

Charles Lemon Clifford

When Charles Lemon Clifford was born on October 8, 1861, in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, his father, William, was 53 and his mother, Mary, was 40. He married Sarah Jane Verbruyck on December 26, 1886, in Independence, Kansas. He died on April 18, 1931, in Independence, Kansas, at the age of 69.

Births	
Charles L. Clifford	Oct 8 th 1861
Sarah J. Clifford	Dec 24 th 1865
Lela A. Clifford	Apr 14 th 1887
Earl C. Clifford	Aug 24 th 1889
Gay B. Clifford	Aug 15 th 1891
Norman L. Clifford	Mar 13 th 1894
Walter L. Clifford	Aug 10 th 1897
Charles W. Clifford	Oct 12 th 1900
Harold J. Vandusser	Feb 23 rd 1911
Carl L. Clifford	Aug 12 th 1916
Verley Clifford	Jan 30 th 1920
Billie Bessie Clifford	Oct 12 th 1921
Carl Albert Clifford	Jan 1 st 1924
Robert Lee Clifford	Jan 26 th 1925
Jay B. Clifford	Oct 22 nd 1928
Loretta Rose Clifford	Oct 5 th 1930
Reba Jean Clifford	June 5 th 1931
Dorothy Jane Vandusser	Jan 10 th 1932
May Barbara Vandusser	June 2 nd 1939
Richard Lee Van Heusen Jan 9 1944	

Charles Lemon Clifford

Birth Record from Family Bible

Mary	2	F	W	
Kelly	12	F	W	
Clifford William	62	M	W	Farming
Mary A	50	F	W	Keeping house
Thomas B	24	M	W	Wagoner
Robert	20	M	W	
Gordon	18	M	W	
William	16	M	W	
John	13	M	W	
Charles	9	M	W	
Gerilda	5	M	W	
Stevens William	32	M	W	Farming
Caroline	26	F	W	Keeping house
Alsa L	7	F	W	
Minnie F	5	F	W	

1870

In 1870, Charles Clifford was 9 years old and lived in Orange Township, Rush County, Indiana.

1870 United States Federal Census

18	18	Nelson Lockwood	22	M	W	Farmer	\$14
		Amanda E	22	F	"	Housekeeper	
		Sheridan A	1/2	M	"		
19	19	William Clifford	67	M	W	Farmer	\$10
		Mary A	54	F	"	Housekeeper	
		Wm H	21	M	"	Help	
		John	18	M	"	"	
		Chas L	14	M	"	"	
		Gerilda A	10	F	"	"	
20	20	Thomas B. Clifford	29	M	W	Farmer	
		Olive B.	22	F	"	Housekeeper	
		Sda M.	19 1/2	F	"		
20	21	Elson Goodell	34	M	W	Farmer	\$20

March 1, 1875

On March 1, 1875, Chas L. Clifford was 14 years old and lived in Sycamore Township, Kansas.

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925

	Maggie S.	W	F	22		Wife
272	Berger James	W	M	28		
	Mary A	W	F	21		Wife
	Enos	W	M	24		Bro.
273	Clifford Mary	W	F	59		
	John B	W	M	24		Son.
	Chas L	W	M	18		Son.
	Cirilda A	W	F	15		Daug
274	Goodle Ellen	W	M	39		
	M. Ann	W	F	32		Wife
	John	W	M	5		Son
	Clarence A	W	M	3		Son
	Mamie	W	F	7		Inf. Daug
	Crisp Sam	W	M	23		Servant
275	Barthel M.	W	M	29		
	Dora	W	F	18		Wife

1880

In 1880, Chas.L. Clifford was 18 years old and lived in Sycamore Township, Kansas with his mother, brother, and sister.

