

## **CHARLES E. GRAVES**

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**CHARLES EDGAR GRAVES**, son of Jacob Graves (1837-1906) and Emeline Groves (1839-1926) was born on 31 May 1877 in Effingham, Atchison County, Kansas.

On 18 Feb 1903, Charles married **EDNA IONA DENNEY**, daughter of Samuel Dawson Denney (1852-1915) and Sarah E. Corbin (1856-1947), in Healy, Lane County, Kansas. Edna was born on 18 Nov 1883 in Osceola, Clarke County, Iowa.

They lived in Healy, Lane County, Kansas until about 1908, moving to Cheyenne, Lane County, Kansas. They lived there until about 1932, when they moved to Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. Charles continued to farm his land until about 1940, when he became the Lane County Register of Deeds.

Charles passed away on 7 Dec 1948 in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas. Edna moved to Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas in about 1960 to be close to their daughter, Nellie. Edna died there on 20 May 1972. Burial for both, Charles and Edna, was at the Dighton Cemetery.

Charles and Edna had three children:

**ERNEST EDGAR GRAVES** was born on 18 Jan 1904 in Healy, Lane County, Kansas. Census records reveal that Ernest worked as an automobile mechanic. He married Gretchen Velma Lucas, daughter of James Edward Lucas (1861-1926) and Hudah Adella Lierle (1866-1930) on 26 Jan 1924 in Scott City, Scott County, Kansas. Gretchen was born on 16 Nov 1902 in Illinois. They had two sons: Charles Dean Graves (1927-2006) and Don Dane Graves (1928-2018). Ernest passed away on 3 Mar 1984 in Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado. Gretchen died on 10 May 1989 in Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado. Burial for both was at the Foothills Gardens of Memory in Longmont, Colorado.

**NELLIE LELA (GRAVES) NORTON CRAVEN** was born on 24 Jan 1906 in Healy, Lane County, Kansas. She married Ira Phillip Norton, son of John Raymond Norton (1866-1931) and Daisy Belle Stebbins (1874-1954), on 25 Feb 1928 in Scott City, Kansas. Ira was born on 4 Oct 1904 and died on 17 Nov 1987 in Delta, Delta County, Colorado. Ira and Nellie had one son, Kenneth Ira Norton (1930-2018). After Ira and Nellie's marriage ended, Nellie married Verle Wayne Craven (1908-1964) on 18 May 1958 in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas. Nellie died in Dodge City, on 29 Mar 2004. The burial place for Nellie was Dighton Cemetery in Dighton, Lane County, Kansas.

**DONALD DENNEY GRAVES** was born on 23 Nov 1907 in Healy, Lane County, Kansas. He married Madeline Louise "Mandie" McMurray, daughter of George Sheridan McMurray (1872-1946) and Ida Belle Anshutz (1875-1914) on 21 Apr 1929 in Healy, Kansas. Madeline was born on 26 Sep 1909 in Lebanon, Smith County, Kansas. Donald passed away on 28 Feb 1972 in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. Madeline died there on 11 Oct 1978. Burial for both was at the Womer Cemetery in Womer, Smith County, Kansas.