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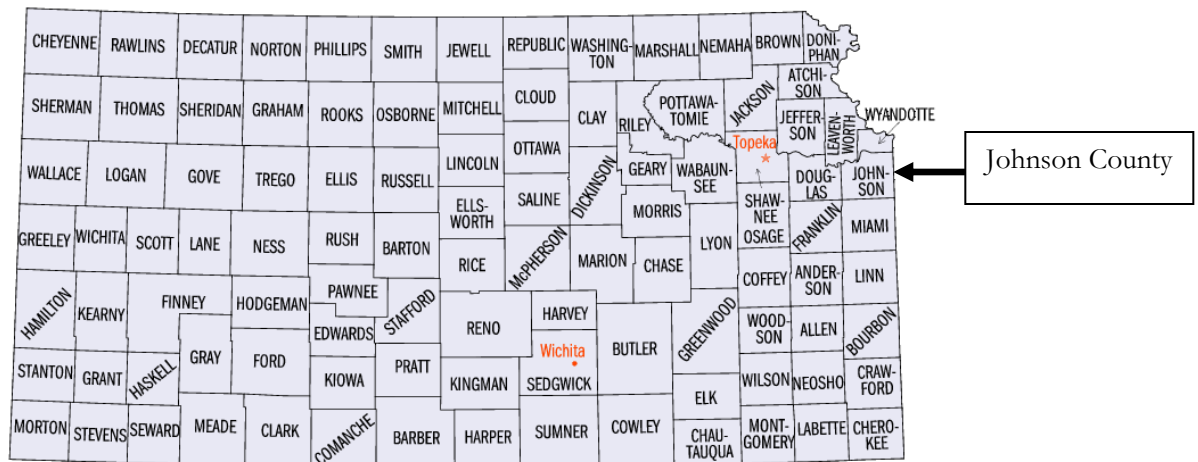
Profile of Alfred Fear and Almedia Josephine Bradshaw Redding

Alfred Fear Redding was born in Iowa in 1855 and named for a local politician and businessman. Soon after his birth, his family moved to Missouri, near Unionville, where Alfred grew to manhood on the family farm. In 1875 he married Almedia Josephine Bradshaw, born in Illinois where the Bradshaws had moved from Virginia (now West Virginia) in the 1830s.

Alfred was a farm laborer in Missouri, and his father kept a day book that recorded his loans to young Alfred as Alfred made his way in the world. In 1906, Alfred moved his family to Olathe, Kansas, where he was a carpenter, painter, and plasterer.

Almedia passed away in Olathe in 1929, and Alfred died at the home of his son Earl in Lawrence in 1931.

The children of Alfred and Almedia were: Elsie Redding King, Stella Redding Crow, Earl Harrison Redding, Chancey Francis Redding, and Lloyd Cecil Redding.



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Iowa Beginnings

John B. and Mary Ann Redding had 10 children, all of whom lived to adulthood. Their oldest of three sons was Alfred Fear, born on May 20, 1855 in Des Moines County, Iowa, near Burlington in the southeast corner of the state on the Mississippi River. Alfred Fear Redding was no doubt named for a popular businessman and political figure in Iowa at the time—Alfred Fear, a Democrat state senator.

Growing Up in Missouri

Alfred Fear Redding grew up in the Unionville, Missouri, area, where the Redding clan had migrated in 1856. There the Reddings were known for their orchards, according to researcher Sarah Phillips. Alfred married a local girl—Almedia Josephine Bradshaw—on May 13, 1875. The Bradshaws were among the first settlers in northern Missouri. They were from Cabell County, West Virginia (then Virginia), and settled in Edgar County, Illinois, in the 1830s, before moving to Missouri. Almedia's father was Andrew Jackson Bradshaw, and her mother was Mary Ann Campbell, Andrew's first cousin (her mother, Susan Bradshaw, was Andrew's father's sister; her father, Thomas Campbell was born in Monongalia County, Virginia [now West Virginia] in 1805; the Campbells were in Edgar County, Illinois, when the Bradshaws were there). Almedia was born in Champaign County, Illinois, on July 28, 1856.

John B. Redding's day book records payments to his son Alfred and loans to Alfred as young Al was establishing his own family in the late 1870s. In the 1880 Putnam County, Missouri, census, Alfred was a farm laborer with Almedia keeping house and Elsie four months old. In the 1900 census, Alfred and his wife, Almedia Josephine, lived in Unionville and had five children, including 10-year-old son, Chancey Francis. By the 1910 census, the Reddings were gone. Alfred and family had moved to Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas in 1906, where Alfred worked as a carpenter and painter.

