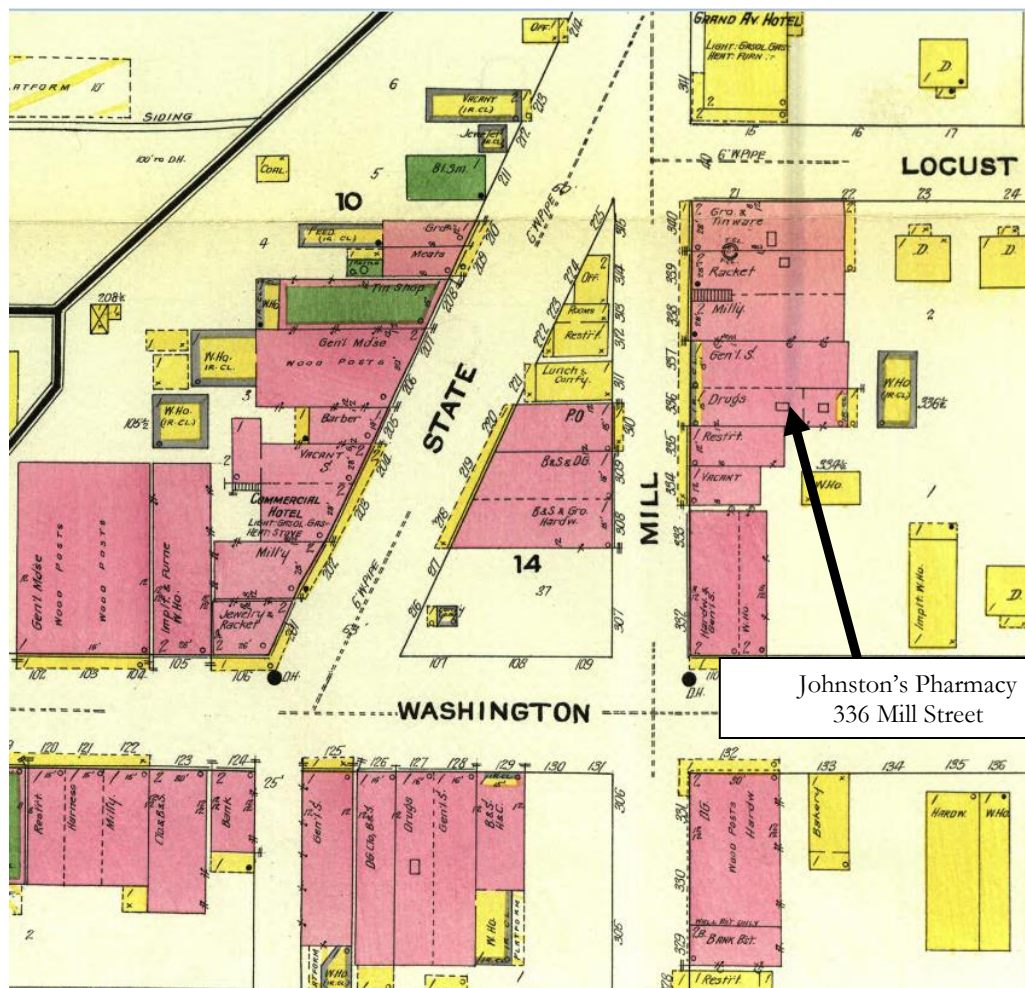
Winnie died 5 Apr 1943 in her home in Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.⁵⁵



Eugene B. Johnston in front of his Rexall pharmacy

She had been an invalid for 20 years; her ill health began at the time of the birth of her only child, a son who lived only a few days. Following a paralytic stroke in 1929 she recovered to such an extent that she would walk and drive a car, but another stroke in 1939 made her condition much worse and she was confined to her bed or wheelchair. She was buried 7 Apr 1943 in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, Missouri;^{56,57} and the cause of death was pulmonary edema due to paralysis and respiratory failure.

