



# *Friend Gertrude*

*The autograph book of  
Gertrude Lee Bell Jarboe*

*Entries by family and friends  
1890—1913*



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*Compilation of Autograph Book entries and  
other reference photos and documentation done by  
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*Friend Gertrude,  
May you be happy each day of  
your life.  
Get a good husband and make a  
good wife.*

Almost all young women experience the pleasure of having their own Autograph Book. They have great fun writing poems and memories in each other's books during their teenage years. The poems are often tender and sometimes very funny and meant as jokes. Many girls lose interest in their Autograph Books after a time and lose track of where their childhood books have gone. But some girls treasure their books and keep them for the rest of their lives.

This compilation contains one such book. It belonged to a young girl who was sixteen years old when the first entries were made in 1890. Gertrude Lee Bell was born in Osage Mission Kansas, later named St. Paul Kansas, on April 23, 1874. Gertrude lived in St. Paul with her family until she was about 18 years old, when she was sent to Lakenan Missouri to live with her mother's sister. She was the one "elected" to go to Missouri when her mother's sister Sally Saunders Taylor wrote to ask for one of the Bell daughters. Sid and Sally Taylor had no children, and since Tom and Louise Saunders Bell had seven girls and three boys, they had plenty to share. Gertrude lived with her Aunt Sally until she married James Adelbert Jarboe in Lakenan in 1897. Dell and Gertie left Lakenan in 1901 for North Dakota, living first near Hope and then homesteading in Strain, south of Mandan. They remained in North Dakota until 1910 when they returned to Lakenan and the same little house Dell had built for Gertie when they first married.

Gertrude Bell Jarboe treasured her Autograph Book and it has survived relatively intact for over one hundred years. Although the actual book is very fragile, this compilation allows all of us to enjoy her treasure and preserve her history. All of the entries in the book have been included with transcriptions of the faded handwriting. The entries have been placed in chronological order and supplemented with photos and descriptions to better explain who the people were and where they lived. Most of the entries are from her friends in St. Paul Kansas. Perhaps she treasured the book so much because she left St. Paul when she was still so young.

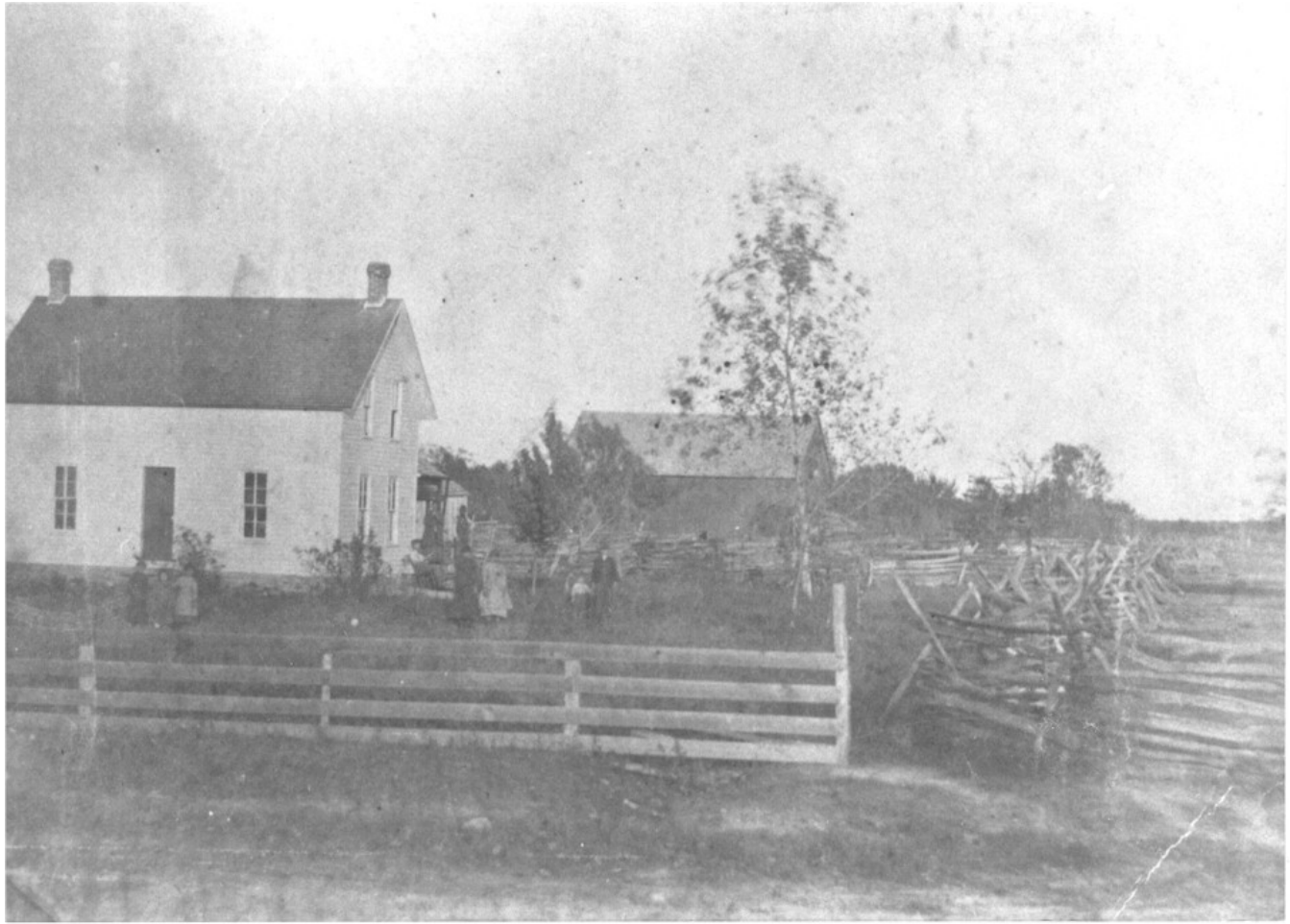
So, let's go meet the people so dear to her!!



This photograph was most likely taken about the time of Mary Alice Bell's wedding to William Nickolas Beechwood in Osage Mission Kansas on January 7, 1891. Standing: Gertrude Lee Bell, age 16; Rose May Bell, age 20; Ellen Frances (Nellie) Taymans, age 17. Seated: Susan Agnes Bell, almost 19.

This picture was taken in Osage Mission Kansas not long before Gertrude was sent to live in Monroe City, Missouri, with her Mother's sister Sally Saunders Taylor. After about six years in Monroe City, Gertrude married James Adelbert Jarboe in March 1897.





This photograph dates from about 1870. It is an early photo of the Bell homestead. The little house is not the same one room shanty that existed when Tom and Louise Bell preempted and proved out a claim on the land in 1867. Although detail is lacking in the photo, there is a man in a suit near the middle holding the hand of a little boy. This could very well be Tom Bell with his son Willie Bell who would have been about seven at the time. There are a number of other people in the yard.

The estimated date for this photo is derived from a number of facts. The photo says it is of the Bell homestead when it was new. Tom Bell paid for his land in 1870 and got the deed in 1871. He likely didn't build the house much before that as the ownership of the land was still in dispute. On the other hand, a photograph of Tom and Louise Bell in their front yard about 1913 shows very large trees in front of the house, and a front porch and little balcony. The trees are probably cottonwood and they lived close to the Neosho river. Floods were a problem, but the trees would grow fast.

Allowing for the time to grow mature Cottonwoods and the earliest and latest possible times that the two photos could have been taken allows a pretty close dating of the photos.





This photograph of the Bell homestead was taken no later than the summer of 1914 and could have been a few years earlier. It is the same Bell homestead but the front has been improved and the trees are now mature. Tom and Louise Bell are happy at home in the place they built from scratch in true pioneer spirit!

Maria Louise Saunders Bell died in the chicken house while feeding her chickens November 19, 1914. John Thomas Bell lived on the farm three more years and then lived with his daughter Loutie until his death December 22, 1929. Loutie kept the farm and rented it out until 1941, when the farm was bought by her step-daughter and husband, Ray and Ethel Volmer Grillot. The Grillots kept the farm until 1963 when it was bought by the current residents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Westhoff. According to Mrs Westhoff, the original house eventually gave way to floods by the early 1950's. This farm is just across the road from what has become the Neosho Wildlife Area. This is a preserve for waterfowl. The Neosho River finally won out!



This is a photograph of the O'Dell school where the Bell girls were educated. This photograph was taken in September 1950 by Peggy Bowles of her parents Charles and Rose Bowles and Loutie Bell Volmer.