Life in Kansas

In the 1910 census, Alfred was in Olathe, Kansas, renting a house on West Lorila Street. He was a painter and day worker. His next door neighbor, John Ferguson, was a painting contractor, so it is possible that Alfred worked for and rented a house from him. Two of the five children were still at home: Chancey, who was 19 and a painter and day worker; and Lloyd, who was 17 and had no occupation.

In the 1915 Kansas State Census in Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas, Alfred (spelled Alford here) was 60, born in Iowa, and a painter. Almedia was 59, born in Illinois.

In the 1920 census, Alfred and Almedia were in Olathe, and Alfred's occupation was listed as a plasterer. Almedia passed away in Olathe on August 10, 1929. In the 1930 census, Alfred was 75 years old, living with his daughter Elsie and her husband Vol King (occupation, cook) in Olathe. Alfred died at the home of his son Earl in Lawrence, Kansas, on April 4, 1931. Alfred's grandson Roy Lee remembers that his grandfather helped them build an addition to their home in Tonganoxie.

Children of Alfred Fear and Almedia Bradshaw Redding

Elsie King, born 1879 in Missouri, died 1969 in Kansas, husband Vol King; children Charlie, Georgia [Richardson], Hazel [Ruppelius]

Stella Crow, born 1885, husband Thomas C. Crow, children Harold, Harry, George, Lena, Thelma.

Earl Harrison Redding, born 1887, wife Jesse, daughter Dorothy [Trotter, Coffeyville, Kansas] and sons Leo and Donnie. Leo's daughter Helen Louise, whose mother was an Indian attending Haskell Institute in Lawrence, married men in the movie business and lived in the Hollywood area before returning to a reservation in southern California (Pala band of Mission Indians). Leo Redding was born November 10, 1909 and died in Los Angeles, California, in December of 1965.

Chancey Francis Redding, born February 14, 1891; died 1974 (see next chapter)

Lloyd Cecil Redding, born May 3, 1892 in Missouri, died May 26, 1944 in San Francisco, wife Madge and son Monte Dale. In 1920 Lloyd was a restaurant manager in Chico City, California.

Almedia's funeral book recorded the following:

Mrs. A. Redding, born Champaign County, Illinois. Passed away at Olathe, Kansas, August 10, 1929. 73 years, 13 days. Juliens Chapel, August 11, 1929. Interment at Olathe, Kansas. Flower girls: Hazel Ruppelius, Lena Belche, Georgia Richardson, Thelma Knight. Floral offerings: Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Bradshaw, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Faster, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. E.N. Prather, Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Prather, Miss Josephine Wesonig, Mr. & Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Laure Cudney, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Redding, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Crass, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Claud Belche, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Ruppelius, Mr. & Mrs. C.F. Redding, Mr. & Mrs. Vol King. Services: Rev. E.M. Daniels; song selections: Rock of Ages, There Will Be No Night There, Abide With Me. Rendered by: Mr. E.N. Hill, Mrs. E.N. Hill, Mr. Harry Morrison, Mrs. Herb Julian. Pall Bearers: Frank Gardner, Ernest Prather, Charley Hulse, Alvin Wiltsie, Wess Russell, Art Rena.

Olathe Cemetery (in plots owned by Marsh Gillihan, uncle of Quintilla Gillihan Redding, wife of Chancey Redding, Alfred's son)

- **Volney King**; d. 6 Jan 1935; interred 8 Jan 1935; no age; COD: apoplexy; undertaker Floyd Ruppelius; from cemetery records; Note: I have not looked for a death notice. Grave marker for Volna and Elsie King: <http://ci.cottonhills.com/olathememorial/s19/DSCN6816.JPG>
- **Ruth King**; d. 15 Jul 1906; interred 16 Jul 1906; age 6 yr; no COD; undertaker Moberly; from cemetery records; has marker: b. 1900; d. 1906; Note: I have not looked for a death notice.
- Robert L. Redding; d. 21 Oct 1915; interred same day; COD stillborn; undertaker F P Hatfield; from cemetery records; unmarked grave. Note: I have not looked for a death notice.
- **Lloyd King**; no death date; interred 27 Jan 1924; age 1 mo 7 dys; COD: illegible; undertaker Julien; from cemetery records; marker for Lloyd and Floyd <http://ci.cottonhills.com/olathememorial/s19/DSCN6815.JPG> . Note: I have not looked for a death notice.
- **Floyd King**; no death date; interred 27 Jan 1924; age 1 mo 6 dys; COD: acute ingest???.; undertaker Julien; from cemetery records; unmarked grave.
- **Floyd A King**; no death date; interred 16 Jun 1927; age 1 mo; COD: marasmus of the abdomen; undertaker Julien; from cemetery records; unmarked grave.
- **Almeda J Redding**; d. 9 Aug 1929; interred 10 Aug 1929; age 73; COD: carcinoma of stomach; undertaker Julien; undertaker Julien; from cemetery records; unmarked grave.
- **Alford Redding**; d. 13 Apr 1931; interred 15 Apr 1931; age 75; COD: senility; undertaker Rumsley Bro – Lawrence (KS); undertaker Julien; from cemetery records; unmarked grave.