Following Winnie's death, Eugene remarried in Bonneville, Logan County, Arkansas on 18 Jun 1945. His second wife was **Ruth Evelyn Eads** of Booneville. The couple lived in Doniphan at 501 Lafayette and he continued to run the pharmacy. Eugene died 29 May 1958 in Doniphan Community Hospital, Doniphan, Ripley County, Missouri.^{58,59} He was buried 31 May 1958 in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, Missouri;⁶⁰ the cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage.⁶¹ Ruth survived Eugene.

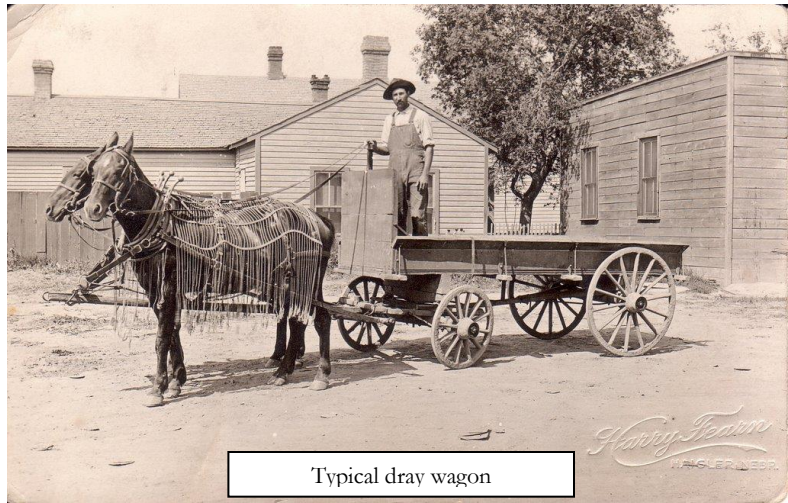


John Edwin Johnston

John Edwin Johnston, the son of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden, was born 20 Nov 1880 in Leeper, Missouri.⁶² John Edwin, known as John, grew up on his parent's farm in Greenwood Valley and attended area schools. In 1900, John lived on the farm and was attending school.⁶³ Most likely he followed his siblings' footsteps and attended Cape Girardeau Normal School to become a teacher. Between 1900 and 1904 he moved to Doniphan, Missouri and began working there and most likely, living with his brother, Will.

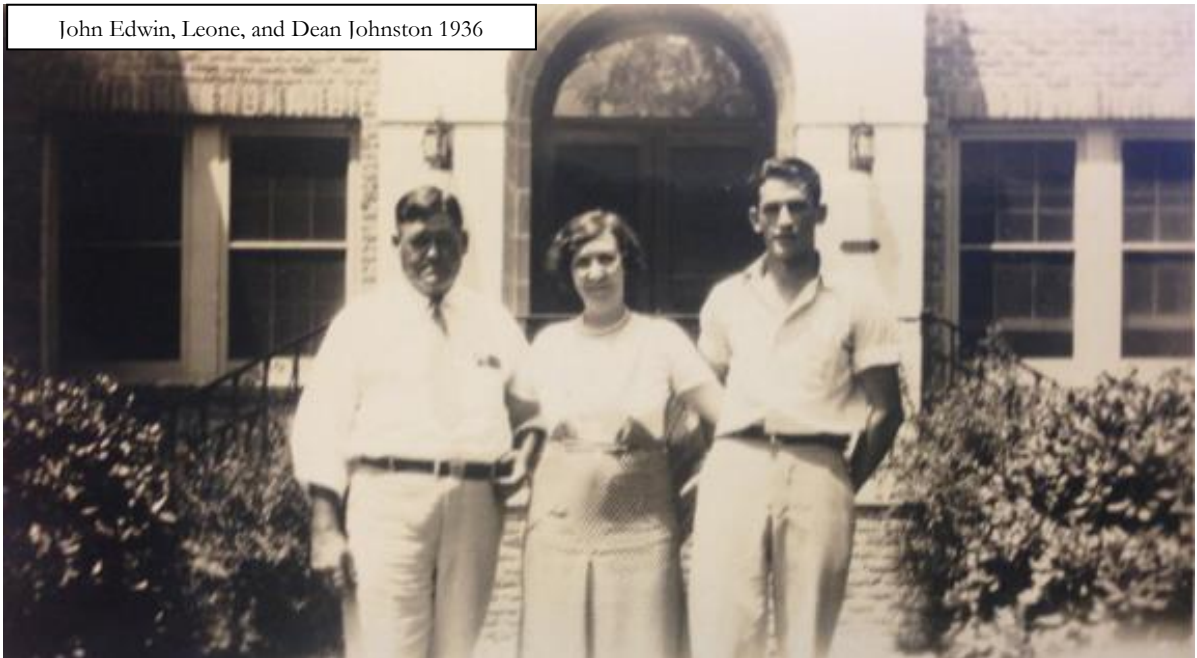
John met Leone Tyler Haertel in Doniphan and on 7 Nov 1904 they married. Leone was born. 5 Apr 1883 in Waukesha, Wisconsin,⁶⁴ the daughter of Frank D. Haertel and Cathleen "Kitty" M. Tyler. Leone's