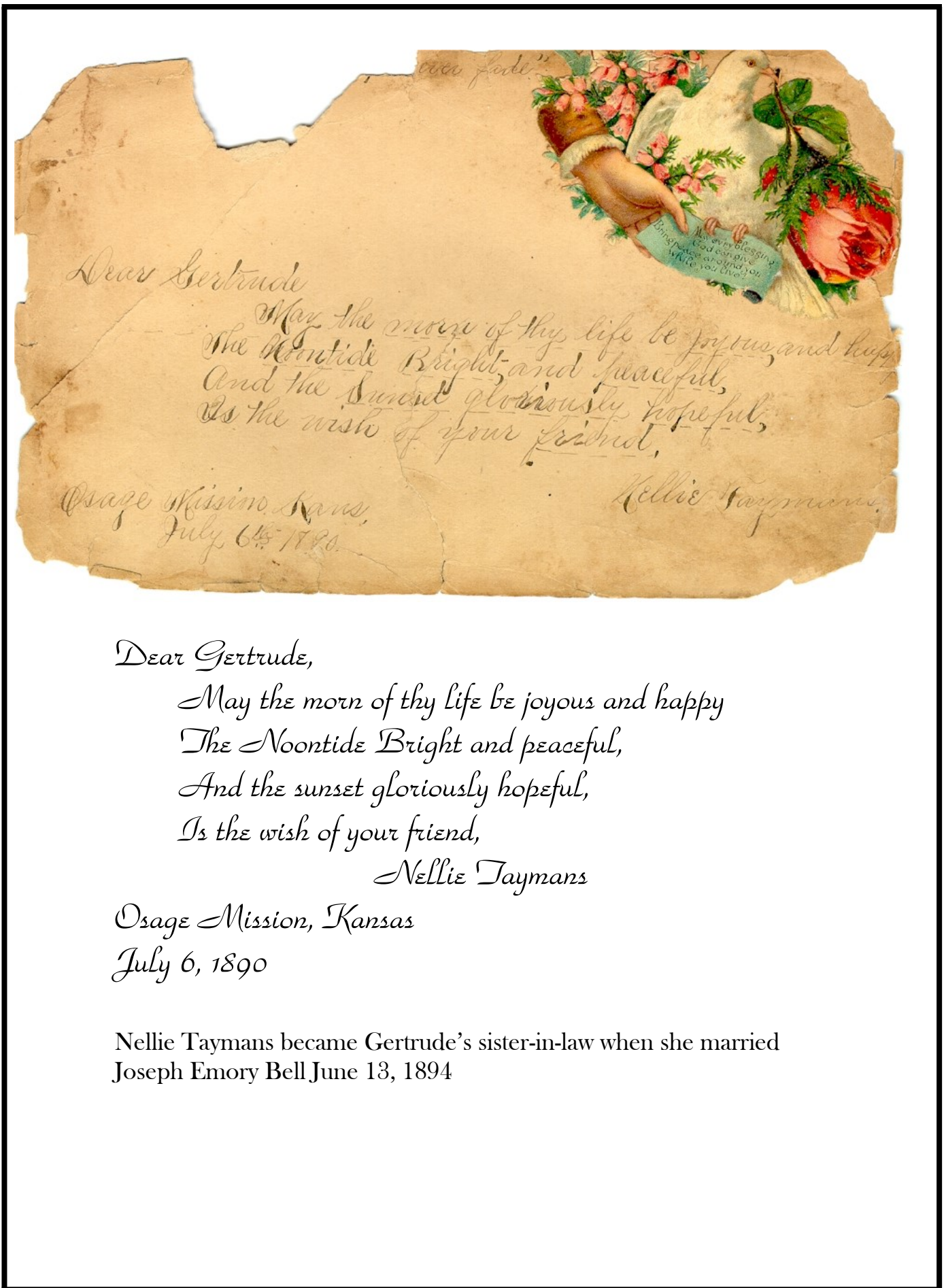


The exterior of St. Francis de Hieronymo Church, St. Paul, Kansas.

The Church was finished in 1884 after nine years of construction and raised four feet in 1909 to build a basement below.



The interior of St. Francis Catholic church in St. Paul Kansas.



Dear Gertrude

May the morn of thy life be joyous and happy  
The Noontide Bright and peaceful,  
And the sunset gloriously hopeful,  
Is the wish of your friend,

Osage Mission, Kansas,  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Nellie Taymans.

Dear Gertrude,

May the morn of thy life be joyous and happy  
The Noontide Bright and peaceful,  
And the sunset gloriously hopeful,  
Is the wish of your friend,

Nellie Taymans

Osage Mission, Kansas

July 6, 1890

Nellie Taymans became Gertrude's sister-in-law when she married Joseph Emory Bell June 13, 1894

My Dear Cousin,

We may write our names in Albums  
 We may trace them in the sand  
 We may chisel them in marble  
 With a firm and skillful hand  
 But the pages are soon tarnished  
 Soon each page will fade away  
 Every monument will crumble  
 As all earthly hopes decay  
 But dear Gertie there is an Album  
 Full of leaves of snowy white  
 Where no names are ever tarnished  
 But forever pure and bright  
 In the book of life God's Album  
 May your name be wrote with care  
 And may all who here with write  
 Have their names recorded there  
 In the wish of your cousin  
 Teresa

12, 21, 90

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 Albums  
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 We may chisel them in marble  
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 And may all who herewith write  
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 Teresa

12,21,90

Gertrude's first cousin, Teresa was a daughter of William and Mollie Smith. Mollie was a sister of John Thomas Bell and they lived in the St. Paul, Kansas area. Teresa became a Nun.

Friend Gertrude!

May you be happy each day of your life.  
Get a good husband and make a good wife

(He did all of this)

Osage Mission, Kans.  
Janu the 15. 1891.

J. A. Volmer.

Friend Gertrude,

May you be happy each day of your life  
Get a good husband and make a good wife

J. A. Volmer

Osage Mission, Kans

Janu the 15, 1891

Gertrude was said to have been in love with Joe Volmer at about this time. He lived on the farm just north of the Bell homestead. He eventually married her best friend Agnes Roycroft in 1903.



#### The Joseph Anton Volmer Family

Back row: Ed, Joe, Rose, twins: John and Mary

Front row: Frank, Joseph, Emma, Emilia, George

(Photo and text excerpted from the St. Paul Sesquicentennial book)

Joseph Anton Volmer (10/1/1844–12/27/1919) was born in Baden, Germany, and immigrated to the United States, settling in Mound Valley, Kansas, before coming to St. Paul in the early 1870's.

Joseph married Maria “Emilia” Pabst (3/16/1852–1943). Emilia had immigrated to America with her family when she was 11 years old from Follensburg, Upper Alsace, France. Emilia's family was connected with the Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer business.

Joseph and Emilia settled on a 160-acre farm located two miles east, two miles south and one-half mile east of St. Francis Church. Here they built a new 8-room home, which still stands.

Joseph and Emilia had eight children. All attended the Odell District No. 26 rural school.





This photograph has been incorrectly identified in the writing at the bottom. It is actually a picture of the October 15, 1903 wedding of Joe Volmer and Agnes Roycroft. Joe Volmer did eventually marry Louise (Loutie) Bell, a sister of Gertrude Bell's, in 1937.

Excerpted text from the St. Paul Sesquicentennial book:

Joseph Adolph Volmer (6/11/1874—3/15/1942), son of Joseph Anton and Emilia Pabst Volmer, was born in Mound Valley and came to St. Paul as a young boy with his parents, growing up on the family farm.

Joseph married Agnes Roycroft (8/14/1874—11/8/1918), daughter of Joseph Roycroft, on October 15, 1903. They had three daughters, Mary Ethel who married Raymond Grillot, Agnes Olive who married William Casey, and Mary Ruth who married Paul Munding.

Osage Mission Kan  
Jan <sup>the</sup> 15 1891

My love for you shall be  
Like water in the dark blue sea

Your Truly

L. S. Stepp.

Friend Gertrude

Friend Gertrude,

My love for you shall be  
Like water in the dark blue sea

Your truly  
L. S. Stepp

Osage Mission, Kans

Jan the 15, 1891

It is unknown who this person is or even if they were male or female.  
We can guess that it was a male but have no other references to this  
name.

"Think of me"

Dear Gertrude:

Remembers our many  
happy schooldays!

Of all the good wishes your friends have thought  
That can with love or money be bought  
I wish you them all, and much more too  
So I'll give you my motto, to carry life through  
Live for those who love you  
For those you know are true  
For the heaven that shines above you  
And the good that you can do.

O. M. K.  
Jan 21, 1891.

Your true friend  
Blanche Kernick

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Of all the good wishes your friends have thought  
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Your true friend  
Blanche Kernick

Osage Mission, Kans

Jan 21, 1891

Friend Gertrude

Think of me often  
Think of me ever  
Think of me kindly  
Or think of me never

Jan. 21, 1891  
O. M. K.

