

CLIFFORD K. PARKS

Project Consultant – Gray County

CLIFFORD KENNETH PARKS, son of Mahlon H. Parks (1861-1931) and Leah C. Travis (1862-1927), was born on 15 Dec 1899 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois. By 1910, his mother and father had moved the family to Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, but soon after, settled in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas.

Clifford married **RACHEL JEANNETTE BURNHAM**, daughter of William C. Burnham (1857-1947) and Anna Mary Gaut (1860-1948), on 25 Oct 1919 in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. Rachel was born on 11 Jan 1896 at Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, and arrived in Western Kansas with her parents in 1900. She grew up in the Kansas counties of Pawnee and Ford.

Clifford worked as a farmer and owned a grocery store in Montezuma, Kansas. He died on 18 Sep 1968 in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas and Rachel passed away on 16 Jul 1977 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. Their burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma, Kansas.

Clifford and Rachel had one son, **AUBREY LYNN PARKS**, born on 24 Jun 1920 in Montezuma, Kansas. On 17 Jan 1938, Aubrey married Charlotte G. Huffman, daughter of Alfred L. Huffman and Dolly Cook, in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. Charlotte was born on 16 Jan 1919 in Plains, Meade County, Kansas. Aubrey and Charlotte eventually left Montezuma and moved to Garden City, Kansas. Aubrey worked in the grocery business in Sublette, Montezuma, and Garden City for most of his life, working as a meat cutter. Later, he worked as a sales representative for Bowman Biscuit Company, and for a brief while, he worked in the construction business. Charlotte died on 18 Jul 2001, and Aubrey died on 24 Feb 2002, both in Garden City. Their burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma, Kansas. Two sons were born in their marriage, Donovan Parks, born about 1939, and Aubrey A. Parks, born on 16 Feb 1940 in Montezuma, Kansas.