

RUTH AUSBUN

Virginia "Ruth" (Ausbun) Florence
Project Writer – Hamilton County & Kearney County



KENNETH ELWOOD FLORENCE & VIRGINIA RUTH AUSBUN
Married 25 Jan 1947

VIRGINIA "RUTH" AUSBUN, daughter of Benton Patrick Ausbun (1876-1945) and Martha Westina Mullins* (1878-1945), was born on 4 Feb 1919 in Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas.

By 1930, Ruth and her family had moved to Richland, Hamilton County, Kansas. In 1936, at the time of the Federal Writers Project, they were living in a rural area of Hamilton County and Ruth was very active in writing for the project. She was only 17 years old at the time. By 1940, they were living in Atchison, Atchison County, Kansas.

She married **KENNETH ELWOOD FLORENCE** on 25 Jan 1947 in Hugoton, Kansas. Kenneth, son of Austin Florence (1866-1935) and Ella Landess (1883-1957), was born on 3 Mar 1916 in Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio.

Kenneth and Ruth continued to live in Hugoton, but eventually moved to Dumas, Moore County, Texas, in 1959. At that time, Kenneth was working as an Oil Rig Laborer for the Natural Gas Pipe Line. He served in the military during World War II.

Kenneth passed away on 6 Mar 1974 in Dumas, Texas and Ruth died there on 18 Apr

1974. Their burial was at the Northlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Dumas.

Four children were born in their marriage: **CONNIE FLORENCE** (1948-), **KENNETH ELWOOD FLORENCE, JR.** (1949-1993), **CLINTON E. FLORENCE** (1951-), and **THOMAS JAMES FLORENCE** (1953-2007).

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