mother most likely died at childbirth or shortly thereafter. Frank's family was from Waukesha but Frank left his home about 1877 to work on the railroad out of St. Louis, Missouri. He and Kitty married 20 Feb 1881 in St. Louis and in Jun 1881 Frank and Kitty returned to Waukesha and Frank joined with his brother Conrad to form Haertel Bros. Hardware. The venture was short lived and the partnership was dissolved in 1883. Frank returned to railroading as a conductor in St. Louis, leaving his daughter with his mother and sister in Waukesha. On 1 Jun 1891 Frank married Bertha Elizabeth Smith, an immigrant from England. By 1903, Frank was living in Doniphan, Missouri and was a conductor for the Iron Mountain Railroad. It is here that John and Leone met, married and celebrated



Typical dray wagon

John Edwin, Leone, and Dean Johnston 1936



the birth of their first son, Clive, on 27 Jul 1906. It should be noted that Frank and Bertha divorced on 13 Jun 1904.

John took a civil service examination in Nov 1905 to secure a rural mail delivery route in Doniphan but he did not achieve the top score. He did operate a delivery service in Doniphan and by May 1906 had two dray wagons working the city. He was selected as a delegate to the Republican judicial convention in 1906 and was offered a position on the railroad in Oct 1906. It is not known if John took this position but he and the family did move between 1907 and 1908.

John and Leone moved to Poplar Bluff, Missouri in 1908 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri⁶⁵ and there their second son, Dean, was born on 30 Dec 1908 and a daughter, Marjorie, on 15 Nov 1911. The family lived at 733 Kinzer and he was a dealer in railroad ties and lumber.

The years from 1915 to 1920 brought much moving to the Johnston family. About 1914 the family moved to St. Louis, where Leone's father and new wife, Louise Blythe, lived. John and Leone and children lived at 3904 Shaw Avenue; John worked as a railroad inspector.⁶⁶ In 1916 they were at 4175 DeTonty, St. Louis, Missouri,⁶⁷ and in 1917 at 3600 Cora Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.⁶⁸ In 1917 Johnston was the manager Carter Timber & Mercantile Co 2600 S Main.⁶⁹ In 1918 he was superintendent of Charles C. Curry & Co.⁷⁰ and lived at 3600 Cora Ave in St. Louis, Missouri,⁷¹ and in 1920 he was an inspector with Railroad and the family lived at 3711 Olive Street - St. George Apartments,⁷². For one year, the family lived on a house boat on a river as Johnston moved rail road ties up and down the river.

In 1922 Johnston and his family moved to Hugo, Oklahoma where he operated a hotel.⁷³ Oklahoma also brought tragedy to the family. Their youngest child and only daughter, Marjorie, drowned in the Kiamichi River northeast of Hugo while on a picnic.⁷⁴ This was devastating for the family. The hotel was not a successful operation and by 1927 John had abandoned the business.



