

A. B. A. Oil Co.

Hub –

November 27, 1916 –Marshall Oil Company Sold

E. A. Atkins formed the A. B. A. Independent Oil and Gasoline Company and purchased the Marshall Oil Company in Kearney. Currently living in Omaha, he planned to move his family to Kearney at the end of the first school semester. Marshall Oil Company had located in Kearney some years ago.

August 3, 1917 – Bernard Atkins was working around the A B A Oil Co. plant when he caught his right hand in some cogs, crushing his fingers. The ring and middle fingers had to be amputated. The index finger was badly cut and it was feared he might lose that one also.

December 31, 1917 – Bernard Atkins and Lola Kelly of North Platte were married on Dec. 29. Lola was here attending the normal school. They planned to live in Kearney.

May 24, 1918 – LOST - Five gallon measuring bucket and funnel between Newark and Kearney, Return to A. B. A. Oil Co. Just north of U. P. Hotel, Kearney

August 29, 1918 – LOST—Bunch of keys. Return to A. B. A. Oil Co., and receive reward.

June 13, 1921 (through June 16) – The A. B. A. Oil Co. filling station is now open at Twenty-fifth street and First avenue. Oil and gasoline.

October 22, 1922 – Bernard Atkins, manager of the A B A Oil Co. in Gothenberg was spending a few days in Kearney visiting his parents.

October 31, 1923 – All Kearney service stations will observe the following business hours beginning November 1: 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Standard Oil Co., A. B. A. Oil Co., White Eagle Oil Co., Manhattan Oil Co.

May 19, 1931 - FREE GREASE JOB. With every, crank case drain and refill—for 3 days only. Wednesday-Thursday and Friday. BOTH STATIONS. A. B. A. OIL CO.

October 10, 1931 – Churches - Baptist—D. I. Coon, Pastor.' Big "Rally" all day with special program at 10:45.Several business houses are giving special favors, the Keenan Candy Co. are contributing a box of Malto candy bars to the largest class, the A. B. A. Oil Co. contributes five gallons of gas for whose load totals the greatest number of miles traveled....

October 12, 1931 – Many Attend Rally at Baptist

....The five gallons of gas from the A. B. A. Oil Co. was awarded the Bill McIntyre family, who drove from Grand Island to be present and whose mileage totaled the largest....

October 14, 1932 – Baptist Rally A Great Success

....Farris Hubbert, totaling 84 miles, was granted the five gallons, of gas by the A. B. A. Oil Co....

September 27, 1950 – Former Councilman Arthur Atkins Dies at Local Hospital

[summary] Atkins came to Kearney in 1915 after operating undertaking and furniture businesses in York, Geneva and Red Cloud. In Kearney he operated wholesale and retail gas and oil business. He served two terms as city councilman beginning in April 1930. He was president of the council in 1933 and 1934

Kearney City Directories

1922

Atkins, Arthur E. (Effie E.) (A. B. A. Oil Co.) r 2310 4th av

Atkins, Bernard B. (Lola) (A. B. A. Oil Co.) r 123 W 30th

[Business Directory section]

Oil Companies

A B A Oil Co 22 W 25th

1924

Atkins, Arthur E. (A. B. A. Oil Co.) h2310 4th av

Atkins, Bernard B. (A. B. A. Oil Co.) res Gothenberg Neb

1926

A. B. A. Oil Co. (Arthur E. & Bernard B. Atkins) service sta. 24 W Lincoln Way and 1723 Central av.

Atkins, Arthur E. (A. B. A. Oil Co.) h2310 4th av

Atkins, Bernard B. (A. B. A. Oil Co.) res Gothenberg Neb

[Street Directory section]

[Odd numbered addresses going north and south are on the east side of the street

Odd numbered addresses going east and west are on the north side of the street]

1721 Central Av A. B. A. Oil Filling Sta.

24 Lincoln Way West A. B. A. Oil Co

1931

A B A Oil Co. (A E Atkins) filling sta 25th se corner 1st av tanks E 19th sw cor avenue M

Atkins, Arthur E (Elvena M; A B A Oil) filling sta 1727 central av h 1402 9th av

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Gasoline and Oil Service Stations

A B A Oil Co 25th se corner 1st av

Atkins Arthur E 1727 central av

1933

A B A Oil Co. (A E Atkins) filling sta 25th se corner 1st av
Atkins, Arthur E (Elvena M; A B A Oil) filling sta 1727 central av h 1402 9th av

1937

Atkins, Arthur E (Elvena M) h1402 9th av

1939-1940

Atkins, Arthur E. (Elvena M) mgr h1320 9th av [can't find what he manages]

Kearney Cemetery

Atkins, Elvena – died 7/1/1964, 77, died of broncho pneumonia

Atkins, Arthur – died 9/26/1950, 76, died of adema carcinoma

Census

1885 – Nebraska State Census, York, Nebraska

Atkins, Arthur E., 10

1900 – York, Nebraska

Atkins, Arthur – head, 25, born Aug 1874, married 5 years, oil dealer

Effie – wife, 23, born Nov 1876, 2 children, both living

Bernard – son, 4, born Aug 1895

1910 – Lincoln, Nebraska

Atkins, Arthur E – head, 35, married 15 years, retail merchant, furniture

Effie E – wife, 33, 2 children, both living

Bernard B – son, 14,

Rita B – daughter, 7

1920 – 2313 4th Ave, Kearney, Nebraska

Atkins, Arthur – head, 45, manager, wholesale oil co., emp

Effie – wife, 43

Rita – daughter, 17

1930 – 1402 9th Ave, Kearney, Nebraska

Atkins, Arthur E – head, 55, age at first marriage 21, wholesale & retail, oil

Elvena M – wife, 43, age at first marriage 22

1940 – 1320 9TH Ave, Kearney, Nebraska

Atkins, Arthur E – head, 65, 2 years college, manager, Power Fuel Co.
Glena M – wife, 52, 3 years high school

Both living in same place in 1935

Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002

Atkins, Arthur E, 51

Skov, Elvena, 39

Married March 25, 1926 in Warsaw, Missouri