The Bradshaw Family

Our Redding connection to the Bradshaw family is through Almedia Josephine Bradshaw Redding, wife of Alfred Fear Redding. The Bradshaws twice enter our family tree, in fact, as Andrew Jackson Bradshaw (Almedia's father), son of William and Mary Kerby Bradshaw, on October 10, 1854 married his first cousin, Mary Ann Campbell in Clark County, Illinois. Mary Ann's grandparents were Charles and Hannah Bates Bradshaw, who were also Andrew's grandparents. Mary Ann's mother, Susan, was Andrew's father William's sister. Andrew followed the other Bradshaws to Putnam County, Missouri, where his daughter Almedia married Alfred Fear Redding in 1875.

The Bradshaw family may trace back to Raphe and Anne Orrel Bradshaw in Lancashire and Cheshire in England in the 16th Century. Their son Raphe married Ellen Owens and died in 1625. Their son Edward married Susannah Blease and died in Cheshire in 1671. Their son William Henry was born in England, married Anna UNKNOWN, and emigrated to Virginia where he died in Goochland County. Their son John was born in England, married Elizabeth Harper in Virginia, and died in Henrico County before 1711. Their son John was born in Prince George County, Virginia, in 1690, married Anne Hamblin, and died in Amelia County before 1788. Their son John married Margaret Clemmons and died in Amelia County about 1787.

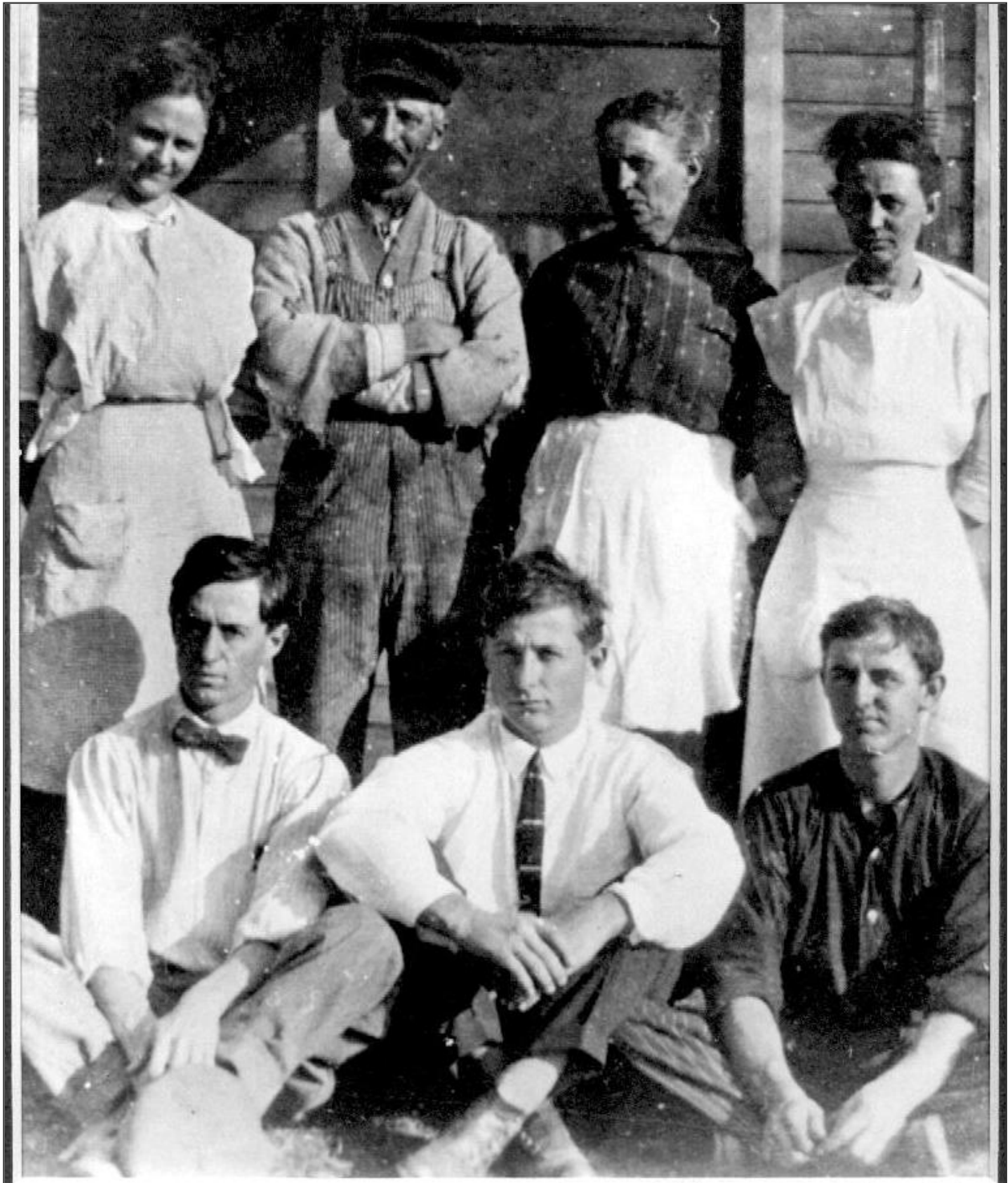
The lineage to this point is somewhat speculative, but our proven line begins with William Bradshaw, believed to be the son of John and Margaret Clemmons Bradshaw. William married Susannah Hutchenson in Amerlia County in 1769. Their son Charles Bradshaw, named for his grandfather Charles Hutchenson and our ancestor through both Andrew Jackson Bradshaw and his wife, Mary Ann Campbell, was born in 1769 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Charles Bradshaw married Hannah Bates in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1790. They moved to Madison County, Kentucky about 1806 and to Cabell County, [West] Virginia by 1818. They moved again, by 1832, to Edgar County, Illinois, where Charles died in 1843. Among Charles and Hannah's children were William (married Mary (Polly) Kerby) and Susan (who married Thomas Campbell). William and Mary Kerby Bradshaw's son was Andrew Jackson Bradshaw. Thomas and Susan Campbell's daughter was Mary Ann Campbell. Andrew and Mary Ann Campbell Bradshaw were the parents of Almedia Josephine Bradshaw Redding

