

Wiley Tanner

Celia Ann Johnson

net Brown Hayle

Elizabeth Tanner

-Wiley Bennett Tanner

born June 23, 1828
died Feb. 10, 1857

-Emily Spittle Hayle

born Sept 12, 1833
died Apr. 12, 1906

Guinea Wiley Tanner
born Dec 5, 1853
died Mar 10, 1910

Anna Virginia (Berta)

born Mar 28, 1849
died Mar 18, 1936

Janice Weaver Tanner

Descendants of Wiley Bennett Tanner
Wiley Bennett Tanner was married to Emily
Spindle Gayle. They had three children

1) William Matthew Tanner

born sept. 4, 1851, died Jan 27, 1859

1) James Wiley Tanner

born Dec. 5, 1853 and died Mar 10, 1910

1) Susannah Caroline Tanner

born Oct. 27, 1856, died Nov 6, 1875

Following Wiley Bennetts Tanners death his
wife, Emily Spindle Gayle Tanner married
Michael Kachleman. To this union were
born 5 children

1) Martha Ann Kachleman, Born Jan 8, 1861

She married Joseph Copeland, died

2) Jennie Florence Copeland

married William Dawson and

and marriage to Siebert Henry

2) Louie Copeland

3) Jack Copeland

1) John Alexander Kachleman, born Nov 28, 1864
died Nov 9, 1932

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A Rugged Pioneer Family

In the year 1833 only forty four years after George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of our young Republic, Emily Spindle Gayle was born. The scene of her birth was a rocky unpromising section of country near the village of Pote in Perry County Tennessee. Her parents were hard working intelligent farmers, and Emily at an early age took her share of the hard work in feeding and clothing the growing family.

In the year 1850, Emily was married to Wiley Bennet Tanner and to this union were born three children, William Mathew in 1851 James Wiley in 1853 and Susana Caroline in 1856. In the following year great sorrow over-shadowed the home by the death of the first-born son William and the husband and father Wiley Bennet Tanner.

With the splendid courage for which our pioneer ancestors were noted Emily accepted the challenge of caring for her two fatherless babes. In 1860 she was married to Michael

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i) Florence Kachleman, born Feb 26, 1867
Married W. F. Hobbs.

1) Samuel Joseph Kachleman born Jan 27, 1870
Had an adopted son, John Kachleman

1) Harvey Alanzo Kachleman, born May 6, 1875

2) Harvey Kachleman

2) Gladys Kachleman

Married Joe Fox, divorced and
married Jim Smith

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Rachelman and to this union five children were born; Martha Ann 1861, John Alexander 1864, Florence 1867, Samuel Joseph 1871 and Harve Alonge 1875.

In 1870 James Wiley Tanner age 17 married Katherine Strickland, a son William and ~~son~~ was born in 1871. The marriage did not prove a happy one and James was granted a divorce and the custody of the child.

In 1875 Emily and the Tanner family suffered a great hour of sorrow when Susana a lovely young lady of nineteen years was taken in death.

During the years from 1870 - 76 were trying times for law abiding citizens. Night riders and brigands were a constant menace. On one occasion a brigand and one of his accomplices entered the Rachelman home demanding food. Emily faced the hoodlums courageously, insisting that she did not have enough food for her own hungry children. The intruder paid no attention to her plea but rummaged through the cupboard and found a cake of Maple Sugar which the family used for sweetening tea and coffee.

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Emily's eyes blazed as she faced the hoodlums. "Have you no shame," she demanded, "will you take the last morsel from my starving children?" The intruder hesitated for a moment: then breaking the cake over the back of a chair he handed the brave mother one of the parts and slunk from the house followed by his accomplice.

The violence in the community increased until it finally became unbearable and finally in 1877 she led her family to northern Alabama where they lived until 1880 in the town of Florence.

In 1880 the family began to hear reports of the U.S. government's giving free land to persons interested in taking out claims to a quarter section of land and living on it for a certain period of time. At this time Emily decided to cast her lot with her Tanner and Kachelman children in west central Kansas. On Feb 24 1880, her family in Great Bend Kansas. Immediately afterward Emily and oldest son James took claims and settled upon homesteads in Allans Township in Stafford County.