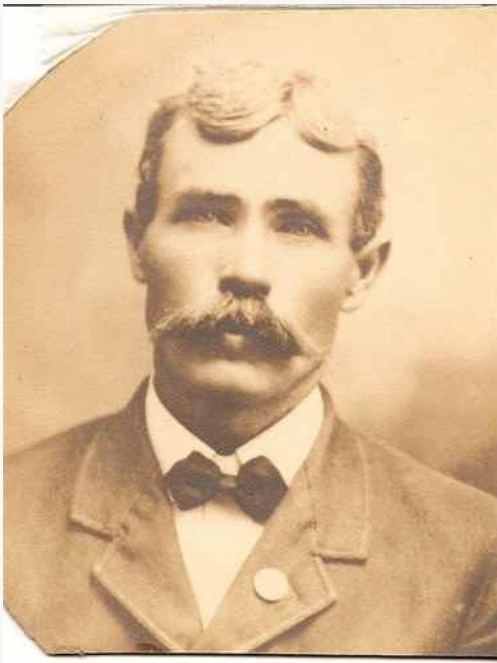
1880 United States Federal Census

1	J M Berger	32	M	W	1
	Mary A Berger	26	F	"	1
	Harvey Berger	4	M	"	
	O W Smith	87	"	"	1
2	M G Clifford	65	F	"	
	C L Clifford	24	M	"	1
	Crawton Brinson	30	"	"	
3	Lynus Ruple	30	"	"	1
	Abigail J Ruple	26	F	"	1
	Harry Ruple	2	M	"	
	Nicholas Devore	20	"	"	1
	St. M. Madkins	19	"	"	1
	Peter Jarvis	43	"	"	1
	James Stinson	28	"	"	1
	Sam L. Vickroy	25	"	"	1
	Lillie Ricketts	22	F	"	1

March 1, 1885

On March 1, 1885, C.L. Clifford was 24 years old and lived in Sycamore Township, Kansas. He was a farmer on his mother's farm.

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925



BE IT REMEMBERED, That on 24 day of Dec. A. D. 1886 there was issued from the office of said Probate Court a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

STATE OF KANSAS
No. 258 THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
P. J. No. DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY Dec. 24 1886
To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN MARRIAGE

Charles L. Clifford of Crane, Kas. age 26 and
Sarah J. Verbryck of Same place age 20 and
with the consent of
And of this license, duly endorsed, you will make return to my office at Independence, Kansas, within ten days after performing the ceremony.

(SEAL) Thomas Harrison
Probate Judge

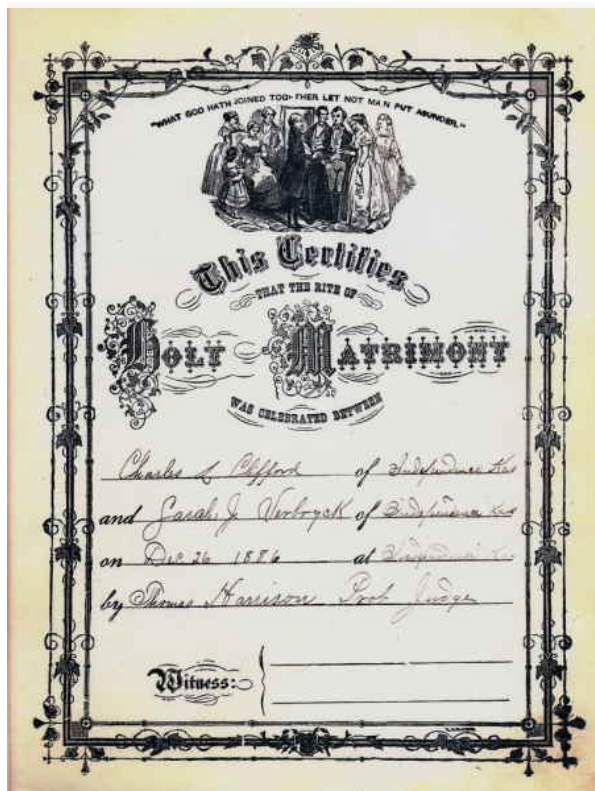
And which said Marriage License was afterward, to-wit, on the 27 day of Dec. A. D. 1886 returned to said Probate Court with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

ENDORSEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
I hereby certify that I performed the ceremony joining in marriage the above named couple on the 28 day of Dec. 1886 at Independence, in said County.