Jas. Kernick,

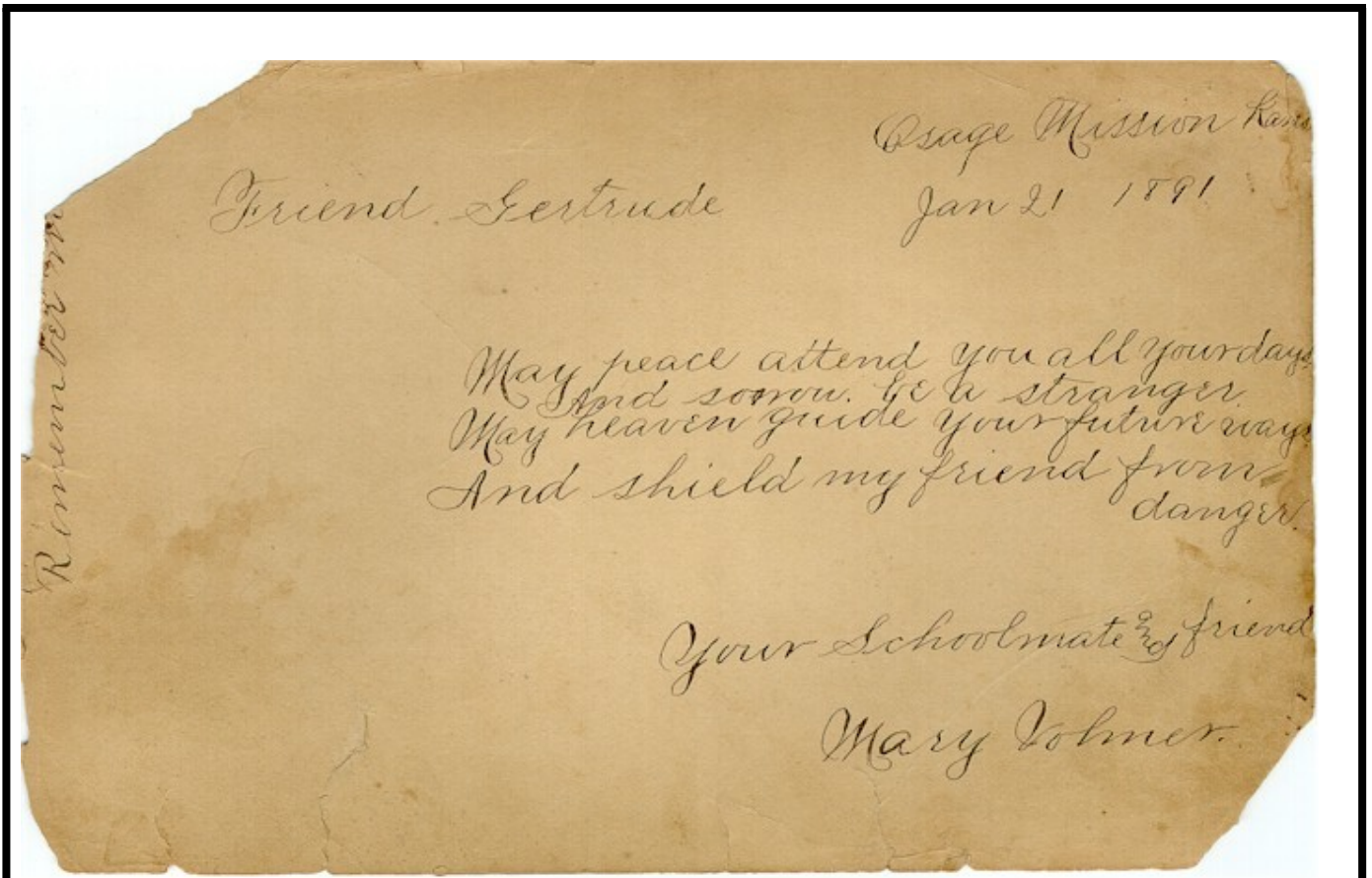
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Think of me ever  
Think of me kindly  
Or think of me never

Jas. Kernick

Osage Mission, Kans

Jan 21, 1891

We can only assume that James Kernick and Blanche Kernick were brother and sister from a family in the St. Paul area.



Friend Gertrude,

May peace attend you all your days

And sorrow be a stranger

May heaven guide your future ways

And shield my friend from danger

Your Schoolmate and friend

Mary Volmer

Osage Mission, Kans

Jan 21, 1891

Mary was the younger sister of Joe Volmer and a friend of Gertrude.



This photograph of Mary Volmer was among the collection of Frances Jarboe Buckman. It appears to be of her wedding to F. J. "Jake" Gouvion in November 1899. Mary was two years younger than Gertrude Jarboe but they lived on adjoining farms and were friends in school.



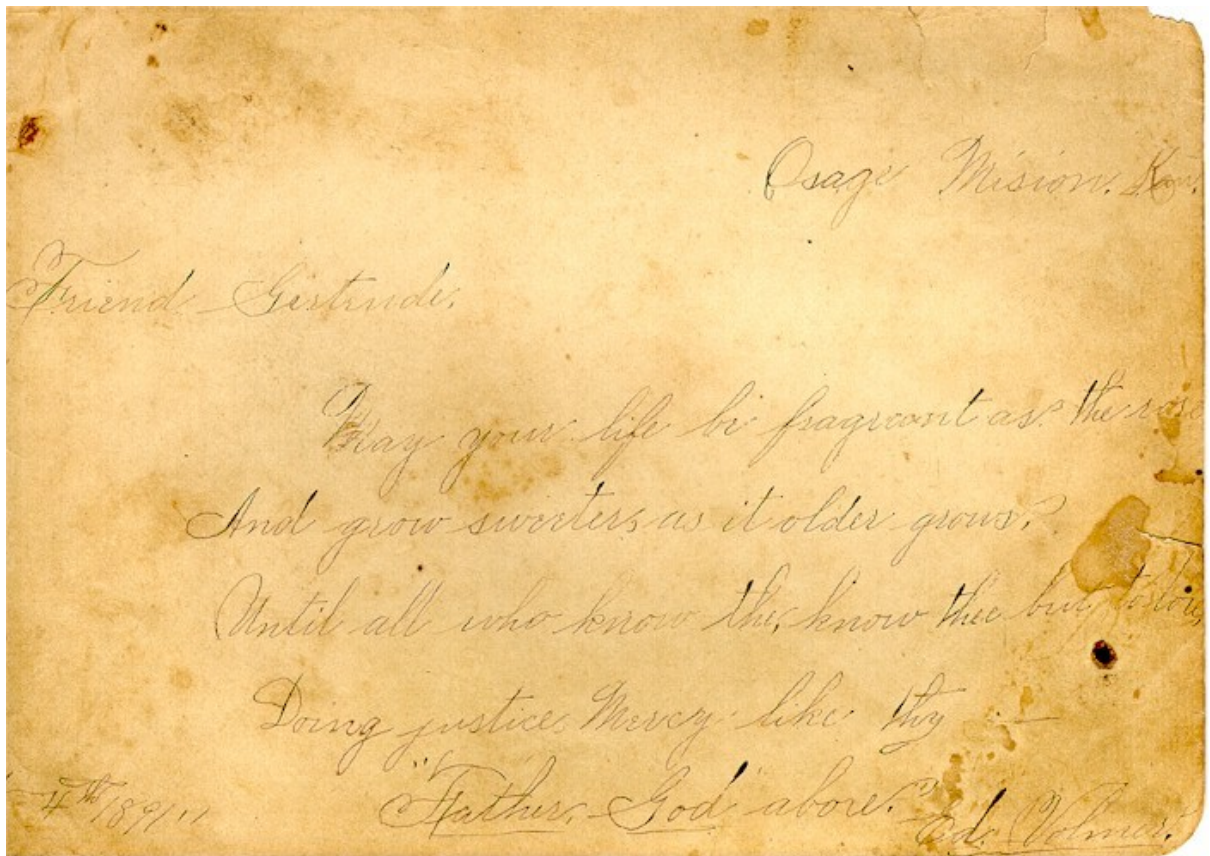
This photograph of the house on the old Volmer farm was taken in May 2000 by Alice Gander. This appears to be the eight room home referred to in the 1883 biography of Joseph Anton and Emilia Pabst Volmer. This house is located where the little square is near the (2) on the plat map included at the front of this book.



The top photograph of the old Bell homestead was taken in May 2000. The silo is about the only thing that remains of the original homestead.

The photo on the bottom was taken from roughly the same location, looking northeast, in September 1950. This was taken during a trip by Charles and Rose Bell Bowles, Loutie Bell Volmer and Peggy Bowles as they made their way to Missouri to visit Gertrude Jarboe. Use the silo as your reference point to compare the photos.





Friend Gertrude,

May your life be fragrant as the rose

And grow sweeter as it older grows.

Until all who know thee, know thee but to love

Doing justice Mercy like thy Father God above

Ed. Volmer

Osage Mission, Kans

Feb 4th, 1891

Ed was the brother of Joe Volmer, appearing to have been a year or two older than Joe.

My Dear Sister

Hearts good and true, have wishes few  
In narrow circles bounded  
And hope that lives on what God gives  
Is christian hope well founded  
Small things are best, grief and unrest  
To rank and wealth are given  
But little things, on little wings  
Bear little souls to heaven.

Osage Mission  
Kans  
Mar. 21, 1891.

Your loving Sister  
Agnes Bell

Think of me.  
"Auntie" C. C. C. C.