Forest Park East, Lawndale

From Oklahoma, John and Leone moved to Beaumont, Texas where John worked as a foreman for International Creosote & Construction Company. In 1931 John worked for Southwestern Laboratories in Houston, Texas⁷⁵ and lived at 901 Barkdull St. in Houston, Texas.⁷⁶ In 1940 John and Leone lived in

JOHNSTON—John Edwin Johnston, 62, of Kemah died at his home at 2 a. m. Thursday. He had been president of Kemah for the past year. From 1921, he had lived in Houston for a number of years. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Leone Johnston of Kemah; two sons, C. H. Johnston of Kemah and Lieut. Dean Johnston of Williamsburg, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Chilton of Doniphan, Mo.; a brother, Eugene Johnson of Doniphan, Mo., and a grandson, Eustace Dean Johnston of Kemah. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Geo. H. Lewis & Co.

Lufkin, Texas where John was an inspector in a Lumber Yard but they moved back to the Houston area in 1942 and lived from 1942 to 194243 in Kemah, Galveston County, Texas,⁷⁷

John died 4 Mar 1943 in Kemah, Galveston County, Texas,⁷⁸ and was buried 4 Mar 1943 in Forest Park Cemetery, Lawndale, Houston, Harris County, Texas,⁷⁹ Following the death of John, Leone married **Clarence Joseph Caywood**. C. J. as he was known, was born 18 Mar

1884 in Crab Orchard, Johnson County, Nebraska but had moved to Houston, Texas by 1900. He married Pauline Idell Glover 1 Jan 1907; they had three children: Marion Julia, Pauline Idell, and Virginia Elaine. He owned and operated the Clarence J. Caywood Electric Company in Houston. Pauline died 23 Nov 1944 in Houston, and C. J. soon retired and by 1948 moved to



Leone and C.J. Caywood

Children:

Clive Hartel Johnston b. 22 Jul 1906.

Dean Johnston b. 30 Dec 1908.

Marjorie Johnston, born 15 Nov 1911

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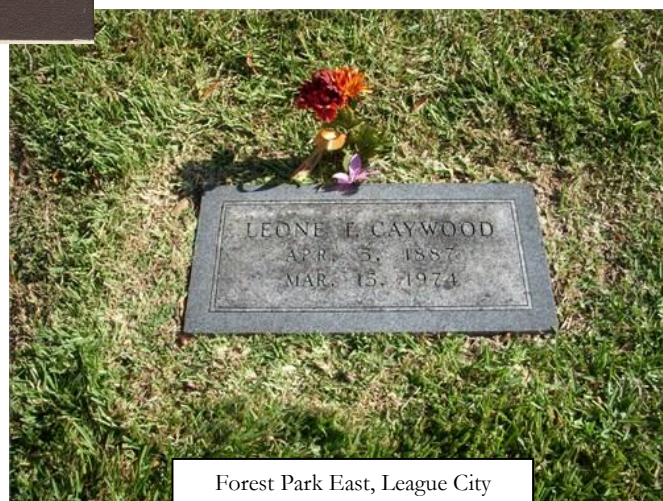
**Mrs. Leona Johnson
Weds Clarence Caywood**

Special to The News
KEMAH, June 5—Mrs. Leona Hortel Johnson and Clarence Joseph Caywood were married Wednesday at the Episcopal Church in Dickinson by Rev. Fred Buchanan. Mrs. Pauline Redman, daughter of the groom, was matron of honor and wore a Palmina satin gown. Dean Johnson, son of Mrs. Johnson, was best man. Mrs. Edward Carrell provided the wedding music. The bride wore a powder blue sport suit with black accessories. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Redman at Kemah. An arrangement of gladioli centered the table. The couple left for a wedding trip to Colorado.

Alta Loma

Kemah, Texas where he operated a dairy farm that was known countywide for its poultry.

C. J. and Leone were married 3 Jun 1948 at the Episcopal Church in Dickinson. In 1974 they lived at 1302 FM Road 518, League City, Texas⁸⁰ Leone died there on 16 Mar 1974 and is buried 18 Mar 1974 in Forest Park East Cemetery, League City, Texas.⁸¹ C. J. died two months later, on 4 May 1974 and is buried in Forest Park Cemetery in Houston, Texas.



Forest Park East, League City

Clive W. Johnston

Clive W. Johnston, was born August 1883⁸² and died July 9, 1903 in Leeper, Wayne County, Missouri. In 1900 Clive lived in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri and on 9 Jul 1903 Clive drowned in the Black River at age 19.