(SEAL) Signed Thomas Harrison
Recorded in Book E, Page 125. This Probate Judge
Marriage Records of Montgomery County, Kansas. Address

He married Sarah Jane Verbryck on December 26, 1886, in Independence, Kansas. They both lived in Crane, Kansas. Sarah was the sister of his brother John's wife, Mary. (Another sister, Annie, was married to Garrett Miller.)



Marriage Record

from family Bible



Charles & Sarah Jane Clifford

Scott Studio

The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of March, 1895, was in this family.		Age		Sex		Color	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1892	1892	W H Bletcher	30	M	W		
		Jennie	22	F			
		C L Bletcher	24	M			
1895	1895	C L Clifford	34				
		Lela	28	F			
		Pearl	5	F			
		Guy	3	M			
		Homer	1	M			
		Mary A Clifford	74	F			
1894	200	W H Newmiller	27	M			
		Emma	22	F			
		Heagis	1	M			
		Chalk	1	M			

March 1, 1895

On March 1, 1895, C.L. Clifford was 34 years old and lived in Sycamore Township, Kansas. He was a farmer; probably still on his mother's farm.

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925



The Clifford Family

Charles & Jenny with children Lela, Homer, Guy & Pearl--Brown Stone Front Studio

William H	Son	W	M	1874	12	8	
Biggs E	Daughter	W	F	Aug 1872	12	8	
Gustie	Daughter	W	F	May 1874	16	5	
Cora O	Daughter	W	F	Feb 1870	10	5	
Leon E	Son	W	M	Nov 1874	5	5	
Lois A	Daughter	W	F	Dec 1879	2	5	
Clifford Charles	Head	W	M	Oct 1860	39	13	
Sarah J	Wife	W	F	Dec 1860	37	13	5
Lela	Daughter	W	F	April 1877	12	8	
Pearl	Daughter	W	F	Aug 1879	10	8	
Guy	Son	W	M	Aug 1880	9	5	
Homer	Son	W	M	March 1884	6	5	
Walter	Son	W	M	Aug 1889	2	5	
Sarah Jane	Daughter	W	F	May 1893	7	5	8
Brother Richard	Head	W	M	March 1872	32	8	
Edwin	Head	W	M	Jan 1877	23	11	3
Lena	Wife	W	F	Jan 1879	21	11	3
Earl	Son	W	M	Nov 1879	2	5	
Cora	Son	W	M	Jan 1879	1	5	
George W	Head	W	M	Oct 1875	24	5	
William	Head	W	M	Feb 1874	46	15	
Adeline	Wife	W	F	Mar 1861	38	14	2

1900

Charles Clifford married Sarah J. in 1887. They had five children during their marriage. In 1900, he was 39 years old and lived in Independence Township, Kansas with his wife, Sarah, 3 sons, and 2 daughters. He was a tenant farmer. Sarah Jane's mother, Sarah was living with them.

1900 United States Federal Census



The Clifford Family

Homer, Guy, Charles, Walter, Sarah Jane, Pearl, Lela.

LONG-BELL LUMBER CO.

All kinds of Building Material, Rig and Derrick Timbers

John D. Tennant, Mgr. 301 N. 6th. Tel. 164.

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Hoye Directory Company's

Clennan Mary dom 302 s Penn

Clifford Chas L team r 1005 w Laurel

Clifford Lela wks Independent Paper Co r 1005 w Laurel

Clifford Pearl wks Independent Paper Co r 1005 w Laurel

Cline Danl r 204 n 9th

CLINE DAVID A county commissioner Court House r Coffeyville Kas

Cline Israel Martin lab Coffeyville Vitrified Brick & Tile Co r 1124 w Locust

Closser Frederick D (F D Closser & Co, Ruby Flats) r Lima Ohio

Closser F D & Co (F D Closser, C E Alford, W C Ward) oil producers Ruby Flats

Closser & Alford (F D Closser, E A Alford) oil pro-

1904

Charles L. Clifford lived in Independence, Kansas in 1904. He was a teamster? Daughters Lela & Pearl were working at the Independent Paper Co.

