

# **ROSCOE PARKS**

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**ROSCOE CONKLIN PARKS**, son of Mahlon H. Parks (1861-1931) and Leah C. Travis (1862-1927), was born on 16 Dec 1892 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.

About 1917, Roscoe married **HELEN ELMIRA THOMPSON**, daughter of Harmon Veddar Thompson (1867-1933) and Mary Louise Simmons (1869-1918). Helen was born on 27 Oct 1894. (*Her father, Harmon Thompson was the Mayor of Montezuma, Kansas - from 1919 to 1921.*)

After they were married, Roscoe and Helen lived in Haggard, Gray County, Kansas. In 1921, they returned to Montezuma.

Roscoe passed away on 4 Aug 1939 in Dodge City, Kansas, and Helen died in November of 1968. Their burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma, Kansas.

Two children were born in their marriage:

**ROSCOE “KENNETH” PARKS** was born on 29 Mar 1918 in Montezuma, Kansas. He married Ellen Margaret Herron, daughter of William Hector Herron (1884-1952) and Sylvia S. Carr (1889-1975), on 2 Jun 1940, in Spearville, Ford County, Kansas. Ellen was born in Spearville, on 20 Feb 1917 and died on 29 May 1999 in Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County, California. Kenneth died there on 30 Dec 2004.

**GERALDINE VIRGINIA PARKS** was born on 1 Feb 1920 in Montezuma, Kansas. She married Virgil L. Menzie, son of John Upton Menzie (1886-1970) and Louella Belle Gregory (1889-1976), on 14 Aug 1943 in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. Virgil was born on 4 Mar 1920, on a farm near Copeland, Gray County, Kansas. Geraldine attended Wesley Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita, Kansas, and graduated in 1945. After Geraldine and Virgil moved to Ulysses, Grant County, Kansas, in 1962, she started the County Health Department in 1964 and worked there for 20 years. She died on 15 Apr 2004 at the Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital in Ulysses, Kansas. Virgil died on 14 Jan 2006 also in Ulysses. Their burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas. Geraldine and Virgil had two children, a son, Jeff and a daughter, Jill.