“Clive the 19 yr. old son visited his father there [at the post office in Leeper, Missouri]. He and another boy took a swim across the Black River – never reached the other side. One of the men was carried out to the farm on a stretcher. Both are buried at the cemetery at the farm [the Johnston farm in Greenwood Valley].”

Tom Aden records that “Clive is buried in the woods a few miles from Piedmont, past Leeper, Missouri.” It is a small private cemetery located on a wooded hill above the family farm. All buried there are family members. It is called Greenwood Valley Cemetery. Clive was not married.



Greenwood Valley, Missouri

Ethel Johnston

Ethel Johnston, daughter of Frederick Miller Johnston and Margaret Ann McFadden, was born 3 Nov 1888 on the family farm in Greenwood Valley near Leeper, Wayne County, Missouri.⁸³ Ethel grew up on the family farm, but came to Doniphan as a girl and attended high school in Doniphan. 1910 in Doniphan, Missouri with her brother William⁸⁴ and she worked as a schoolteacher.⁸⁵

She married **John Bailey Chilton**, on 20 Feb 1916 in Doniphan, Ripley county Missouri.⁸⁶

Chilton was the son of Issac



(Back Row) Ethel Chilton, Dunn, Burcham, Martin
(Front Row) Pulliam, Foard, Showman

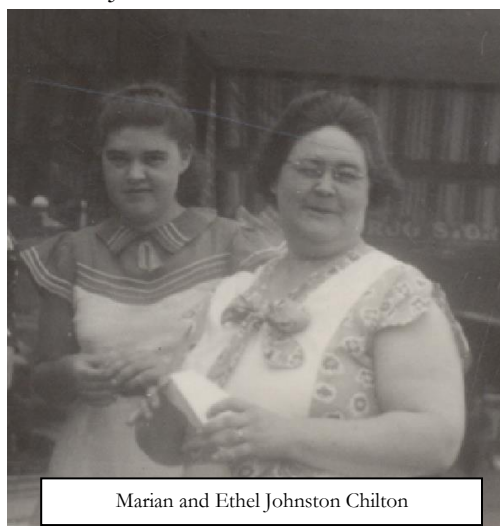
Chilton and Mary Carter, and was born 14 Apr 1890 in Leeper, Wayne County, Missouri.^{87,88}

Following their marriage, the Chiltons lived in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri.⁸⁹ In Mill Spring, Ethel and John were partners in a general store and lumber mill with John's brother Frank Chilton.⁹⁰ John died 31 Jan 1926 in Mill Spring, Wayne County, Missouri of an embolism of the coronary artery.⁹¹ He was buried in Masonic Cemetery, Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri.⁹²

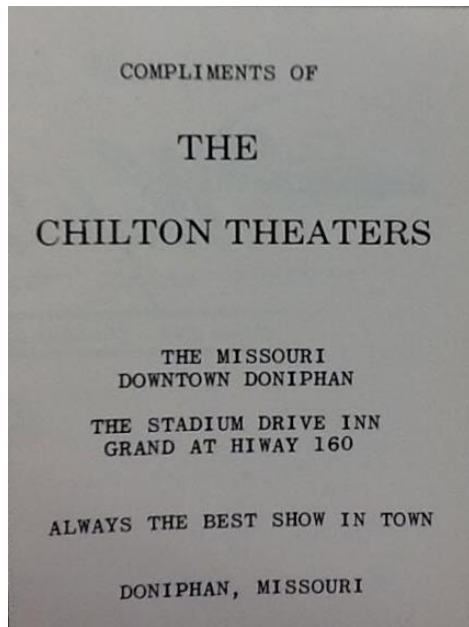
Following John's death, Ethel sold her interest in FS Chilton and Co. to Frank and invested her profits in the stock market. In 1929, after being informed by her trust company in St. Louis, Missouri that all her investments had been lost in the stock market crash of 1929, she moved back to Doniphan where her two brothers, William W. and Eugene B. Johnston, owned and operated Johnston's Pharmacy. She lived at 500 Lafayette Street.⁹³

Ethel began again by teaching in the rural schools of Ripley County during the school year and attending Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in the summer months. She earned her degree and taught English in Doniphan High School for more than twenty years. She was a diligent teacher and insisted that her students read as many books as possible and do their best to speak correct English, both at home and in public.