U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989

	Age	Sex	Col
6	7	8	9
✓ C. L. Clifford	44	M	W
S. J. "	38	F	W
Leta "	18	F	W
Guy "	13	M	W
Homer "	11	M	W
Walter "	7	M	W
Glen "	4	M	W
✓ John Blecha	44	M	W
Anna "	44	F	W
Earl "	17	M	W
Edmund "	15	M	W
Nellie "	7	M	W
A. Joe	22	M	W
✓ G. A. Leatherman	32	F	W
✓ E. Mear	36	F	W
Lucas	24	M	W

March 1, 1905

On March 1, 1905, C.L. Clifford was 44 years old and lived in Independence, Kansas. He was a tenant farmer.

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925

Clennan Joe....Independence
Clennan Margaret....Independence
Clennan Ollie....Independence
Clennan Pat....Independence
Clevenger Anna....Independence 5
Click Charlotta....Havana
Click Wm....Havana
Clifford Ada....Independence 5
Clifford Chas....Independence
Clifford C L....Independence 5
Clifford I T....Independence 5
Clifford Jennie....Independence
Clifford J E....Independence 5
Clifford Sarah J....Independence 5
Cline Abe....Coffeyville
Cline D A....Coffeyville
Cline Edith J....Independence 3
Cline Hattie....Coffeyville
Cline Hunie....Coffeyville
Cline Israel....Independence 3
Cline Martin....Independence

1909

Charles Clifford lived in Independence, Kansas in 1909.

U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989

1	— Grille	Daughter	7	7	13	8
1	— Ella	Daughter	7	7	13	8
1	Strait Emma M	Daughter	7	7	68	7
1	— O.P.	Daughter	7	7	23	1
1	— Lila	Daughter	7	7	23	1
1	Clifford L.L.	Daughter	7	7	47	1
1	— Jenny	Daughter	7	7	48	1
1	— Guy	Son	7	7	18	8
1	— Homer	Son	7	7	16	2
1	— Hallie	Son	7	7	12	8
1	— Helen	Son	7	7	7	4
1	James Clifford	Daughter	7	7	24	1
1	— Estie	Daughter	7	7	19	1
1	— Claudine	Daughter	7	7	3	8
1	Hana Lawrence	Daughter	7	7	35	1
1	— Aiden	Daughter	7	7	30	1
1	— Gerald	Daughter	7	7	7	8
1	— Ray	Son	7	7	4	8
1	Matthews Emma C	Daughter	7	7	57	1
1	— Ella	Daughter	7	7	65	1
1	— Marie	Daughter	7	7	17	8
1	— Jenny Minnie	Daughter	7	7	64	7

1910

In 1910, C.L. Clifford was 49 years old and lived in Independence, Kansas with his wife, Jenny, and 4 sons. He was a laborer in a Cement Factory.

1910 United States Federal Census

JAMES A. OTTO

General Insurance Agent

Phone 432 Independence, Kansas 101 W.

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS, 1910 DIRECTORY

Clayton Thos B bkpr r 318 n 12th
Clement Ernest F (Evalyn) clk P O & G Co r 203 n 6th
Clemmons Anna Mrs fur rms 112½ e Main
Clendenon R A foreman Uhrich Planing Mill b 1010 w Cotton
Clendenin Wm lab Cement Plant r 912 s 1st
Clennan Mary C asst cashier Kasigan Oil Gas & Power Co r 501
Clennan Patrick (Clara) team r 1000 n Penn
Cliff John A (Sarah) night supt Cement Plant r 505 e Main
Clifford Chas L (Jennie) emp Cement Plant r 1028 n 6th
Clifford Guy r 1028 n 6th
Clifford Homer r 1028 n 6th
Cline I Martin (Aditha) lab Cement Plant r 218 s Waldschmid
Cline Myrtle laundress INDEPENDENCE LAUNDRY r 218 s W midt
CLINE W B (Courtright Cline & Cripps 107½ e Main) r New E Hotel
Clute Wilbur G (Nellie) bkpr Nat Sup Co r 409 Westminster
Cochran Silas K (Eliza) r 319 n 13th
Coe Lester W (Dina) driver r 320 s 9th
Coffey Ed (Lulu) lab r ws Westfield 4th n of Laurel

The Ulmer Furniture C

1910

Charles L. Clifford lived in Independence, Kansas in 1910. Charles and Jenny separated at some point around this time...supposedly as a birth control measure.