Photographs



Earl, Alfred holding Lloyd, Chancey, Elsie standing, Almedia, and Stella, about 1893.



Stella, Alfred, Almedia and Elsie standing; Earl, Chancey and Lloyd sitting in front, about 1910.



About 1910. From left standing in center: Jesse and Earl Redding, Tom Crow, Madge (later wife of Lloyd), Elsie and Vol King with Leo (son of Earl) between them. In back, Stella Redding Crow, Alfred Fear Redding, Almedia Redding, Lloyd Redding, and Chancey Redding. Children are grandchildren of Alfred and Almedia, probably including two Crow children; Charlie King, Hazel King, and Georgie King and Donnie Redding (son of Earl).



Lloyd, Madge, and Monte Dale Redding.



Leo, Jesse, Dorothy?, Earl, and Donnie Redding.



Elsie Redding King.

MRS. ELSIE KING

Mrs. Elsie King, 90, Olathe, died yesterday at the Johnson County Home for the Aged where she had lived two years. Mrs. King had lived in Olathe since 1906 moving there from Unionville, Mo., where she was born. Mrs. King leaves a son, Charles S. King, Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel K. Ruppelius and Mrs. Georgia K. Richardson, both of Olathe; a brother, Chance F. Redding, Tonganoxie, Kas., four grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 o'clock Friday at the Frye chapel, Olathe; burial in the Olathe cemetery.



Georgia Redding Richardson, Hazel Redding Ruppelius, Red McVay, Betty Lou Redding McVay.



Elsie and Chancey, about 1965.



