

WILLIAM RICKFORD

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WILLIAM RICKFORD, son of William Rickford and Amelia Biggs, was born on 28 Feb 1863 in Renault, Monroe County, Illinois. He married **LUCY JANE OWEN** in 1895 in Monroe County, Illinois. She was the daughter of E. Madison Owen and Margaret McBride. Lucy was born on 12 Aug 1864 in Randolph County, Illinois.

Lucy passed away on 16 Dec 1945 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. William died there on 16 May 1947. They had moved to El Paso Texas in about 1944, to be close to their daughter, Nellie, who was living there. William and Lucy's burial was back in Kansas at the Beulah Cemetery in Leoti, Wichita County, Kansas.

William and Lucy had three children:

Their daughters were **MABEL (RICKFORD) BURNS** and **NELLIE RICKFORD**, the chief nurse at the Houchen Settlement House in El Paso, Texas.

Their son, **WILLIAM BRYAN RICKFORD** lived in Marienthal, Wichita County, Kansas. He was born on 7 Jan 1897 in Monroe County, Illinois. He married Edith G. Smades, daughter of George Neilson Smades (1868-1932) and Anna Widmer (1878-1916), on 14 Jan 1933 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. Edith was born on 1 Feb 1902. William was a veteran of World War 1 and a Kansas farmer in Wichita County. He passed away at his farm on 9 Dec 1969. Edith died on 12 May 1975. Their burial was at the Beulah Cemetery in Leoti, Kansas.