

**MAXINE RIDGE**  
Garnet "Maxine" Ridge  
*Project writer for  
Haskell County and Kearney County*



Maxine (Ridge) Kilbourn  
*Newspaper Photograph*

**MAXINE RIDGE**, daughter of Lewis Christopher Ridge (1877-1936) and Maude Hall (1889-1944) was born on 8 Nov 1916, in Santa Fe, Haskell County, Kansas. When Maxine was two years old, the family moved to the North West area of Missouri. They did not stay long and returned to Haskell County, Kansas, living in Sublette.

Maxine attended school in Sublette and graduated in 1935. She helped with the Haskell County Federal Writers Project by writing several stories about the area. She received her teacher's certificate at the Fort Hays Teachers College in Hays, Kansas. After graduating, she returned home and taught school in Holcomb and Ivanhoe Township, both in Finney County.

She married **LEWIS "BARNEY" JOSEPH KILBOURN**, son of Lewis Joseph Kilbourn (1878-1930) and Clara Bell (1883-1971), on 23 Dec 1939 in Sublette. Lewis was born on 14 Aug 1914 in Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas.

They made their home in Hugoton, Kansas, and then moved to Sublette. By the 1950s, they had moved to Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, where Maxine worked for the Finney County Treasurer's Office until her retirement.

Two children were born to their marriage: **BONNIE JEAN (KILBOURN) WHEELER** and **LEWIS EDWARD KILBOURN**.

Lewis died on 28 Nov 1990 in Garden City, Kansas. Maxine passed away on 19 Feb 2010 at the Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. They were buried at the Haskell County Cemetery in Sublette, Kansas.