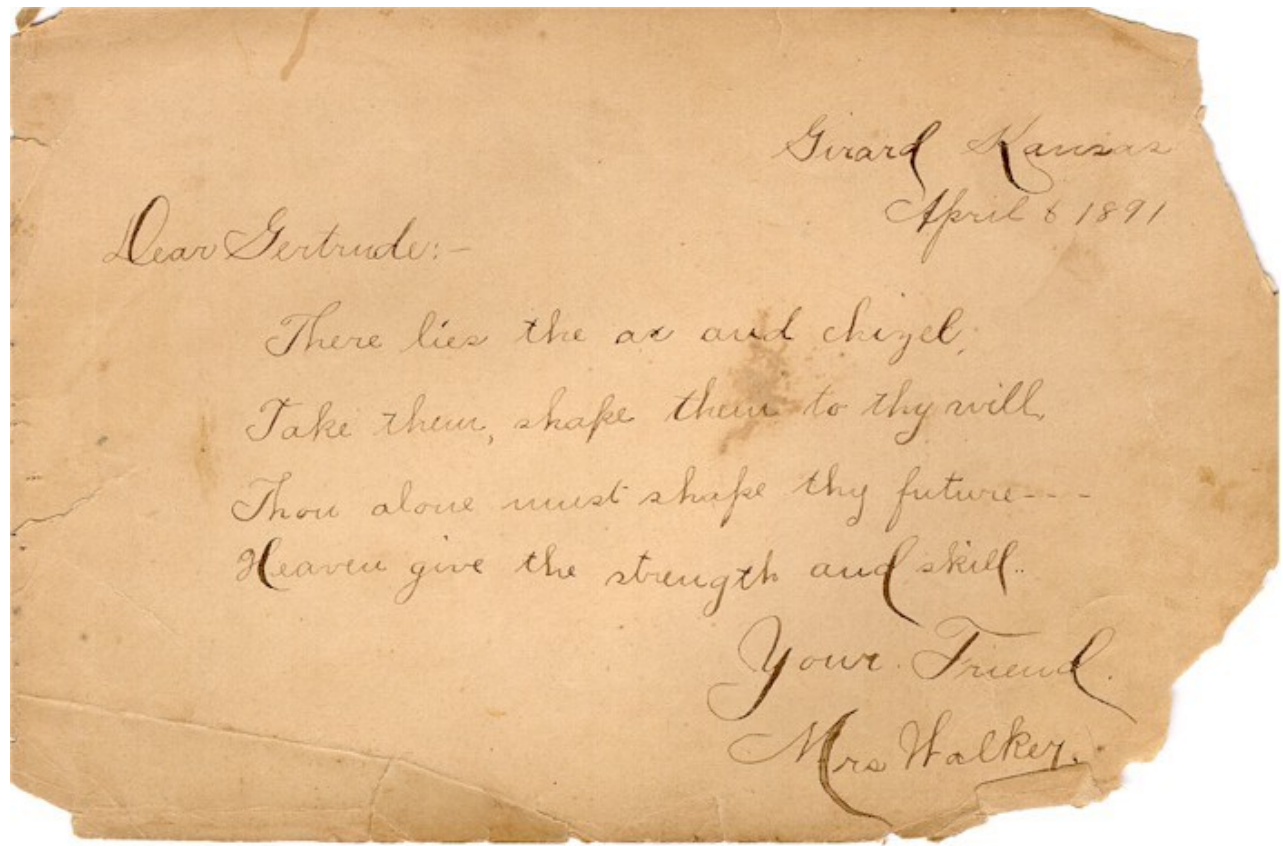
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Your loving Sister  
Agnes Bell

Osage Mission, Kans

Mar 21, 1891



Girard Kansas  
April 8 1891

Dear Gertrude:-

There lies the ax and chisel,  
Take them, shape them to thy will,  
Thou alone must shape thy future---  
Heaven give the strength and skill.

Your Friend  
Mrs Walker.

Dear Gertrude,  
There lies the ax and chisel  
Take them, shape them to thy will  
Thou alone must shape thy future  
Heaven give the strength and skill  
Your Friend  
Mrs. Walker

Girard, Kansas  
April 8, 1891

It is unknown who this Mrs. Walker is but maybe she was a teacher.

Dear Gertie,

When thy friends forsake thee,  
And by others you're forgot  
Then come to me dear Gertie  
As fast as you can trot.

Your old chum

Rose Walker

Dear Gertie,

When thy friends forsake thee,  
And by others you're forgot  
Then come to me dear Gertie  
As fast as you can trot.

Your old chum

Rose Walker

Remember our walk to the Mission.

It is unknown who this Rose Walker is but she appears to have been a class mate.

Dear Gertrude.

July 24 1892  
Forget-me-not

Remember our love July 24 1892

What is the use of always fretting,  
At the trials we shall find  
Ever strewn along our path way  
Travel on! and never mind.

Osage Mission  
Kans.

From your true friend  
Mary Herman

Dear Gertrude,

What is the use of always fretting,  
At the trials we shall find  
Ever strewn along our path way  
Travel on and never mind.

From your true friend  
Mary Herman?

Osage Mission, Kansas

July 24, 1892

There was a Herman family just northeast of the Bell farm and this may have been one of their children.

Dearest Gertrude,

May your life be pure and blameless  
Truth uphold! be firm and brave  
There will come a time of ending  
There's a home beyond the grave.

Your true friend

Osage Mission Kansas  
Aug 8/1892

Teresa Herman.

Dearest Gertrude,

May your life be pure and blameless  
Truth uphold be firm and brave  
There will come a time of ending  
There's a home beyond the grave.

Your true friend  
Teresa Herman?

Osage Mission, Kansas

Aug 8, 1892

There was a Herman family just northeast of the Bell farm and this may have been one of their children.

Dear Gertie.

There is room for my name in your  
album,

There's room for my name in your heart

There's room for us both in heaven

Where true friends never part.

Your friend  
Joseph F. Herman

Dear Gertie,

There is room for my name in your album,

There's room for my name in your heart

There's room for us both in heaven

Where true friends never part.

Your friend  
Joseph F. Herman

There was a Herman family just northeast of the Bell farm and this may have been one of their children.

Dear Gertie!

When rock and hill divide us  
And you no more I see  
Pick up your pen and paper  
And write a line to me,

Ever Your friend

Annie Redinger

Osage Mission  
Sep. 15, 1892.

Dear Gertie,

When rock and hill divide us  
And you no more I see  
Pick up your pen and paper  
And write a line to me

Ever your friend

Annie Redinger

Osage Mission, Kansas

Sep 15, 1892



These profiles of St. Paul Settlers are from William Cutler's 1883 book, *History of the State of Kansas*

Cornelius and Lizzie Duling's family:

JOHN DULLING, farmer, Section 20, P. O. Osage Mission, a native of Queens County, Ireland, was born in 1836, and in 1855 immigrated to America, landing in New York, where he worked awhile, then going on a farm in New Jersey. In 1859 he married and came west to Kansas in 1865, locating in a wilderness among the Indians, who were to be seen in his neighborhood two years after his settlement on what is now a well improved farm. His only white neighbors in 1865 were Mr. Beechwood and Lawrence Slater, the latter had come west with him but afterward sold his claim and moved away. Mr. Dulling having arrived before the Osage Ceded Land troubles got his farm without any trouble, though he aided and sympathized with his neighbor settlers. He reports the crops of 1882 the best he has had. Mr. Dulling has served the public as Supervisor and is a member of the Democratic party. His family consists of five children - one son and four daughters.

Annie Redinger's family.

CHARLES REEDINGER, farmer, Section 17, P. O. Osage Mission, native of Loraine, France; born in 1823, and emigrated to America with his parents in 1829, locating in New York, where he remained until 1860, when he started West, coming to St. Louis, Mo., where he laid in a supply of necessaries; taking the boat to Kansas City, he came into Kansas and located on Cow Creek, where he bought a claim, but soon found that the guerrillas would not let him remain, so he abandoned his farm, going to Fort Scott soon afterward, taking a farm just three miles north of Marmaton City. During the War he was called out in the militia, but was at home when Marmaton City was burned in 1864 by Price's soldiers. In 1866 he moved to his present location, taking a claim 160 acres. The first season he lost all of his cattle but three head, supposed to be poisoned by the grasshoppers. He describes his privations the first year as terrible - camping out till he built their cabin, provisions scarce, and flour selling for \$16 a barrel. In 1869 he raised his first good crop. In 1877 he built his present residence, and has otherwise improved his farm. In 1856 he married Miss Luis, who came from the same part of France that he did, and coming to America in 1853. She was born in 1833. They have eight children - five boys and three girls. One daughter is in the convent at Davenport, Iowa, and one married (now Mrs. Murphy). The rest are at home.

