

MRS. ALVIN P. BARGAR

Bertha Mabel (Clover) Bargar
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BERTHA MABEL CLOVER, daughter of Seth Clover (1852-1930) and Mary Emma Empie (1857-1926), was born on 13 Aug 1891 in Severy, Greenwood County, Kansas. In the year 1900, her parents moved the family to Fall River, Greenwood County, Kansas. Between 1910 and 1920, the family moved to Gray County, Kansas, living in the Ensign and Copeland areas.

Bertha married **ALVIN P. BARGAR**, son of Eli Bargar (1857-1933) and Susan Truex (1862-1947), on 21 Jan 1920 at Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas, by Miss Mary Hale, the probate judge of Ford County. (*See the story “Montezuma” for more information on Eli Bargar and Susan Truex*)

Alvin was born on 21 Oct 1891 in Gray County, Kansas. He spent fourteen months with the 89th Division in overseas service during World War I. Later, he worked as an automobile mechanic, and census records reveal he was a garage proprietor in Montezuma, Kansas, during 1930 and 1940.

Bertha passed away on 6 Sep 1955 in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas. Alvin died there on 13 Apr 1958. Burial for both was at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma.

Two daughters were born in their marriage:

ELMA ETHELYN BARGAR (*sometimes went by the name Lynn*) was born on 27 Aug 1922 in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas. Elma served as a United States Army nurse during World War II. On 17 Jan 1948, she married Walter W. Powers, son of Charles W. Powers and Lila Julia Perry, at Crows Landing, Stanislaus County, California. Walter was born on 2 Sep 1922 in Escalon, San Joaquin County, California. He served as the Democratic Assemblyman for 12 years, from 1962-1974. Walter passed away on 25 May 1985 at their home in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. Elma died on 24 Jun 1988 in Sacramento, where she had lived for 35 years. They were both buried at the Burwood Cemetery in Escalon, San Joaquin County, California. One daughter was born into their marriage, Peggy Ann Powers.

CLEDA GENEVIEVE BARGAR was born on 9 Nov 1925 in Montezuma, Kansas. She spent her entire life there. On 12 Apr 1944, she married Irvin E. Marrs, son of Chester Marrs and Edith S. Brock, at Cimarron, Gray County, Kansas. Cleda was the owner of the local Montezuma flower shop and dry cleaners. Plus, she helped manage the Marrs AG grocery store. She died on 15 May 2010 in Montezuma, Kansas, buried there at the Fairview Cemetery. Cleda and Irvin had three children: Perrie Neal Marrs, Dianna Sue Marrs, and Gary Lee Marrs (*Gary died 23 Sep 1991*).