In 1937 she opened the Missouri Theater and operated it with her children. In 1950 she, along with her daughter Marian and son-in-law W. D. "Don" Dowdy, opened the Stadium Drive-in Theatre and operated both theatres until her death in 1960.



Marian and Ethel Johnston Chilton



Ethel was involved in many civic activities including serving as the chairman of the committee that began the Doniphan Public Library. She was active in many organization including Chapter FN o PEO in Doniphan and was a member of the First Christian Church of Doniphan.



MRS. ETHEL J. CHILTON, THEATRE OWNER AND RETIRED TEACHER, DIED MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Ethel Johnston Chilton, one of Ripley county's most useful and highly respected ladies, passed away at the Ripley County Memorial Hospital in Doniphan Monday evening about 7 o'clock, where she had been a patient since its opening, and prior to that since July 9 in the Community hospital.

Mrs. Chilton was a native of Wayne county, having been born at Greenwood Valley November 3, 1888. She came to Doniphan when a girl and attended high school here. She later attended Southeast State College at Cape Girardeau, where she was graduated, and Missouri University at Columbia. She taught in the rural schools of this county and in Doniphan schools for many years. In 1926 she entered the theatre business and continued to teach and operate the Chilton Theatre until 1943 when she resigned her teaching position and devoted her full time to the theatre business. In 1950 she erected the Stadium Drive In Theatre at the north end of Grand Avenue, since which time, with the help of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dowdy, she has operated the two amusement places, the Drive-In and the Missouri Theatre down town.

Although her health failed several years ago, she continued active in business until about six months ago when she was forced to retire.

During her long residence in Doniphan, Mrs. Chilton was active in civic, social and church work. She was a member of the P.E.O., the Lectus Club, Eastern Star and the Christian church, and was active in all of them, taking a special interest in church work. For many years she was the only lady member of the Chamber of Commerce.

She was married in 1916 to John B. Chilton of Wayne county who died in 1927. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Dowdy and Alan (Dugan) Chilton, who was a casualty of World War II.

Survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Marian Dowdy, and a granddaughter, Alanna Dowdy of this city.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church in this city yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. R. Holik. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery at Piedmont under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Doniphan. Pallbearers were: Bill Wright, John Ditto, Claude Grieb, J. O. Carson, Doug Harris and Max Shemwell.

BIRD DOG FIELD TRIALS ARE OCT. 30

Entries are now being accepted for the bird dog field trials on Sunday, October 30, at 8 a.m. at Dailey Pulliam's goat ranch on Highway 31 south of Doniphan. Entries will be limited to 36 dogs, the first 36 being accepted. Dog owners may make their entries now at Roberts Brothers or the Baker Land Company office. Braces will be drawn Thursday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the veterans room of the armory during a meeting of the sponsoring Ripley County Wildlife Conservation Club.

Live pheasants will be used in the field trials on October 30 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Pulliam farm. Trophies and three place ribbons will be awarded in three classes, puppy, derby and all age. Jess Murray is arranging for lunch to be served on the grounds.

OFFICIALS APPROVE HEALTH CENTER PROGRAMS

Representatives of federal and state health agencies inspecting the Ripley County Health Center have expressed satisfaction with the maternal and child health program promoted by the center, announced Mrs. Sybil Ederer, county health nurse.

Ethel died 17 Oct 1960 in Ripley County Memorial Hospital, Doniphan, Missouri.⁹⁴ She was buried 19 Oct 1960 in the Masonic Cemetery in Piedmont, Missouri.⁹⁵ At her death, the owner and editor of The Prospect-News wrote, among other things about her that, "...she was one of Ripley County's most useful citizens."



Children:

Marian Johnston Chilton b. 1 Aug 1921.

