

ULYSSES VICTOR ANTON

Haskell County, Kansas

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Told by Ulysses V. Anton

** Additional information added about certain people mentioned in this story*



*Front row - left to right: Ulysses Anton, Leota Viola Culver, and Lottie Hoskinson Anton
Back row – left to right: Georgia Anton, Charles Anton, and Alma Anton*

(Leota was Lottie Anton's niece, whose mother passed away when she was an infant. Ulysses and Lottie took Leota in as their own.)

If a stranger would visit the splendid home of Ulysses V. Anton, two-and-a-half miles east of Satanta, and judge the entire county by this home, he would sum up Haskell County in one word... "Substantial."

"I bought this farm ten years ago and began careful preparations for a home. For five years, our family made regular trips overland from our home at Ensign, Kansas, through the many large pastures that made up Haskell and Gray Counties to our farm here.

At first, we were not sure that we would like it here, but every time we came, it seemed more like home, and now we would not think of living anywhere else.

In those first five years, I raised mostly row crops, but in later years, most of my one thousand acres and some rented land were in fine wheat. We have only one team of

horses left out of the several teams we had when we first arrived. We did not need them any longer after the modern machinery came into use. We have many useful sheds and outbuildings not only for machinery but also for our poultry and livestock.

Charley Anton, our son, who is married and makes their home with us, assists me in farming. The new and modern stucco house built six years ago is one of the finest in Haskell County. It has a full basement equipped with heating and lighting. The first floor has all of the comforts and conveniences of a city home.

We intend to build a similar home on our land at the east boundary in Satanta.

We can never say that Haskell County has not repaid us, for we indeed have gained in everything that we attempted to do.”

Additional Information ULYSSES VICTOR ANTON

ULYSSES VICTOR ANTON, son of Robert Rudolph Anton (1853-1918) and Marie Augustine Heron (1854-1946), was born on 27 Aug 1879 in Eudora Township, Douglas County, Kansas. He married LOTTIE HOSKINSON, daughter of Charles Albert Hoskinson (1852-1929) and Anna Elizabeth Thompson (1858-1928), on 30 Dec 1903 in Vinland, Douglas County, Kansas. They were in a double wedding ceremony with his brother (Frank), who married Lottie's sister (Sadie). Lottie was born in Vinland on 11 Jan 1884. After they were married, Ulysses and Lottie lived in Hess Township, Gray County, Kansas. By 1930, they had moved to Haskell, Haskell County, Kansas. They lived there until moving to Satanta, Haskell County, Kansas, in about 1945.

Ulysses passed away on 11 May 1952 in Satanta, and Lottie died there on 16 Jul 1955. Both were buried at the Dudley Township Cemetery in Satanta.

Three children were born in their marriage:

CHARLES ROBERT ANTON was born on 12 Feb 1906 in Douglas County, Kansas. He moved to Haskell County in 1925 and lived there for the remainder of his life, where he worked as a farmer. He married Marie Rebecca Davis, daughter of Earl Devere Davis (1887-1972) and Celestia May Brown (1891-1977) on 5 Aug 1929 in Moscow, Stevens County, Kansas. Marie was born on 5 Aug 1910 in Liberal, Seward County, Kansas. They had four children, Betty Louise, Robert Dean, William, and Bonnie. Charles passed away on 13 Dec 1979 in Satanta, Haskell County, Kansas. Marie died there on 24 Jan 2004. Both were buried at the Dudley Township Cemetery in Satanta.

GEORGIA RUTH ANTON was born on 20 Oct 1907 in Gray County, Kansas. She attended Satanta, Kansas High School, and taught school for several years. She was married to Joseph V. Benson, son of William O. Benson and Laura Alice Bushey. Joseph was born on 5 Sep 1904 in Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa. He passed away on 23 Dec 1989 in Deer River, Itasca County, Minnesota and Georgia died on 28 Nov 1999 in Bigfork, Itasca County, Minnesota. They were

buried at the Evergreen Knoll Cemetery in Itasca County, Minnesota.

(Georgia and Alma married brothers. Georgia married Joseph Benson, and Alma married Donald Benson.)

ALMA DEAN ANTON was born on 5 Jul 1909 in Gray County, Kansas. She graduated from Satanta, Kansas High School, and attended Garden City, Kansas Junior College and Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. She was also a teacher in the rural schools while still living in Kansas. She was married to Donald Day Benson, son of William O. Benson and Laura Alice Bushey, on 16 May 1933 in Itasca County, Minnesota. Donald was a private in the United States Army during World War II. They had three children; Phyllis, Donna, and Rob. Donald died on 25 Feb 1994 in Deer River, Itasca County, Minnesota and Alma passed away on 20 Sep 2004 in Bigfork, Itasca County, Minnesota. They were buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Itasca County, Minnesota.

Newspaper Marriage Announcement ULYSSES V. ANTON AND LOTTIE HOSKINSON

Lawrence (Kansas) Daily Journal – Thursday, 31 Dec 1903

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hoskinson, near Vinland (South of Lawrence in Douglas County, Kansas), their daughters were united in marriage to Ulysses and Frank Anton. The double ceremony joined Ulysses Anton & Lottie Hoskinson and Frank Anton & Sadie Hoskinson, with Rev. W.W. Harris conducting it. There were between 150 and 160 guests, and after the wedding, a huge wedding dinner was served. The presents received were many and valuable, including two china dinner sets from C. P. Baldwin, a Kansas City commission man.

The Anton boys are well known in Douglas County, having been raised in Eudora Township, and the brides are equally well known, have always made their home in Palmyra Township. The Anton boys are now located in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and after visiting for a week with relatives and friends, the young people will go to their new homes.

The many friends of all unite in best wishes and congratulations to the newly married young people and hope for them all the joy and happiness that they justly deserve.

Newspaper Obituaries ULYSSES V. ANTON

Arizona Republic – Tuesday, 13 May 1952

MESA - Ulysses V. Anton, 72, east of Mesa, died at his home Sunday after a short illness. Mr. Anton, a Kansas wheat farmer, had spent the winters here. He is survived by his wife, Lottie,

and a son, Charles, both of Satanta, Kansas; and two daughters, Mrs. Georgia Benson and Mrs. Alma Benson, both of Deer River, Minnesota. Services and burial will be in Satanta (*at the Dudley Township Cemetery*).

LOTTIE MAY (HOSKINSON) ANTON

The Garden City (Kansas) Telegram – Monday, 18 July 1955

rites for Lottie Anton Tuesday

SATANTA – Funeral services for Lottie May Anton, who died here Saturday afternoon, will be held here at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Anton, 71, died at her home. She had been a resident of Haskell County since 1929.

A native of Kansas, Mrs. Anton was born in Vinland (*Douglas County*) in 1884. She moved to Ensign, *Gray County*, in 1906 and lived there until moving to Haskell County.

Her husband, U. V. Anton, died in 1952.

Surviving are two daughters, Alma Benson and Georgie Benson, both of Talmoon, Minnesota; one son, Charles R. Anton of Satanta, and seven grandchildren.

Burial will be in the Satanta Cemetery. (*Actually, the Dudley Township Cemetery in Satanta*)

DUDLEY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY Satanta, Haskell County, Kansas



Headstone photograph provided by Leon Barton