Agnes Roycroft's family:

JOSEPH M. ROYCROFT, farmer, Section 21, P. O. Osage Mission, a native of Ireland, was born in 1842. His parents brought him to America in 1849, locating in St. Louis, where he was raised and educated. Coming to Kansas in 1860 he located, at Wakarusa, on a farm that his brother, Geo. P., had taken in 1858. For a time he farmed, then going to the city of Topeka he opened a saloon; he made money and finally came to Neosho County in 1866, taking a claim that he afterwards abandoned and took a claim that the Missouri Pacific Depot was located on. After farming this for a while he then went in partnership with John Ryan. Built in 1870 the Mission Mills, running them till 1875. Meeting with severe losses he sold in 1875 to Mr. Ryan. He then went to clerking for Detwiler in agricultural implements, and in this continued till he went into the grocery and saloon business; and in 1878 moved on to the farm, and is now raising good crops and stock. Mr. Roycroft married Miss Haley; they have two children, a boy and girl. In the count seat fight between Erie and Osage Mission he was regulator between the two parties.

Friend Gertrude.

May happiness be thy lot  
And peace thy steps attend  
Accept this tribute of respect  
From one who is thy friend

Feb. 2. 1893. Cornelius Duling

Friend Gertrude,

May happiness be thy lot  
And peace thy steps attend  
Accept this tribute of respect  
From one who is thy friend  
Cornelius Duling

Osage Mission, Kansas

Feb? 2, 1893

The Duling family farm was just two miles north of the Bell homestead.

Dear Gertie



Some little token of regard,  
You wish from me to claim;  
But as time is pressing hard,  
I will but write my name.

Feb 5, 1893

Lizzie Duling

Dear Gertie,,

Some little token of regard  
You wish from me to claim  
But as time is pressing hard  
I will but write my name,  
Lizzie Duling

Osage Mission, Kansas

Feb 5, 1893

The Duling family farm was just two miles north of the Bell homestead.



This is an 1896 photo of Gertrude's two friends, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Duling and Agnes Roycroft.

Feb. 20 - 1893  
Island Kans.

Dear Gertie:

As you traverse the  
pathway of life may smiles  
of friends lighten your burdens.

Your friend and well wisher

Eulalia E. Rose

Dear Gertie,,

As you traverse the ...  
pathway of life may smiles  
of friends lighten your burdens

Your friend and well wisher

Eulalia E. Rose....

Island, Kansas

Feb 20, 1893

It is possible that her surname was Rosecrans or Rosenthal as there were families by these names in St. Paul.

O'dell School.

Feb 20 1893

Dear Friend

These few lines to you are tenced  
By a friend sincere and true,  
Hoping but to be remembered  
When I'm far away from you  
Your Schoolmate.

Flavia M. Taymans.

Remember me  
" "  
" "

Dear Friend

These few lines to you are tenced  
By a friend sincere and true  
Hoping but to be remembered  
When I'm far away from you.

Your Schoolmate.

Flavia M. Taymans

O'Dell School, Osage Mission, Kansas

Feb 20, 1893

Flavia was a sister to Nellie Taymans.

Friend Gertie

Feb 20 1893

In the golden chain of friendship  
regard me as a link.

Your friend.

George Locke.

Friend Gertie

In the golden chain of friendship  
regard me as a link

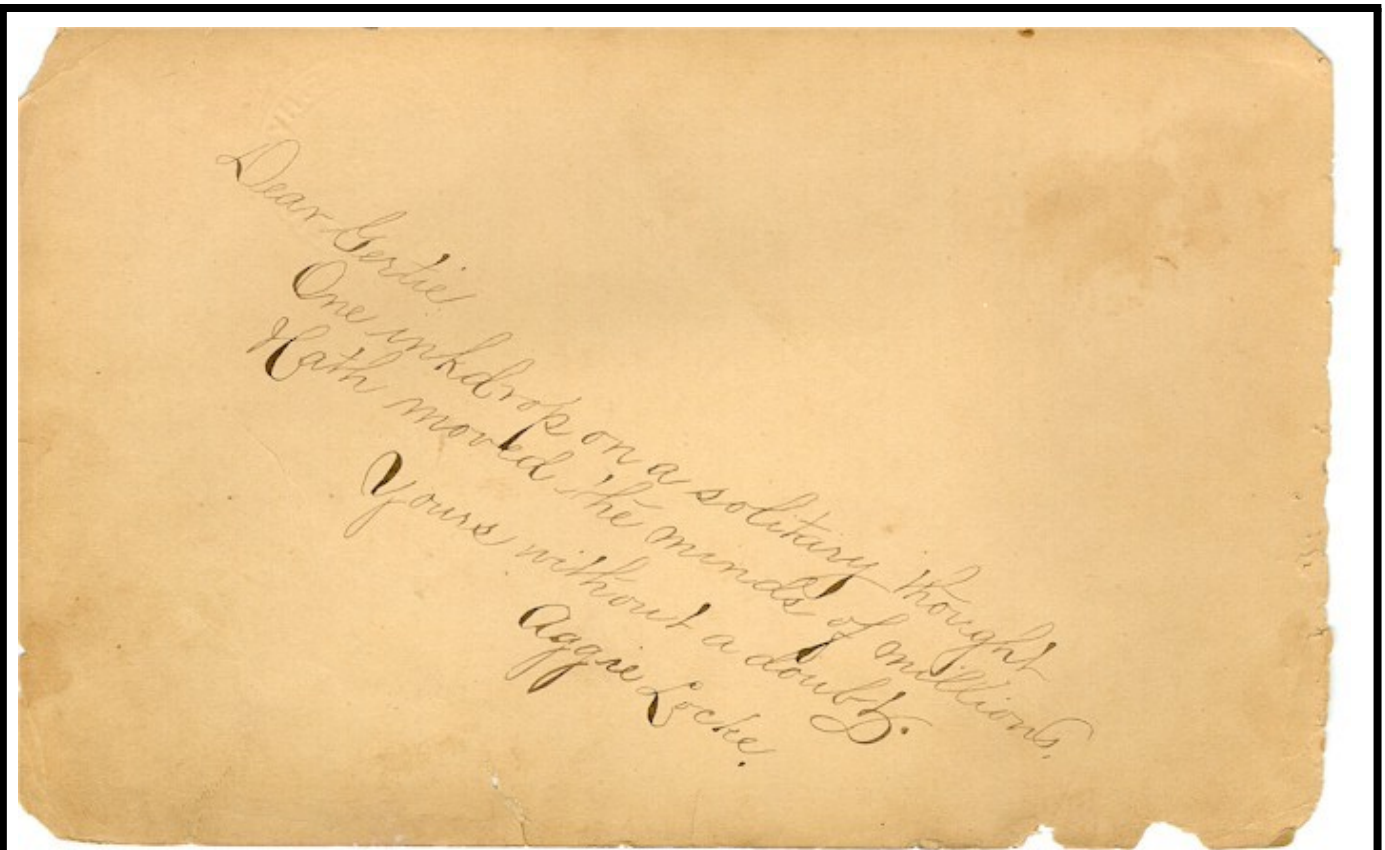
Your friend.

George Locke

Feb 20, 1893

George Locke may have been part of this family, as noted in William Cutler's 1883 *History of the State of Kansas*. The family described here lived within a mile of the Bell homestead:

T. H. LOCK, farmer, Section 34, P. O. Osage Mission, is a native of Kentucky, born in 1834. He was raised on a farm, and moving to Illinois, remained there in the same line until moving to Kansas. While in Illinois he married Miss Littler. In 1877 he moved to Kansas, locating in Neosho County, buying his farm of 160 acres of George Odell, who had partly improved it, planting some seedling peaches - the trees are still standing. Mr. Lock has, however, built and fenced and has also directed his attention to stock, grading his cattle in Short-horn, and having a fine strain of hogs. Their family consists of eight children - four boys and four girls.



Dear Gertie

One inkdrop on a solitary thought  
Hath moved the minds of millions.

Yours without a doubt  
Aggie Locke

We can only assume that Aggie Locke was a sister to George Locke.



Feb 20th 1893

Friend Gertie

My love for you doth ever flow.  
like water down a tater row.

Your Friend Willbern Traylor.

Remember  
the Dance

Don't forget  
the out

Friend Gertie

My Love for you doth ever flow  
like water down a tater row.

Your Friend Willbern Traylor

Remember the Dance the 19.

Feb 20, 1893

Willbern Traylor was a friend from Osage Mission Kansas. She probably went to school with him and his entry wins the prize for being funny.

nd Gertie,  
Fort Scott, Kansas  
Jan. 5. 1894.  
in this book so pure and white,  
none but friends presume to write,  
may each line with friendship given,  
the readers thought to heaven.  
Yours Truly  
William F. Karleskint.

*Friend Gertie*

*... in this book so pure and white  
... none but friends presume to write  
... may each line with friendship given  
... the readers thought to heaven*

*Yours truly.*

*William F. Karleskint*

*Fort Scott, Kansas*

*Jan 5, 1894*

William F. Karleskint was the son of Barbara Beechwood, a sister of Mary Alice Bell's husband William Nickolas Beechwood.