U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989

	Grilla	"			
	T. C. Cain		46	M	W
	Mrs F. C. Cain		39	F	W
	Ray	"	8	M	W
	Mable	"	10	F	W
	Elwin	"	2	M	W
3	Jennie Clifford		48	F	W
	Guy	"	23	M	W
	Hosher	"	21	M	W
	Walter	"	17	M	W
	Glen	"	14	M	W
	Echo	"	54	M	W
4	Mary Strait		74	F	W
	W. J. Keller		34	M	W
	Mrs W. J. "		28	F	W
	John Harvell		24	M	W
	Ed R. Lee		29	M	W

1915

In 1915, Chas Clifford was 54 years old and lived in Independence, Kansas.

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925



Osawatimie State Mental Hospital

--Sometime between 1915 and 1917 Charles was committed to a mental hospital in Osawatimie, Kansas. Grandpa C (Walter L.) said it was because his brother's wife's family wanted to prevent him from pestering them about the \$500 his brother left him in his will. Grandpa, who was living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, got him released into his custody in 1917 on the condition he take him out of Kansas.

Residence	Relationship	Age	Sex	Color
Seaba, Virginia	Step Daughter	17	F	W
Brown, Ernest	Roomer	20	M	W
Williamson, Wibeau	Roomer	26	M	W
Snyder, Julia Joseph	Head 1	45	F	W
Billington, William H	Roomer	45	M	W
William H	Roomer	5	M	W
Anderson, June	Head 2	62	F	W
William E	Son	34	M	W
Vera	Grand Daughter	14	F	W
William	Roomer	60	M	W
Clifford, Chas. L.	Roomer	68	M	W
Wickens, Raymond	Roomer	32	M	W
Briggs, John	Head 1	36	M	W
Mona	Wife	28	F	W
Earl	Son	9	M	W
Claude	Son	6	M	W

1920

In 1920, Chas L. Clifford was 58 years old and lived in Chanute, Kansas. He was a laborer in casting, probably at a cement plant.

1920 United States Federal Census

Independence - 10m 10m Unincorporated
no name of class, no township, town, precinct, district, etc. See instructions. (Enter name)

NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family <small>Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930</small>	RELATION Relationship of this person to the head of the family	HOME	
		Home owned or rented	Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented
5	6	7	8
—, Lela	wife		
—, Howard	son		
Clifford, Charles	father-in-law		
Fassett, Ella	Head	H	2500
Linicome, James	son-in-law		
—, Vera	daughter		
—, Rosalie	grand daughter		
Cliff, Charles	Head	P	25
—, Clara	wife	H	25
—, Iris	daughter		
—, Charles	son		

1930

In 1930, Charles Clifford was 68 years old and lived in Independence, Kansas with his daughter and grandson.

1930 United States Federal Census



Charles L. Clifford

According to his obituary, he had been working as a Travelling Suit Salesman.

Deaths	
Paul C. Clifford	Feb. 17 Age 10/1905
Charles F. Clifford	April 18 1931
Reba Jean Clifford	Feb. 17 1937
Anna Clifford	June 7 1950
Sam B. Clifford	June 1951
Howard Clifford	April 1951
W. Elmer Clifford	June 1977
Barclay Schuman	Jan. 17 1999
Sarah Kirby	May 6 age 76/1917

Death Record

Records of Clifford Deaths from the Clifford family bible.

