

Arbuckle

Probate – Francis M. Arbuckle

Died 18 Jan 1921

Estate:

½ interest in S ½ SW ¼ 21-9-15 – 80 acres valued at \$6,000

½ interest in W ½ NE ¼ 28-9-15 – 80 acres valued at \$9,000

½ interest in Lots 201 & 202 in the SW ¼ of School Section Addition, Kearney Junction

Valued at \$1500, contained the family home.

Money from Henline & Arbuckle a/c - \$1059.75

Grain – 900 bushels wheat - \$1378

Alfalfa – 12 tons, stacked - \$84

Lincoln Stocks

Liberty Bond (\$50 face value) - \$43.10

1920 Ford - \$300

Some expenses paid by the estate:

Bower Funeral Home - \$447

Christian Church subscription - \$400

Dr. Cameron - \$92

Heirs:

Lodema Arbuckle, widow – legal age

Colonel R., son – legal age

Leota B., daughter – 15

Final settlement:

Each heir received 1/3

Lodema could live in the home for the rest of her life.

Obituary for David Arbuckle of Gibbon. 1880 Census would indicate that he was the older brother of Colonel's father Francis (Frank).

Born 15 Mar 1861 in Lexington, Illinois

Died 31 Mar 1947 in Kearney at home of daughter

Father Samuel Arbuckle

Mother Lucinda Swoorwood

b. Knox Co. Ohio 23 July 1833

Married in March 1850, 8 children, 4 died before her death in 1923

d. Gibbon, Nebr. 17 Jan 1923

Married Stella Popejoy on 7 Oct 1882

She died 28 Nov 1944

Came to Custer County in 1890

Moved to Buffalo County in 1892

Survived by –

Son - Ernest of Kearney who married Leota Leonard, she died in 1917, they had 1 daughter

Daughter - Ruby Taylor of Columbus, Nebr.

Daughter - Mildred Shafto of Kearney, Nebr.

Daughter - Eva Brandt of Gibbon, Neb.

Sister - Clara [Clarice] Weakley of Gibbon, Neb.

Sister - Ellen Rose of Westerville, Nebr.

David also had a sister, Sarah Nickols

Census Records

1880 – Lawndale Township, McLean County, Illinois

Arbuckle, Lucinda, 46, widow, born in Ohio
 David M., 20, farmer, born in Illinois
 Francis M., 13, farmer, born in Illinois
 Clarice B., 6, born in Illinois
Nickols, George, 30, farmer, born in Ohio
 Sarah, 23, born in Illinois

1900 – Thornton Township, Buffalo County, Nebr.

Arbuckell, Frank, 33, head, born Sept 1866, born in Illinois, farmer, father born in Pennsylvania
 Lodema, 32, wife, born June 1867, born in Ohio, married 6 years, 1 child
 Roy, 5, born Sept 1894, born in Nebraska

1900 – Gibbon Township, Buffalo County, Nebr.

Arbuckle, David 38, head, born May 1862, born in Illinois, farmer, parents both born in Ill.
 Stella, wife, 33, born Nov 1866, born in Ill., married 17 years, 4 children, 3 living
 Ernest, son, 13, born in Illinois
 Ethel, daughter, 7, born in Nebraska
 Ruby, daughter, 10/12, born in Nebraska
Cobert, Henry, cousin, 56, born in Ohio, farm labor

1910 – Gibbon Township, Buffalo County, Nebr.

Arbuckle, David M., head, 48, born in Illinois, farmer
 Stella M., wife, 44, married 27 years, 7 children, 6 living, born in Illinois
 Ethel F., 17, daughter, born in Nebraska
 Ruby J. 10, daughter, born in Nebraska
 Mildred, 8, daughter, born in Nebraska
 Pauline, 6, daughter, born in Nebraska
 Letha, 2, daughter, born in Nebraska

1910 – Center Township, Buffalo County, Nebr.

Arbuckle, Ernest, head, 25, born in Nebraska
 Leota, wife, 23, married 2 years, one child, living, born in Nebraska
 Bernace, daughter, 1, born in Nebraska

1920 – Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebr.

Arbuckle, Frank M, 53, head, owns home, 406 S 26th St, Commission salesman, livestock
 Born in Illinois, father in United States, mother in Ohio
 Lodema F. 52, born in Ohio, father & mother in Ohio
 Leota B., 14, born in Nebr.

1930 – Center Township, Buffalo County, Nebr.

Arbuckle, C. R. – 35, head, married at 22, living on farm which he owns, have a radio.
 Born in Nebr., father born in Illinois, mother in Ohio
 Ruth M. – 35, married at 22, born in Nebr., father born in New York, mother in Germany
 Arlene J. – 10, born in Nebr.
 Ardith E. - 7, born in Nebr.
 [There was also a 25 year old hired hand living with them whose last name I can't read]

Buffalo Tales publications by the Buffalo County Historical Society [found at <bchs.us>

“D. Wort, Grain Dealer, Former Mayor” Feb. 1991

Quote from article - “In February of 1921 he [Wort] was appointed City Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Frank Arbuckle.”

“Rural Electrification 1929-1953” April, 1990

Picture of first Buffalo County REA Board includes Colonel Arbuckle.

Information learned from Colonel after we bought our house from him in Dec. 1974
(by Mardi Anderson)

Colonel Arbuckle owned a farm northeast of Kearney in Center Township. He had built a new house on it. When the Kearney Airbase was built by the Army in 1942 the boundary line cut Colonel’s farm in half taking the part with the house. He had to find another place to live so he bought a 9 1/3 acre plot west of Kearney where the cotton mill used to stand.

The cottonmill was a large factory in which cotton was spun into thread and then woven into cotton cloth. It operated from 1892 to about 1903. Then, after sitting empty for many years the building was partially razed and an amusement park was built. When the amusement park closed a couple of years later more of the cottonmill building was taken down and the brick was used to construct a large four-bedroom, two story house. A corner of the factory building remained and was used as part of a chicken hatchery business until the property was purchased by Colonel.

Colonel turned the main floor of that remaining corner of the cottonmill into two apartments which he rented out during the war years. There was a housing shortage in Kearney then. He also placed one or two house trailers on the property facing Highway 30 to the west of the house and apartments. After the war he continued to rent the apartments, usually to college students.

Colonel was widowed twice while living there. When he married the third time, his wife, Martha Mott, owned a house in Kearney. He moved there, leaving much of the furniture here in this house. The house sat empty for five years. Then he sold it on contract. The new owners were not able to keep up the payments, nor did they maintain the property so it reverted back to him. This is when we purchased one acre which contained the house. Later he sold the remaining 8 1/3 acres to a couple of college professors who had plans to develop the property by making it a small subdivision. This never happened. After he sold that property we did not see him any more because he would not come out here to check on his land.

Colonel was a big man with a colorful, cheerful personality. He always had stories to tell. I remember sitting in the grass under a bush in the yard once just listening to him talk. I wish I had written his stories down.