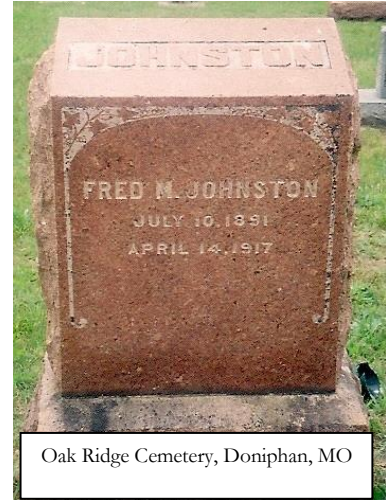
Alan Johnston Chilton, b. Jun 1924 in St. Louis.

The Prospect News, 20 Oct 1960

Fredrick Miller Johnston, Jr.

Fredrick Miller Johnston Jr., was born 19 Jul 1891⁹⁶ and grew up on the family farm in Greenwood Valley near Mill Sprint, Missouri. Like most children of farmers, his young years were spent laboring on the farm, but Fred had his sights set beyond the farm and as a young man began to teach himself telegraphy.

“Since it is much easier to send a message than to receive, my dad and Uncle Charles helped him out by sending messages. Then Fred would listen at the depots at Leeper and Mill Spring. He went to Poplar Bluff and passed the exam and got a job in Colorado as a lineman on a railroad. He was working on a line one day when an unscheduled train approached. It hit his motor car, knocking it off the track. Fred had jumped to safety but when the train hit the



Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO

motor car, it flung it on Fred. Fred met his death this way.”⁹⁷

Fred died 14 Apr 1917⁹⁸ as a result of the rail

Buried Here.

The body of Frederick Johnston, a brother of E. B. Johnston of Johnston's Pharmacy, arrived here last Monday for burial, and funeral services were held at the residence of E. B. Johnston at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Rev. J. W. Worsnop, pastor of the M. E. Church officiating, the Masonic fraternity having charge of the ceremony. The deceased was well known here as he had been a frequent visitor to his brothers in past years, though the family home was at Leeper in Wayne county, but as the mother and brother, the late W. W. Johnston, were buried here, his body was brought here to rest in Oak ridge beside his mother. His age was 24 years.

He died last Friday at 9:30 o'clock at the Lewis Hospital, Council Groves,

He died last Friday at 9:30 o'clock at the Lewis Hospital, Council Groves, Kansas, from injuries received by being struck by a motor car on which he had been riding and was trying to remove from the track, out of the way of a freight train. He was in the employ of the Mo.-Pac. as telegraph operator Council Groves and was acting agent at a station a few miles south of his station and was on his way home when the accident occurred. He met the train in a curve, and getting off tried to remove the car but the train was too close upon him and before he could get out of the way the car was thrown from the track by the engine and he was caught and so severely injured that he died the next morning. A number of relatives, including an other brother, John of St. Louis, his sister, Mrs John Chilton and her husband, were here for the funeral.

road accident. The *Prospect News* 19 Apr 1917 reported his death: “Died at 9:30 am Friday the 13th at Dr. Lewis Hospital in Council Grove, Kansas, Fred M. Johnston. Injured Thursday afternoon on the MoPac at Council Grove where he was a railroad telegrapher. He was riding a railroad motor car when he ran into a freight [train]. He was 24. Remains returned here and

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funeral held at home of brother, E B Johnston. Rev. J W Worsnop of the Methodist church officiated. A Mason and home was at Leeper, Missouri.” Fred was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, Missouri.⁹⁹

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⁶ *The Coffeyville Daily Journal*, 18 Feb 1907

⁷ *The Wichita Beacon*, 10 Mar 1909

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²⁵ A normal school is a school created to train high school graduates to be teachers. Its purpose is to establish teaching standards or norms.

²⁶ NOTE: Will Johnston’s obituary reports that Will once taught Sallie Mabrey in school. She graduated from Doniphan High School in 1898.

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³³ *Ripley County Democrat*, 7 Nov 1913

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³⁵ *Ripley County Democrat* 10 May 1907

³⁶ *Ripley County Democrat*, 20 Dec 1907

³⁷ (Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO).

³⁸ (Oak Ridge Cemetery, Doniphan, MO).

³⁹ Oakridge Cemetery Database (Doniphan, MO).

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