STATE OF KANSAS		STANDARD	
State Board of Health—Division of Vital Statistics		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. PLACE OF BIRTH: County <u>Montgomery</u> Township <u>Independence</u> City <u>Independence, Kansas</u>		63 No. 100-1657	
2. FULL NAME <u>Charles F. Clifford</u> (a) Residence No. <u>North 10th at Walnut St.</u> (b) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: <u>10 years</u> (c) How long in U. S. (if foreign birth): <u>28 years</u>		3. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>April 18, 1931</u>	
4. SEX <u>M</u> 5. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 6. If married, when and where married: <u>Married to Sarah Kirby</u> 7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Feb 5, 1891</u> 8. AGE <u>40</u> years <u>5</u> months <u>10</u> days		9. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 10. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>death</u> to <u>death</u> 11. I have seen <u>the</u> body of <u>deceased</u> and death is held to have occurred on the date stated above on <u>April 18, 1931</u> 12. The probable cause of death and related causes of importance in order of most near to distant: <u>Heart failure, stroke</u>	
13. OCCUPATION 14. TRADE, Vocation, or occupation 15. Industry or business in which 16. Date deceased last worked at 17. Total time worked in the 18. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) 19. NAME <u>Wm. Clifford</u> 20. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) 21. MARRIED NAME <u>Mrs. Clifford</u> 22. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) 23. EMPLOYER <u>John Van Dusen</u> 24. SPECIAL EXPLANATION OF DEATH 25. UNDERSTANDING OF DEATH 26. PLACE <u>St. Paul, Kansas</u>		13. Cause of death 14. Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause: <u>Had heart trouble</u> 15. Nature of operation 16. What last condition diagnosed 17. Was there an autopsy? 18. If death was due to external causes (trauma, etc.) to state that fact 19. Name of physician 20. Name of hospital 21. Name of physician 22. Name of physician 23. Name of physician 24. Name of physician 25. Name of physician 26. Name of physician	

Death Certificate

GRIEVING AT LOSS, C. L. CLIFFORD TAKES POISON TO END LIFE

Despondent Over Loss of a Hand in Accidental Shooting

Dr. Aldrich reported this afternoon that it was a plain case of suicide and no inquest would be necessary. He stated that the strychnine had been purchased in Independence yesterday by Mr. Clifford. Two previous attempts at suicide ended in failure due to quick action on the part of the family, according to the coroner. A week ago Mr. Clifford attempted to hang himself in the barn, while six weeks ago he made an attempt at suicide by turning on the gas in his room.

Despondent over the loss of his right hand in an accident last December, C. L. Clifford, 70, took his own life by the poison route at 5:30 this morning, death occurring at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. P. Vandresser on North Tenth street road. Strychnine was used and the family found a dram bottle of the poison, of which one-third of the contents had been taken, near his body.

Mr. Clifford left a note explaining his action which was dated March 10. He asked his family to give the cause of death as heart trouble, and the death was first reported to newspaper men as due to old age and complications. Mr. Clifford had made three previous attempts to take his own life, according to Mrs. Vandresser, and it is believed that the note was written for the first attempt.

The letter follows in part: "Dear friends and relatives: In March if my heart should quit beating of course I have lived a good many years. Born in Pennsylvania October 8, 1861. I have enjoyed living a part of the time. Now my feet are giving way. My legs, my back, my arms are all against making a living, it seems.

"Tired, tired, tired of life. Age and disability is the cause. Weep not for me when gone. We all have to spend eternity. We all have to pass on to the great beyond."

—C. L. Clifford.
A foot note follows: Parry— "I sure appreciate your kindness. Say Parry please don't report just what caused death, only old age and nervous break down. Please say nothing to any one. Tell them old age and nervous break down. Parry please tell the cause as heart failure. So please don't tell any one."

Accidentally Shot
The accident in which Mr. Clifford lost his right hand about one and one-half inches above the wrist, occurred at Cliff's max time.