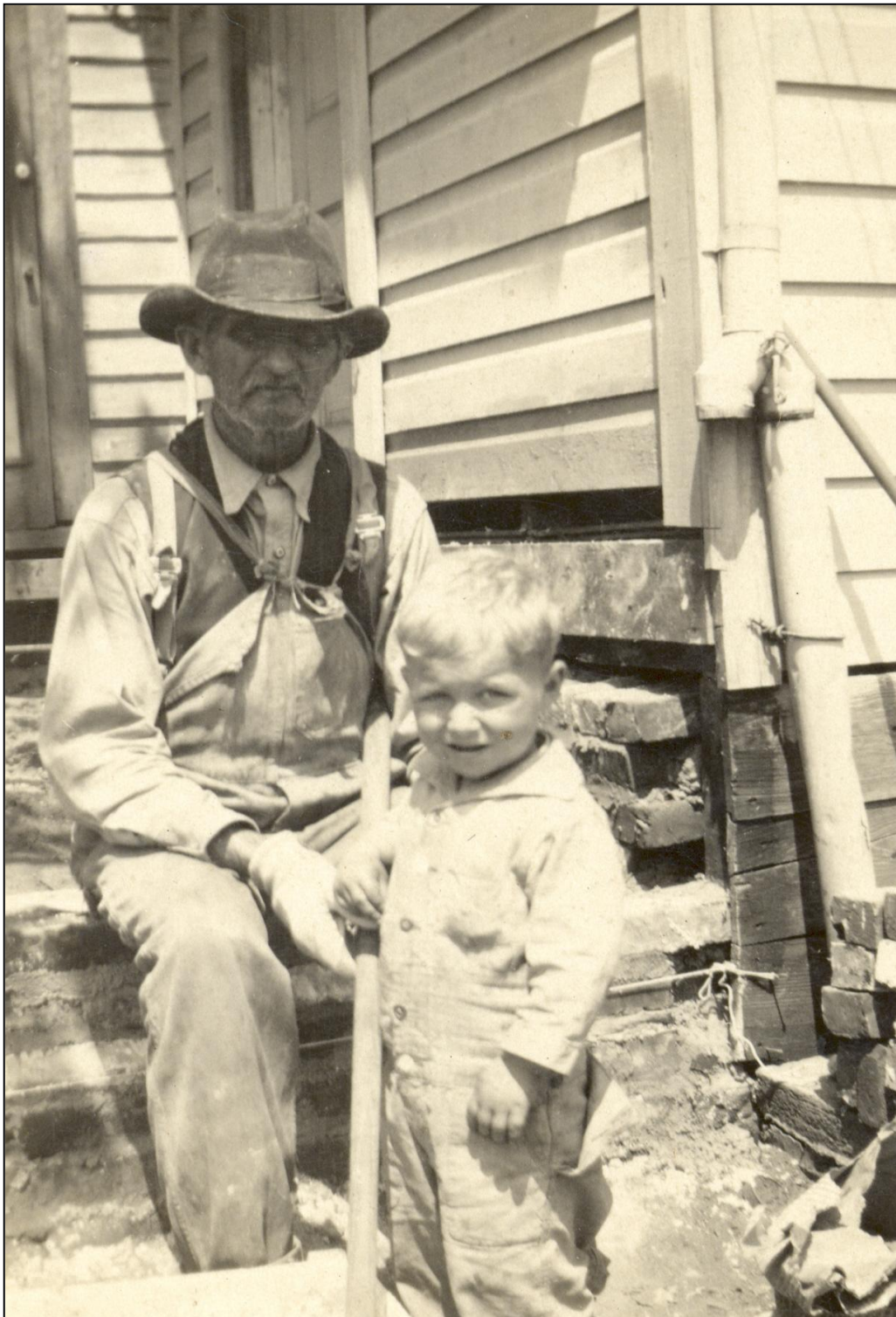
Leo Redding.



Helen Louise, daughter of Leo, and her son Stephen.



Helen Louise on her wedding to actor Doug McClure.



Alfred Fear Redding and his grandson Roy Lee, son of Chancey, in Tonganoxie, Kansas, about 1923.

A. F. REDDING DEAD

End Came at the Home of His
Son in Lawrence.

A. F. Redding, aged 75 years, passed away Monday evening at the home of his son, Earl, in Lawrence. Mr. Redding is well known in Tonganoxie, as he has often visited at the home of his son, C. F. Redding and family.

A. F. Redding is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elsie King of Olathe; 3 sons, Earl, of Lawrence; Lloyd of Sacramento, Calif; and Chant, of Tonganoxie. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Olathe. Interment was in the Olathe cemetery, by the side of his wife who preceeded him in death two years, and for whom he never ceased to mourn. Mr. and Mrs. Redding celebrated their golden wedding together, six years ago the 25th day of May.

In Memory of

Mrs A. Redding

Birth Place

Champagne Co. Ill

Passed Away at

Olathe, Kans

Date

Aug 10 - 1929

Aged

73 Years Months 13 Days

Memoranda

Julius Chapel

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