As soon as each of the Kachelman boys came of age he settled on a homestead and began to build improvements. The crops being uncertain

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and grasshoppers a constant threat it was

Necessary to find employment off the farm. The boys even before coming of age drove ox teams and wagons to haul freight for the building of homes in Great Bend, Tarned and St John.

They hauled freight from Old Fort Tarned as far south east as Leesburg and the growing Young City of Pratt. The hardships they endured including the terrible blizzard of 1886 would fill a book

Family of James Wiley Tanner

James Wiley Tanner, son of Wiley Bennett Tanner and Emily Spindle Bayle was born Dec. 5, 1853 near Pope, Tenn. and died Mar. 10, 1910 in St. John Ks. In 1870 at age 17 he was married to Katherine Strickland. To this union a son was born in 1871, William Andrew Tanner. He was given custody of this son following their divorce. Later he was married to Anna Virginia Beris of Ala. and 4 children were born to this union

The early years of pioneering in Stafford County were filled with struggle and bitter discouragement. Grass hoppers drouth, hail and low prices for the scanty crops raised proved too much for the easily discouraged pioneers. The Tanners and Kachelmans were able to weather the hard times bought the land of the ones who gave up the struggle and returned to their former homes in the East.

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James Tanner bought two quarters of land in albano township and was gradually able to pay off his indebtedness

In 1900, in order to give his family better educational advantages bought a home in St John and moved to the city in time for the children to enroll in the St John Schools.

James spent a large portion of his time on the farm. Crops continued to improve as prices as well as prices and he was able to acquire more land. at the time of his death in 1910 he was the owner of nine quarters of choice farm land. He had built one of the most modern homes in St John. He had helped to organize two farm co-operatives in Stafford County also the St John National Bank of which he was a director

He was interested in education for his family and was himself a reader of good literature. Robert Burns was his favorite poet often quoting "O wad some power the fife gie us to see our selts as others see us" and "man's inhumanity to man make countless thousands mourn".

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1) Florence Kachleman, born Feb. 26, 1867

1) Samuel Joseph Kachleman, born Jan 27, 1870 died Sept 21, 1952

1) Harvey Alongo Kachleman, born May 6, 1875 died July 7, 1956

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1) William Andrew Tanner (son of Catharine A. Strickland) was born Sept. 4, 1871 and died July 8, 1952. He was married to Della Curtis of St. John Kaus. To this union were born 6 children, one died in infancy.

2) Earl Tanner

2) Roy Tanner

2) Mabel Tanner - Following her mother's death, Mabel was raised by her grandmother, Anna Virginia Beris Tanner. She was married to Scott Rockwell and they have one son,

3) Jerry Rockwell

2) John Tanner

2) Ora Tanner

Four children were born to him by his 2nd wife, Anna Virginia Beris

1) Lillie Tanner born June 9, 1879 died Feb. 3, 1832.

1) Myrtle Tanner born Nov. 27 1881, died Feb 5, 1905

1) James Weaver Tanner born May 18, 1890

He graduated from Ottawa U. in 1913 and

was married to Elsie Elizabeth Shields
June 3, 1914 in Holton, Ks. To this union
were born 2 children

2) Raymond Shields Tanner born June 5, '18
He married Opa Rice of Hill City, Ks. He
graduated from Kansas State U. 1940, They have
five children

3) Patricia Ann Tanner, born
Jan 6, '1942. Graduated from Kansas State U.
and married Carl Nelson

3) Margaret Elizabeth Tanner, born
Apr. 14, 1944. Graduated from Kans. State U.
1966 and married Charles Boles of Abilene, Ks.

3) James Raymond Tanner born
~~June 14~~ June 14, 1948

3) John Wayne Tanner, born
June 30, 1949

3) Rebecca Jane Tanner born
July 7, 1956

2) Wiley Beris Tanner was born Nov 13, 1921 at St. John Kans. He graduated from ~~the~~ Kansas State U. in the course of Veterinary Medicine. He married Ruby Brown at Manhattan Ks. Jan 29, 1944. They have three children

3) Paul Wiley Tanner, born Oct 29, 1946 at Stafford, Ks.

3) Susan Rae Tanner, born May 1, 1948 at St. John, Ks.

3) Steven Dwight Tanner born Jan. 20, 1953 at Riverside, Cal.