G. LeRoy "Roy" Ramsey 1872 - 1948



G. LeRoy Ramsey was born at Belle Center, Ohio, December 22, 1872, and is the son of A. C. and Margaret (Clark) Ramsey. His family moved to Kansas in 1883, and G. LeRoy attended the public schools of Topeka and El Dorado, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. When he left school, at nineteen years of age, he began working on his father's ranch, Buckeye Land and Cattle Company at DeGraff, Butler County. He remained in association with his father for five years, then started operations on his own account in farming and stock raising, as well as in buying and shipping cattle. His farm was situated six miles north of El Dorado, where he owned 1,760 acres, in addition to which he had another property eighteen miles northeast of El Dorado, a tract of 560 acres, and all the land was in the oil belt and leased for oil.

In addition to this he leased 3,200 acres, all in Butler County, and was an extensive shipper of cattle. Mr. Ramsey owned his own modern residence on North Atchison Street, El Dorado. He was the president of Ramsey Oil and Gas Company, later Ramsey Petroleum Company, which operated extensively in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. He had various other business connections, and was accounted one of the substantial representatives of business life in the thriving Butler County seat.

Mr. Ramsey was married at Kansas City, Missouri, April 6, 1904, to Miss Alice Coggeshall, daughter of N. B. and Mary A. (Ellis) Coggeshall.

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