My Dear Sister,

We are drifting down life's current,  
Each one acting but their part,  
Never showing in our faces,  
What we carry in our hearts.

Yours Lovingly,

Rose May Bell

My Dear Sister

We are drifting down life's current  
Each one acting but their part  
Never showing in our faces  
What we carry in our hearts

Yours Lovingly  
Rose May Bell

1/17, 1894

BELL--TAYMANS.—On Wednesday, June 13, Mr. J. Emory Bell, the popular young pedagogue of Mission township, and Miss Ellen F. Taymans, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Taymans, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in 'St. Francis' church, Rev. Father Sebastian officiating. The church was well filled with relatives and friends to witness the ceremonies. Just as the organ pealed forth the wedding march, the bridal couple marched up the aisle to the altar, where the nuptial ties that made them one for life, were fastened. After the ceremony the bridal couple drove to the home of W. N. Beechwood, where an appetizing breakfast awaited them. From there they proceeded to the residence of the bride's parents where a few relatives of the contracting parties had assembled to partake of the beautiful repast which was prepared for their special benefit. The table fairly groaned under its weight of delicious delicacies, to which all present did ample justice in lightening its burden. After the table was cleared away the afternoon was spent in amusements for both old and young, such as music, swinging and croquet. At about five o'clock the table was again spread—this time with that luxury everyone enjoys on a warm summer evening—ice-cream and cake. The guests then took their departure, after wishing the bride and groom a happy and prosperous voyage over life's stormy sea. They received quite a number of useful and ornamental presents, including a handsome rocking chair presented by the Hayseed club.

The happy pair left Thursday night for Republic, Mo., to spend their honeymoon with W. R. Bell and family.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

We don't know if Gertrude was able to attend the June 13, 1894 wedding of her brother Emory to her good friend Nellie Taymans. If she didn't, she missed a good party from what the wedding article says.

The breakfast after the wedding was at her sister Mary Alice Bell Beechwood's home. And the wedding couple took the train to Republic Missouri to visit their half-brother Willie Bell's home.

Parsons, Kansas,  
Sept. 8, 1894.

Dear Friend.

When I am laid in my lonely grave,  
And the Weeping Willow o'er my wave,  
Tis then, tis then and not before that I shall cease  
To think of thee no more.

Your Friend  
Niece Duwall.

Dear Friend,

When I am laid in my lonely grave,  
And the Weeping Willow o'er my wave  
Tis then, tis then and not before that I shall cease  
To think of thee no more.

Your Friend,  
Niece Duwall

Parsons, Kansas  
Sept 8, 1894

Republic, Mo.

JAN 5 1895



My Dear Sister

Life is real, life is earnest,  
And the grave is not its goal,  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

Your Affectionate Brother and Wife.

W. R. BELL

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And the grave is not its goal,  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

Your Affectionate Brother and Wife  
W. R. Bell

Republic, Missouri

Jan 5, 1895



This photo dated about 1900 shows the train station at Republic Missouri where the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad ran. Willie Bell worked for the railroad much of his life as station manager. Pictured here are his wife Mattie, daughter Alice May, unknown woman (possibly Mattie's mother) and Willie on the bicycle.

May 28 - 1895

Friend Gertie -

May you wear  
a wreath of the laurels three -  
Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Agnes Cranston

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May 28, 1895



Lakenan Mo  
6-6-1895-  
Friend Gertie"  
And when far away  
And friends are few  
Remember we are  
Friends to you.  
Yours Truly Will & Agnes.

*Friend Gertie*

*When far away*

*And friends are few*

*Remember we are*

*Friends to you*

*Yours Truly*

*Will and Agnes*

*Lakenan, Missouri*

*6-6-1895*

It is not known who Will and Agnes were, but surely some friends or relatives in Missouri.

Huntington Mo.

June 22, 1895

Friend Gertie,

"Fear not the world or its sorrows  
and no reasons you'll have to worry"

Cecilia Elliott.

Friend Gertie

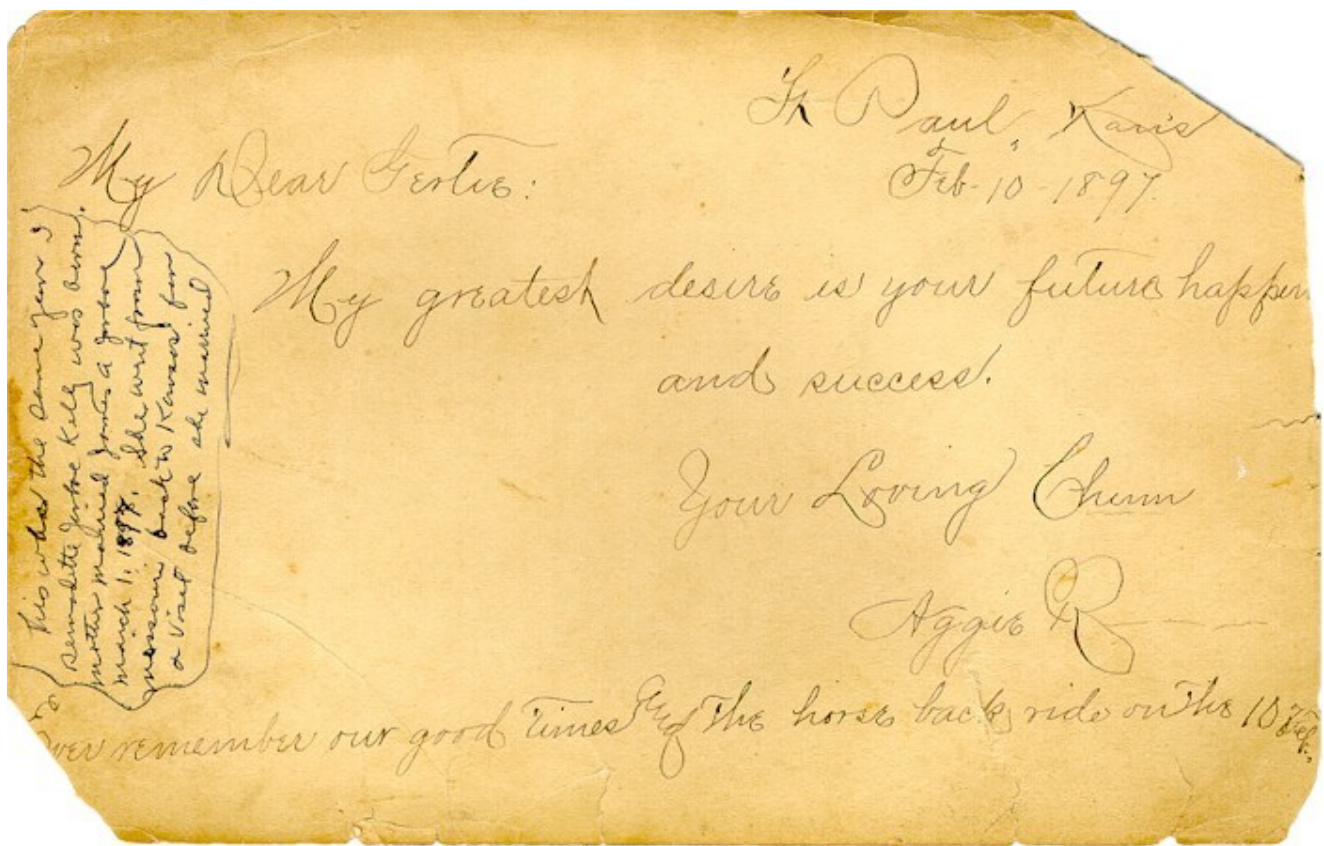
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And no reasons you'll have to worry.

Cecilia Elliott

Huntington, Missouri

June 22, 1895



St Paul, Kansas  
Feb 10 1897

My Dear Gertie:

My greatest desire is your future happiness  
and success.

Your Loving Chum

Aggie R.

This was the same year  
Rem-Lite's father Kelly was born.  
mother married James a pastor  
March 1, 1897. She went from  
Missouri back to Kansas for  
a visit before she married.

Ever remember our good times of the horse back ride on the 10 Feb.

My Dear Gertie

My greatest desire is your future happiness  
and success.

Your Loving Chum,  
Aggie R...

Ever remember our good times and the horse back ride on the 10 Feb.

St. Paul, Kansas

Feb 10, 1897

This note was almost certainly written by Agnes Roycroft. Gertrude Bell had returned to St. Paul for a visit just a few weeks before she would marry James Adelbert Jarboe, March 1, 1897, in Lakenan, Missouri. It would be six more years before Agnes Roycroft and Joe Volmer married in 1903.

