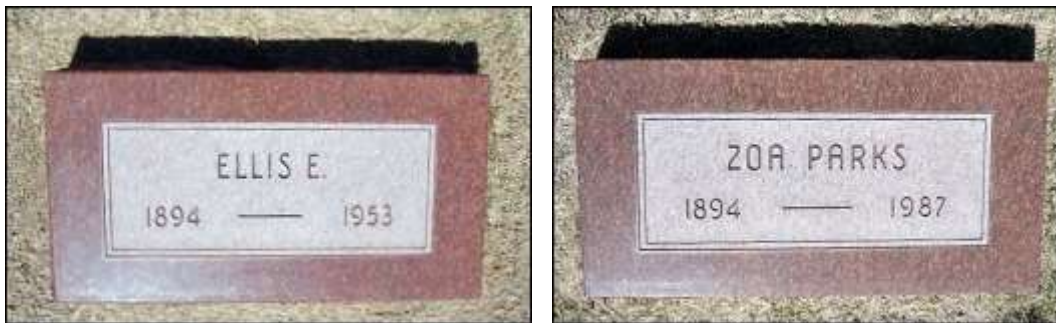


## **ELLIS E. McREYNOLDS**

*Project Consultant – Gray County*

**ELLIS E. McREYNOLDS**, son of James W. McReynolds\* (1869-1939) and Harriett M. Hull (1870-1961), was born on 18 Nov 1894 in the state of Missouri. Ellis married **ZOA PARKS**, daughter of Mahlon H. Parks (1861-1931) and Leah C. Travis (1862-1927), on 25 Nov 1915 in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas. Zoa was born on 29 Aug 1894 in Clay County, Illinois. Ellis and Zoa were employers for the Montezuma State Bank in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas. Ellis was Vice President of the bank, and after he passed away, Zoa continued as the bank's director, being a part of the bank for over 60 years.

Ellis died on 25 Oct 1953, and Zoa died on 26 Oct 1987. Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma, Kansas.



FAIRVIEW CEMETERY  
Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas  
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Two children were born in their marriage:

**CLIFTON “CLIFF” KENT McREYNOLDS** was born on 30 Aug 1918 in Kismet, Seward County, Kansas, and was married to Dorothy Lorraine Pearce, daughter of Floyd D. Pearce and Bessie M. Prentice. Dorothy was born on 9 July 1921 in Springfield, Baca County, Colorado. Clifton McReynolds died on 31 July 1961 after suffering a heart

attack near Gunnison, Colorado. He was on a fishing trip at the time. He had been the president of the Montezuma State Bank since 1953. After Clifton passed away, Dorothy was married to Lawrence Rose. She died on 13 Feb 2001 in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. One known daughter was born to Clifton and Dorothy's marriage; Gayle (McReynolds) Fry.

**ZOA McREYNOLDS** was born on 23 Nov 1924 in Rock River, Albany County, Wyoming. She was married to Harold "Hal" Albert Hedlund, son of Albert H. Hedlund and Elizabeth English, on 7 Oct 1945 in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas. Harold was born on 12 Sep 1922 in Greene County, Iowa. Harold and Zoa were both involved with the Montezuma State Band for more than 50 years. Zoa was on the bank's board of directors. Harold died on 17 Nov 2002 in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas and Zoa passed away on 10 Oct 2003 in Montezuma. Both were buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma. Four sons were born into their marriage, Christopher Kent Hedlund, Kyle Parks Hedlund, Ty Harold Hedlund, and Derk Lester Hedlund.

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