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NICK & MYRTLE (KIDD) MCKINNEY
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NICHOLAS “NICK” L. MCKINNEY, son of Aly McKinney (1848-1928) and Mary Elizabeth Stigall (1855-1931), was born on 30 Nov 1887 in Texas County, Missouri. He married **MYRTLE KIDD**, daughter of William E. Kidd (1861-1924) and Callie Quillen (1867-1953), on 7 Oct 1906 in Texas County, Missouri. Myrtle was born on 5 Apr 1889 in Clinchport, Scott County, Virginia.

Nicholas McKinney lived most of his life in the Missouri Ozarks working as a farmer. He moved his family to the Finney County, Kansas area in about 1935. By 1940, they had returned to Texas County, Missouri.

On 27 Aug 1979, Nicholas died at the Texas County Missouri Memorial Hospital, and Myrtle died on 6 Jan 1981 in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri. Both were buried at the Tyrone Cemetery in Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri.

Five children were born in their marriage:

PAUL E. MCKINNEY was born on 6 Jan 1910 in Texas County, Missouri. He married Ida L. Lay, daughter of George Lay and Elizabeth Manley, on 25 Jun 1928 in Houston,

Texas County, Missouri. Ida was born on 14 Nov 1910 in Tyrone, Missouri. They had six children: Dwaine, Bobby, Dearl, Danny, Darlene, and Virginia. Paul worked for the Caterpillar Tractor Company as a machinist for over 25 years in Peoria, Illinois, and retired in 1972. Paul died on 22 Apr 1985 in Bartonville, Peoria County, Illinois. Ida died on 18 Feb 2001. They were both buried at the Ozark Cemetery in Houston, Texas County, Missouri.

KEITH MCKINNEY was born on 15 Aug 1915 in Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri. He died when he was only 12½ years old on 6 Aug 1929. He died after falling from a large tree and breaking his wrist. Four days after having his wrist set, he became very ill and died due to gas poison setting in. Burial was at the Tyrone Cemetery, Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri.

RAY ALLARD MCKINNEY, born 5 Jan 1920 in Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri, married Mary Josephine “Jo” Ware, daughter of Oliver R. Ware and Gertrude Traynham. Jo was born on 28 Sep 1919 in Greenville County, South Carolina. Ray and Jo had one daughter, Mary Jean (*married name Kerr*). For many years, the Duke Power Company employed Ray before his retirement. He passed away on 2 May 1982 in Piedmont, Greenville County, South Carolina, and Jo died there on 3 Mar 1999. They were buried at the Lickville Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Pelzer, Greenville County, South Carolina.

WILMA DEAN MCKINNEY was born on 23 Aug 1925 in Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri. She married Herman Leon Holder, son of Charles Holder and Alma Westerman, on 6 Sep 1944. They had four sons: Terry, Larry, Nick, and Don. Herman Holder passed away on 4 Jul 1982. Wilma died on 5 Jun 2023 in Nixa, Christian County, Missouri.

GEARL DEAN “JERI” MCKINNEY was born on 2 Jul 1933 in Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri. She married Leo F. Marcel, son of Leo and Mary Marcel, on 20 Jun 1953 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas. Leo and Jeri had a son (*Mathew*) who died at birth on 11 Jan 1965 in Clay County, Missouri. They had a daughter (*Mary Deborah*) who also passed away. They resided in Kansas City, Missouri, and later moved to Branson, Missouri. Jeri and Leo had five daughters: Lisa Marcel, Elaine Marcel, Karen Marcel, Jeanette Marcel, and Suzanne Marcel. Jeri McKinney Marcel passed away on 12 Feb 2022.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nick McKinney of Yukon recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at their home. They were married on 7 Oct 1906, near Tyrone. They have lived most of their life in

Texas County. Their children are Paul McKinney of Tyrone, Ray McKinney from Piedmont, South Carolina, Wilma Dean Holder of Yukon and Jeri Marcel of Kansas City, Missouri. They also have 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren.

Cemetery Headstone

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TYRONE CEMETERY
Tyrone, Texas County, Missouri
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