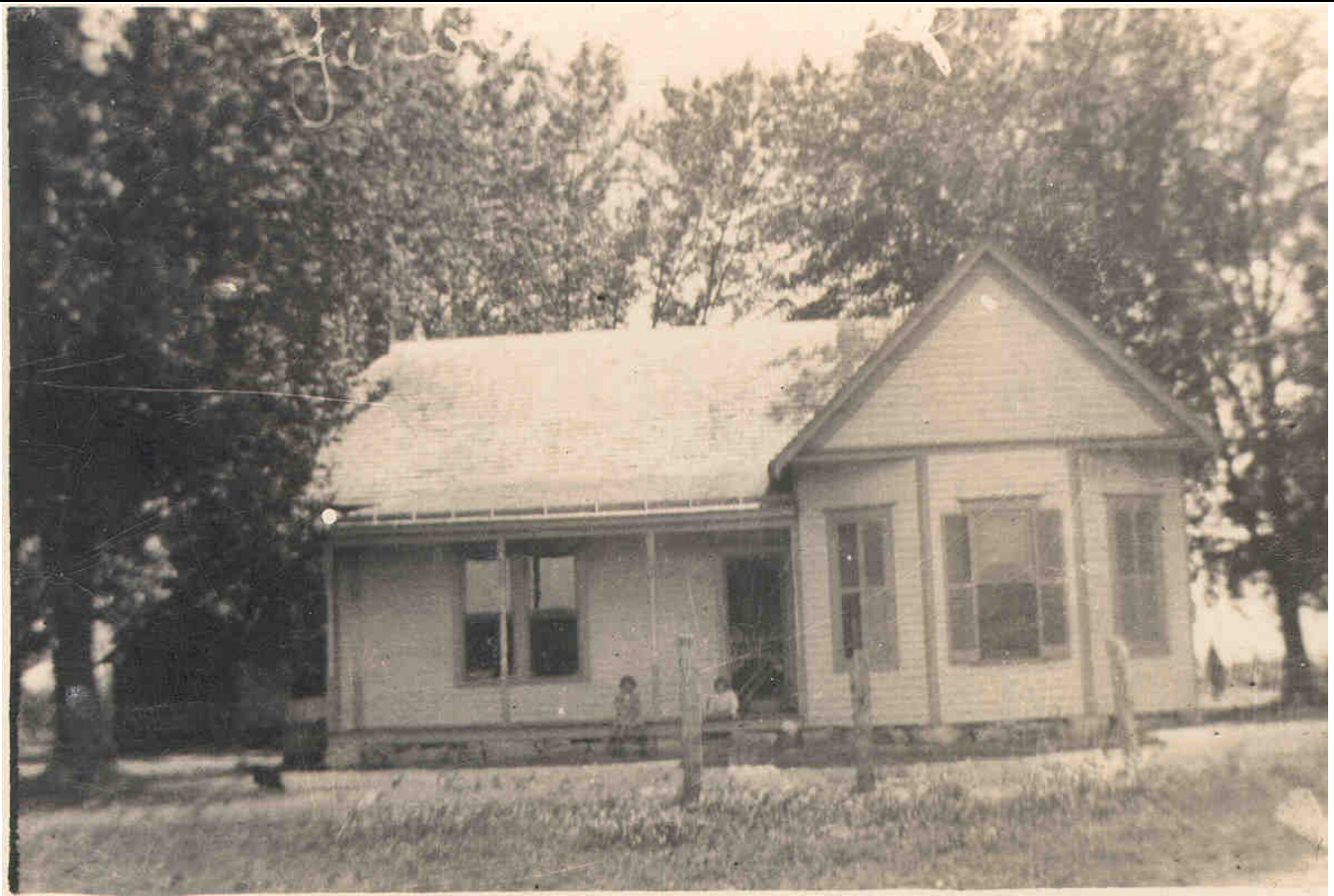


Maude Saunders and Gertrude Bell about 1896 or 1897. This was taken about the time that Gertrude married James Adelbert Jarboe and her second cousin Maude Saunders served as her bridesmaid.



Gertrude Lee Bell and James Adelbert Jarboe were married March 1, 1897 in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Lakenan, Missouri.





This is the little house South of Lakenan MO that Dell Jarboe built in 1897 for his bride Gertrude Bell. They lived here until 1901 and then from 1910 to 1927. The bottom photo of the house is from 1989, taken by Del Buckman.



This photograph is from about 1908 near Mandan, North Dakota. The Jarboe family homesteaded 160 acres in Morton County, proving out their homestead claim in 1910. Left to right: Anna Lou, Dell, Frances, Gertie, Mary Rosalie, Bernadette. The scratchy photo below is of Bernadette's teacher Blanche



Marquart and her sister Margaret at their homestead and sod house. Blanche Marquart did eventually prove out her claim although the fact that she was away for many months of the year teaching posed an obstacle. It is said that the two sisters died a few years later in a blizzard. Bernadette Jarboe had the fondest of memories of her dear school teacher Blanche Marquart.



Mandan, North Dakota, 1906. Left to right: Anna Lou, Frances, Rosalie, Bernadette Jarboe. Frances recalls that she was pouting in the photo because the photographer was hollering at them to make the one shot good. She also says that their mother was upset because Anna Lou had sweat out her curls while sleeping in the wagon on the way to Mandan.



Dear Mama

I live for those who love me,

Whose hearts are kind and true;

For the heaven that smiles above me,

And awaits my spirit too;

For the friendly ties that bind me,

For the tasks that God has given me,

For the memories left behind me,

And the good that I can do.

August 14, 1908.

Your daughter

Bernadette Jarboe

Mandan North Dakota

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Whose hearts are kind and true

For the heaven that smiles above me

And awaits my spirit too

For the friendly ties that bind me

For the tasks that God has given me

For the memories left behind me

And the good that I can do

Your daughter

Bernadette Jarboe

Mandan, North Dakota

August 14, 1908

Bernadette copied this poem from another entry in the book. She was almost 11 years old at the time she wrote this.

April 24, 1913.  
Lakenan, Mo.

Dear mother:-

When the golden sun is setting  
And you are far from me  
And of others you are thinking,  
Will you sometimes think of me?  
Bernadette Jarboe.

wrote with a pencil  
wrote by a miss  
wrote in a hurry  
and sent with a kiss.  
Bernadette Jarboe

Dear Mother

When the golden sun is setting  
And you are far from me  
And of others you are thinking  
Will you sometimes think of me?

Bernadette Jarboe

Lakenan, Missouri

April 24, 1913

Wrote with a pencil, wrote by a miss, wrote in a hurry and sent with a kiss. Bernadette Jarboe

Bernadette was 15 years old when she wrote this in the book.

"Mother"

Remember, you, miles have will  
me see, apart. My have  
when, though while company My  
this, Mary others you heart.))

Your Daughter,  
Mary Rosalie Jarboe

*Mother*

*Remember me when this  
you see, though many  
miles apart. While others  
have my company you  
will have my heart*

*Your Daughter  
Mary Rosalie Jarboe*

There is no date or place noted here. It was written on the back side of the note Bernadette Jarboe did in 1913. As Rosalie would have been 7 years old at that time, it is just possible she did it at the same time or soon after.



Photograph of Maria Louise Saunders Bell in her later years. The photograph is not dated but must have been taken between 1905 and 1914, perhaps at the occasion of her 70th birthday in 1913. Although it was not unusual for people to pose with Bibles in that era, we know that Tom and Louise Bell were exceptionally devoted to their Roman Catholic religion. She was contemplating a life in the Convent before marrying Tom Bell. And he was known to say that you should be willing to crawl on your knees to get to Church if necessary.

## Obituary

Mrs. J.T. Bell was found dead in the poultry house at the Bell home southeast of this city Thursday evening. She had gone out to care for the poultry when she was stricken with heart failure and no doubt died instantly. She had not said anything about being sick and to all appearances was in her usual good health when she left the house.

Maria L. Saunders was born in Shelby county, Mo., in 1843. She was therefore 71 years old at the time of her death. She was united in marriage to J. T. Bell in 1865, at the Catholic church in Old Clinton, Mo., and came here with him in 1867 and settled on the farm southeast of this city where she still resided at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell were pioneers in this section. They endured all the hardships of pioneer life, but lived to see their labors bear fruit in many fold. The Bell family, since the early days, has been regarded as one of the best and most substantial families in this section, and Mrs. Bell did her full share in acquiring that splendid reputation.

Nine children blessed the union, and all of these were present at the funeral except T. R. Bell who resides in Oakland, California, and could not get home in time for the funeral.

The children present were: Mrs. Alice Beechwood, of Coffeyville; Mrs. Rose Bowles, of Liberal, Kas.; Mrs. Agnes Kendrick, Shelbina, Mo.; Mrs. Gertrude Jarboe, of Lakenan, Mo.; Miss Anna Bell of Kansas City; J.E. Bell, Mrs. Louise McAndrew and Mrs. Nora Cavanaugh of St. Paul.

The funeral services were held at St. Francis' church at a Requiem High Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday and was one of the most largely attended funerals held there in many days. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The bereaved relatives have the deepest sympathy of all the people hereabout.

(St. Paul Journal, November 26, 1914, microfilm roll S95, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.)

Oddly, her step-son W.R. Bell was not listed but he would almost certainly have attended and considered her as his mother since he was not yet three when Louise married his father.



Photograph of Tom Bell on his farm. Probably taken around 1895—1900.