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GRIEVING AT LOSS

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in an accidental shooting near Cushing Okla. He had been a travelling salesman for a suit concern for the past thirteen years and was at Cushing during the holidays. On February 5 he came to Independence, which he had always considered his home since he had quit farming near Crane station, and made his home with his daughter. He grieved considerably over the loss of his hand and on account of his despondency the family had been watching him closely to prevent a tragedy.

Early today Mrs. Vandresser was awakened by a noise in her father's room and found him unconscious. Dr. F. W. Shelton was hurriedly summoned, but found him dead on his arrival. Dr. W. J. Aldrich, county coroner, was then notified and made an investigation.

Born in Pennsylvania

Mr. Clifford was born in Pennsylvania on October 8, 1861, and came to Montgomery county in 1870 to make his home. Part of the time since then he has been in Oklahoma. He came back to the county on February 5, to make his home with his daughter. Surviving him are one daughter, Mrs. Vandresser, and four sons, Walter Clifford, Alhambra, Calif.; Homer Clifford, Vann, Tex.; Glenn Clifford, Okmulgee, Okla., and Guy Clifford of Wewoka, Okla.

For years Mr. Clifford attended the Friends church and was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at the Jackson funeral home with interment in Mount Hope cemetery.

Obituary

CL Clifford committed suicide by taking strychnine, after 2 failed attempts. He had tried to hang himself the week before and had turned the gas on in his room six weeks before. He was despondent over the loss of his right hand in a shooting accident 4 months previous.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR CLIFFORD SUNDAY

Services Are Conducted By
Dr. E. C. Luck

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Jackson funeral home for C. L. Clifford, 70, who died at his daughter's home on the North Tenth street road early Saturday morning. Dr. E. C. Luck was in charge of the service. Interment was made in old Mount Hope cemetery.

Mrs. C. O. Shepard sang two selections with Mrs. Claude Miller at the piano.

The pallbearers were Harley Leach, Reverdy Johnson, Sam E. Auld, L. R. Auld, Will Newmaster and D. R. Perkins.

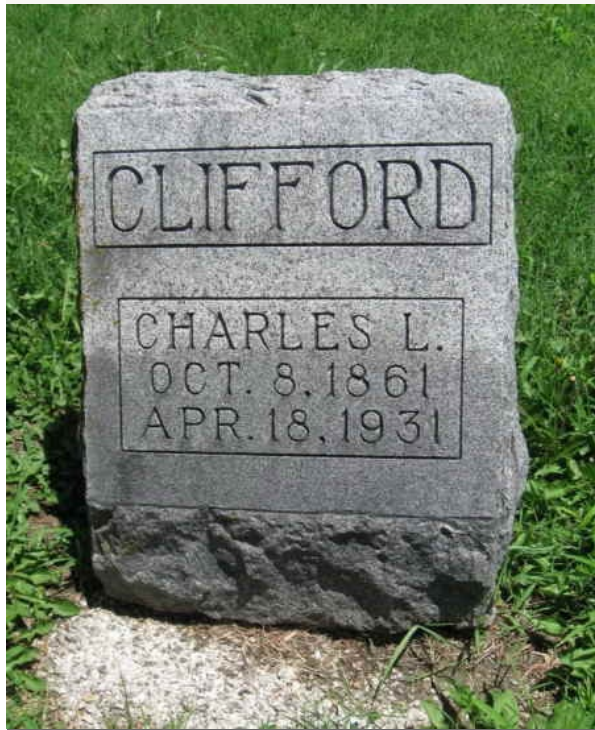
OLD MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY RECORD

178-E Estate of Mary A. Clifford

1. Nannie Sharp, Oct. 25, 1883 - March 31, 1906
2. Mary A. Clifford, Nov. 12, 1820 - March 18, 1905
3. Gordon Clifford, Age 50-7-7, Died Jan. 22, 1927
4. Chas. L. Clifford, Age 69-5-10, Died Apr. 18, 1931

Cemetery Record

He was buried next his mother, his brother, Gordon. Nannie is probably a niece, daughter of his sister Sarah.



Old Mt. Hope Cemetery

Independence, Kansas