

## **EVA MAE COOPER**

*Project Writer – Haskell County*



Wallace & Eva Mae (Cooper) Kellams  
*Photograph provided by their daughter, Judy Thomas*

**EVA MAE COOPER**, daughter of Chester Cooper (1898-1964) and Florence Curtis (1899-1987), was born on 17 Feb 1919 in Stafford County, Kansas. Eva Mae attended her early school years in Stafford County. She graduated high school in Sublette, Haskell County, Kansas, and wrote several stories about Haskell County for the Federal Writers Project in 1936.

She married **WALLACE “WALLY” KELLAMS**, son of Rupert Carl Kellams (1880-1964) and Margaret “Maggie” Arletta Roland (1886-1973), on 1 Sep 1937 in Langdon, Reno County, Kansas.

Wallace was born on 17 Nov 1912 in Reno County, Kansas. He attended his early school years there and then moved to Sublette, where, like Eva Mae, he graduated from Sublette High School.

In 1946, Wallace and Eva Mae moved to Lane County, Kansas, where Wallace began farming and worked for several different Dighton, Kansas businesses. Eva Mae spent her working years as a checker at the two Dighton IGA grocery stores... the Munstead IGA and the Newsom IGA.

Two daughters were born to their marriage, **JUDITH (KELLAMS) THOMAS** and **PAMELA (KELLAMS) HOMEIER**.

Wallace died on 21 Jan 1997 in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. Eva Mae passed away there at the Lane County Term Care on 16 Jan 2013. Burial for both was at the Dighton Memorial Cemetery.

### NEWSPAPER WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Hutchinson (Kansas) News, 5 Sep 1937*

#### GRANDDAUGHTER WEDS ON 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, Wednesday, 1 Sep 1937, for Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooper of St. John, Stafford County, Kansas, was the wedding day for their granddaughter, Eva Cooper, and Wallace Kellams of Nickerson. It was also the eighth wedding anniversary for Rev. and Mrs. Kellams of Langdon, and the ceremony was read by Rev. Kellams, the brother of the bridegroom.

The wedding was at 8 o'clock in the evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kellams.

Attendants were Edna Cooper of St. John, Kansas, the aunt of the bride, and Allen Kellams of Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, brother of the bridegroom. The bride wore a black crepe street dress with black accessories.

Mrs. Kellams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper of Lansing, has lived in St. John for the past 18 months. Both she and Mr. Kellams are graduates of Sublette (Kansas) High School. Mr. Kellams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Kellams of Hutchinson. He is engaged in farming near Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas, and the couple will be living there.

A reception was held in the pastor's home after the wedding. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooper, John Wayne, and Eugene Fox of St. John, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Kellams and son, all of Hutchison, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kellams and their three daughters, all of Nickerson, Kansas.