Tom was a determined man of Irish descent. By all surviving accounts, he was blunt with his opinions and deeply religious. His indomitable spirit made him the perfect pioneer for the wilds of Kansas in 1867.

## Obituary

J. T. Bell Dead:

J. T. Bell, aged 89 years, one of the oldest settlers of this community, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. L. McAndrew, in St. Paul, Sunday evening, December 22, and was buried from St. Francis Church Tuesday morning, December 24, interment being made in the Catholic cemetery.

J. T. Bell was born June 1, 1840, at Lakenan, Mo., where he grew to young manhood, and on January 29, 1861, was married to Mary Alice Eddings. To this union was born one son, W. R. Bell, of Greenfield, Mo., who still survives. The first Mrs. Bell died in 1864. On September 19, 1865, he was again married to Louise Sanders [sic], who died on November 19, 1914. To this union nine children were born, those living are: Mrs. Rose Boles [sic], of Liberal, Kas.; Mrs. Agnes Kendrick, of Shelbina, Mo.; Mrs. Gertrude Jarboe, of Monroe City, Mo.; Mrs. Louise McAndrew, of St. Paul; Thomas L. Bell, of Berkley, Calif.; Mrs. Nora Cavanaugh, of San Francisco, Calif. And Miss Anna Bell, of San Francisco, Calif. Two of his children preceeded him to the Great Beyond, J. Emory Bell, of St. Paul and Mrs. Mary Beechwood, of Coffeyville.

Mr. Bell came to Kansas in 1867 preempted and proved a claim south and east of St. Paul which he owned at the time of his death, and where he lived until 1917, when he moved to town and made his home for the balance of his life with his daughter Mrs. McAndrew.

"Tom" Bell, as he was affectionately called by his many old neighbors and friends was one of the oldest settlers of this community and his memory was a storehouse of historical facts of this part of the country. In an interview with him printed in the Journal in 1922 he told of many interesting old time affairs. Of how he ate his first meal in Osage Mission at the same table with C. H. Howard, the first editor of the Journal, together with S. S. Warner, who had just arrived here by stage coach; of how he became acquainted with Capt. And Mrs. Ogeese and how they advised him how to go about securing a farm and of following their advise in the securing of his homestead; of how he freighted from Kansas City and Lawrence to this place, and of going to Uniontown to buy corn to feed his stock. Indeed Mr. Bell was one of the pioneers of this section and knew the hardships of the early days and of what efforts were put forth to develop this country to its present prosperous conditions.

T. J. [sic] Bell was one of our finest citizens, a God fearing gentleman, a contientious [sic] Christian, a man who made the world better by his living here. He is mourned by a host of loyal friends who are indeed saddened at this holiday season by his passing and who extend to the bereaved relatives their deepest sympathy.

(St. Paul Journal, December 26, 1929, microfilm roll S100, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.)



*Gertrude Lee Bell Jarboe*

*April 23, 1874—March 19, 1952*



## Obituary

### Brief Illness Fatal to Mrs. J. A. Jarboe

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Lee Bell Jarboe, widow of the late J. A. Jarboe, were held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, March 22, from Holy Rosary Church in this city. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. Connolly conducted Requiem Mass. Music for the service was by the Holy Rosary School choir, accompanied at the organ by Jeanne Marie Hays. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery at Shelbina. Two of Mrs. Jarboe's grandsons, Jerry Montgomery and Don Gander, with Joe Charlson, served as altar boys. Five sons-in-law and a nephew were the casket bearers. They were: Charles Kelly and Clifford Gander of this city, Larry Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn., Otis Buckman of Shelbina, Gerald Montgomery and Jerome Kendrick of St. Louis.

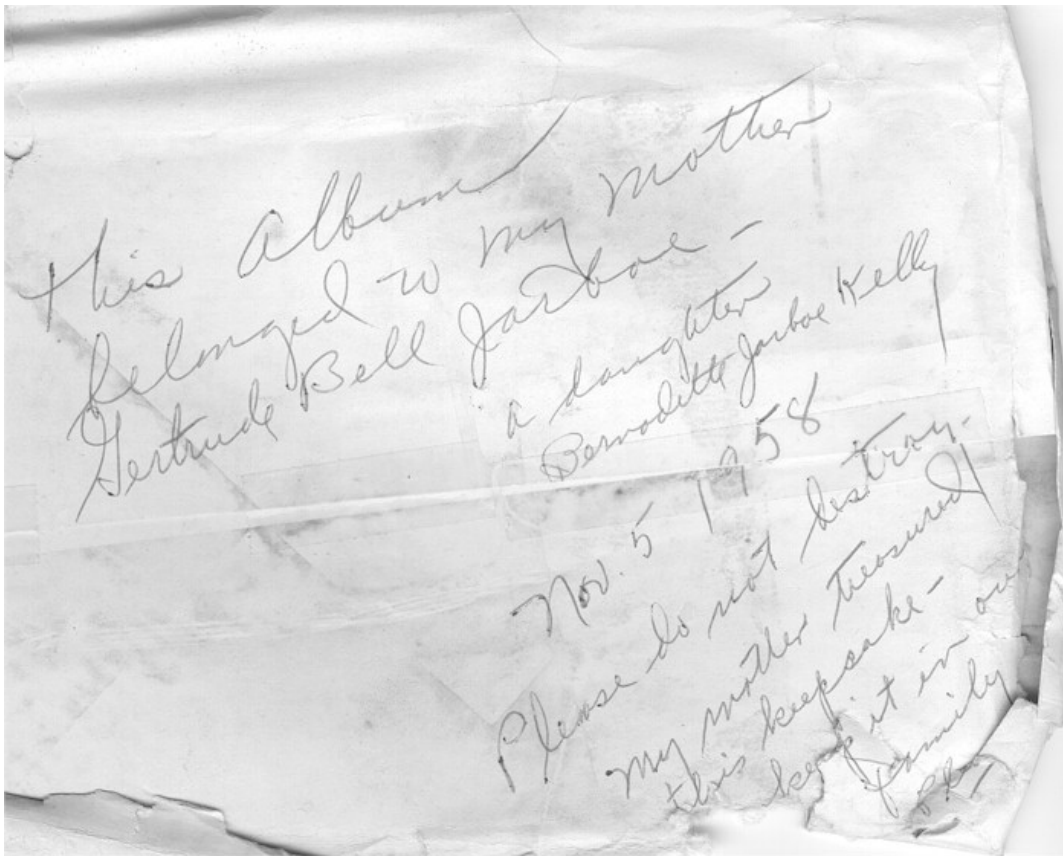
Mrs. Jarboe was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday, March 18, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otis Buckman, near Shelbina. She was taken in the Hays ambulance to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Hannibal, where she died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, March 19, without regaining consciousness. The body was removed to the Wilson Funeral Home in this city and lay in state until the hour of the services Saturday morning.

Mrs. Jarboe was born April 23, 1874, in St. Paul, Neosho County, Kan., where she grew to young womanhood. Her parents were the late John T. and Louise Saunders Bell. She was married March 1, 1897, to James Adelbert Jarboe in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at Lakenan by the Rev. Father Sullivan. The family lived on a farm near Old Clinton, Mo., until 25 years ago when they moved to Monroe City. She was a woman of unusual character, a home loving wife and mother who devoted all her time to the interest and welfare of her family. Mr. Jarboe died October 17, 1945.

Surviving are eight daughters: Mrs. Charles Kelly and Mrs. Clifford Gander of this city, Mrs. Buckman of Shelbina, Miss Anna Lou Jarboe of Portland, Mo., Mrs. Della Ream of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Mrs. Gerald Montgomery of St. Louis, Mrs. Larry Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Orville Hagan of Seguin, Tex. Another daughter, Lucille Bell Jarboe, died at the age of six months. She also leaves 24 grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren and four sisters, Mrs. Rose Bowles of Liberal, Kan., Mrs. Agnes Kendrick and Mrs. Nora Cavanaugh of Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Anna Laura Bell of San Francisco, Calif., also several nieces and nephews. Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Those from a distance attending the funeral rites were: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carlson and son, Monty, of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Orville Hagan of Seguin, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Montgomery, and children Molly Judy and Mark, also Jerry of Kendrick Seminary, St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jarboe and daughter Rebecca, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kendrick and children, Joan, Jean and John, also of St. Louis, Mrs. Della Ream and son, Tommy, of Excelsior Springs and Miss Anna Lou Jarboe of Portland, Mo.

(Monroe City News, March 27, 1952, microfilm, Missouri State Historical Society, Columbia)



*This album belonged to my mother  
Gertrude Bell Jarboe  
a daughter  
Bernadette Jarboe Kelly*

*Nov 5 1958*

*Please do not destroy. My mother treasured this keepsake.  
Keep it in our family Please.*

This is written on the outside of a worn envelope that the Autograph Album was stored in for many years.





# *The End*

*Compilation of Autograph Book entries and  
other reference photos and documentation  
done by Alice Bell Gander  
December 2000*