

**Walter Lee
Maclaskey
1905 - 1970**



Walter Maclaskey was born in Kiowa, Kansas on October 5, 1905. He attended grade school up to 7th or 8th grade at the oilfield schoolhouse between Gridley and Lamont in Kansas. Around 15 years old, in the early 1920's, he began working in the oil industry. One of his early oilfield jobs was near Madison, KS at the "Kembro" oilfield town. This oilfield town leased ground north of Virgil, Kansas for a treating plant and sold oil to a Chanute Refinery. He has worked with major oil companies in the area including companies such as Pretty Prairie, Skelly, Texaco, & Pure Oil.

Walter married Bertha Louise Wolford and they have two children, Billy Eugene and Betty Joan. Both children were born while Walter and Bertha were living in Gridley, KS.