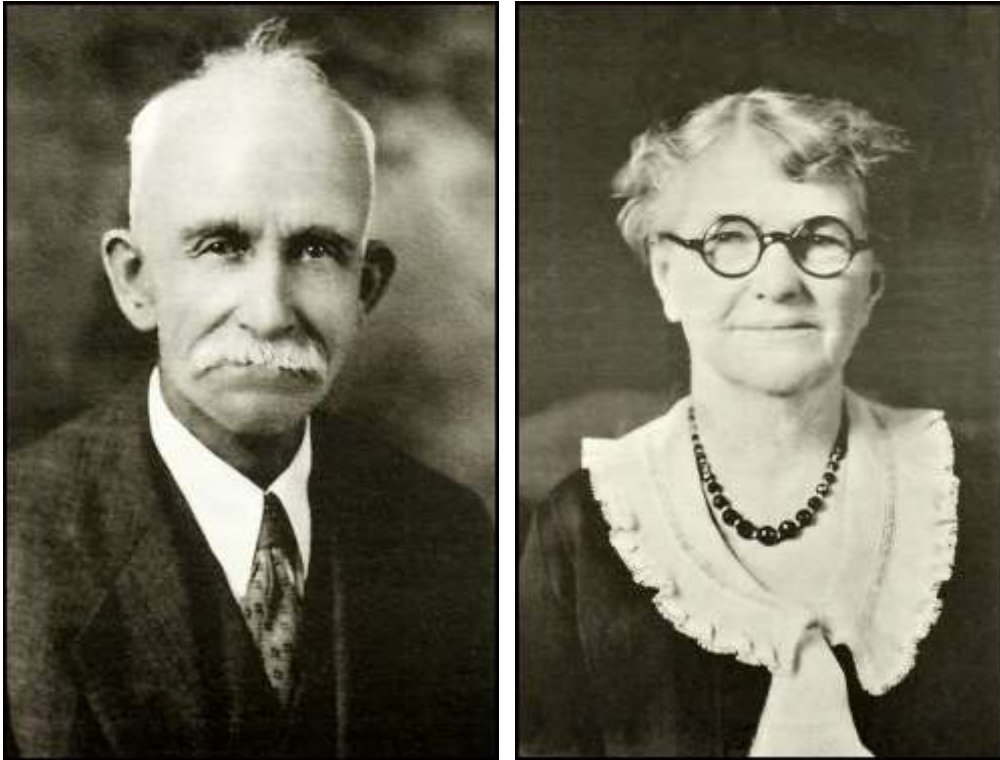


LEVESTON B. STRINGFIELD

Leveston Barbee Stringfield
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LEVESTON B. STRINGFIELD & MARY BURTON (WEST) STRINGFIELD

*Photographs from the book titled “CASTLE ON THE PRAIRIE”
Written by their daughter, Lois (Stringfield) Harman.*

LEVESTON BARBEE STRINGFIELD, son of Christopher Columbus Stringfield (1828-1920) and Catherine W. Johnson (1827-1897), was born in August of 1855 in Mills County, Iowa. (Some records show he was born in September.) He married **MARY BURTON WEST**, daughter of Asa Burton West (1835-1899) and Emma Eliza Newton (1839-1876), on 25 Sep 1884 in Hillsdale, Mills County, Iowa. Mary was born in August of 1866.

In 1891, Leveston visited his father in Terry, Finney County, Kansas. In 1899, he moved his family there, making Finney County their new home. When they first arrived, they lived with Leveston’s father for a short time. Next, they lived at the historic “Old Kentucky Home Ranch,” located 16 miles north of Garden City. Leveston worked in that area as a carpenter for Dr. Laban H. Johnson, a blind man from New York City, to whom he was distantly related, through his mother’s side of the family. Leveston also farmed the adjoining land next to their ranch until moving to Garden City in about 1907. There he continued to work as a building contractor

and carpenter until retirement.

Leveston continued to farm, and from 1907 to 1916, you could find Leveston Stringfield advertising his flowers and trees for sale in the Garden City Newspaper.

TREES.
I have on the lots north of Fin-
nup's grocery for sale apple, pear,
plum, cherry, peach, ash, elm, box
elder, gooseberry, fall bearing straw-
berries, asparagus, rhubarb, horse-
radish, grapes, roses, poeonies and
phlox.
April 27 **L. B. STRINGFIELD.**

THE GARDEN CITY HERALD
Thursday, 27 Apr 1916

Leveston passed away on 8 Aug 1937 and Mary died in September of 1937. Burial was at the VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas.

Leveston and Mary Stringfield had the following five children:

MYRTLE FAUSTINA STRINGFIELD was born on 12 Aug 1885 in Mills County, Iowa. She never married and worked for the United States Government as a stenographer. In 1910, she left Kansas and moved to New Jersey, and during the 1920s and 1930s, she lived in New York. By 1940, Myrtle had moved to Washington, District of Columbia. She passed away on 20 Jul 1951 in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia. Burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas, on 23 Jul 1951.

MABEL GRACE STRINGFIELD was born on 1 Apr 1888 in Mills County, Iowa. She worked as a teacher before her marriage to ROBERT HENRY TURNEY, son of Charles A. Turney and Alice Todd. Robert was born on 17 Oct 1886 in Silver Cliff, Custer County, Colorado. After they were married, Robert and Mable lived in Hartman, Colorado. They later moved to Roswell, New Mexico, but by 1930, they had moved on and were living in Garden City, Kansas. One son was born to their marriage, ROBERT S. TURNEY, born 11 Jul 1918 and died 17 Dec 1990. Mabel died on 15 Nov 1940, and Robert died in 9 Jun 1943. Burial for both was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

BURTON STANLEY STRINGFIELD was born on 15 Sep 1890 in Mills County, Iowa, and died on 8 Mar 1938. Burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas.

CHRISTOPHER C. STRINGFIELD was born on 19 Jun 1893 in Mills County, Iowa. He married SIDNEA “EVA” RYAN, daughter of Drew Ryan and Eva Morgan. They had one child, a son, Robert B. Stringfield, born in 1919. Christopher died on 7 Dec 1928, and his burial was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas. His wife, Sidnea, married again to William Robinson in 1932.

LOIS D. STRINGFIELD was born on 28 May 1900 in Finney County, Kansas, and married OVID DEWITT HARMAN on 4 Oct 1921 in Garden City, Kansas. Ovid passed away on 1 Apr 1982. Lois died on 10 Oct 1991. Burial for both was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Kansas. (*For more information on Ovid and Lois Harman, see OVID D. HARMAN, Project Consultant - Finney County.*)

Cemetery Headstones

The family was buried at the
VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY
Garden City, Finney County, Kansas

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LEVESTON B. STRINGFIELD & MARY BURTON (WEST) STRINGFIELD



Daughter, MYRTLE F. STRINGFIELD



Daughter, MABEL (STRINGFIELD) TURNEY & ROBERT TURNEY



Brothers, BURTON S. STRINGFIELD & CHRISTOPHER STRINGFIELD