

TUSCANIA

Axon, Oscar
1890 MO – 1985 MO



MR. AND MRS. OSCAR AXON

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon of Hamilton will host the 60th wedding anniversary of their parents at the United Methodist Church parish house in Hamilton from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

“Chillicothe (MO) Constitution-Tribune” 5 Sep 1979 p 5 –
Oscar and Kittie married 10 Sep 1919



Four sons of Eli Axon & Catherine Howden – they had 5 sons, with Oscar the youngest: Frank Berton, George (who died at 1 year), Elmer, Oscar –so the youngest (white shirt, upper right) must be Oscar - Find A Grave 29556492

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Oscar Axon

HAMILTON, Mo. — Oscar Axon, 94, died Sunday morning at his daughter's home in Chillicothe, Mo.

He was born at Braymer, Mo., and was a lifelong resident. He was born Oct. 19, 1890. He was a retired farmer of Caldwell County and moved to Hamilton in 1958. He was a World War I veteran. He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and a 60-year member of the Hamilton American Legion post.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kittie Axon, in 1980.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Axon, Chillicothe, and Larry Axon, Springfield, Mo.; a daughter, Jean Hargrave, Chillicothe; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with burial in the Highland Cemetery at Hamilton. The body will be taken to the church at noon on Wednesday. Arrangements are under the direction of the Bram Funeral Home at Hamilton.

Obituary of Oscar Axon — "St. Joseph (MO) Gazette" Tuesday 19 Mar 1985 p 10

Life:

A Jolly Party.

A pleasant party was given Friday evening, Oct. 27, at the home of G. W. Tunks and wife, near Catawba, in honor of their son Glenn.

Games were played and refreshments served and the evening was one of jollity and enjoyment.

The guests were: Misses Myrtle Isom, Bessie Toland, Inez Hughson, Viola Hugshon, Leah and Norvine Swindler, Effie Frazier, Ethel and Nellie Hall, Virgie Waters, Gail Cutbirth, Katie Smith, Nina Jones, Nora and Stella Schultz and Alta Phares; Messrs. J. C. Swindler, C. C. Tunks, William Sprouse, Andrew Sprouse, Roy Schultz, Jasper Schultz, Orville Schultz, Wilber Phares, Earl Frazier, Albert Bennett, E. R. Axon, Oscar Axon, Rex Waters, Fred Cutbirth. W. P.

1st mention in Newspapers.com in MO – “Braymer (MO) Bee” Friday 4 Nov 1904 p 1

Oscar Axon is still chasing the fawn over this way. Hope he will succeed in capturing the little “dear.”

Gould Farm news – deer hunting or dating? - “Braymer (MO) Bee” Friday 22 Jul 1910 p 8

Oscar Axon went to Columbia last Friday, to make a visit to his brother, Elmer, who is attending the university. Oscar will leave soon for Montana, in company with W. L. Perkins, for a pleasure and prospecting trip.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 10 Mar 1911 p 6

Oscar Axon returned Monday from Newberg, Oregon, where he had been since last spring.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 6 Oct 1911 p 4

J. H. O'Neal is advertising a public sale at the Eli Axon farm, 3 3-4 miles north and 4 miles west of Braymer, Wednesday, Nov. 29. A list of the property appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. O'Neal has rented a farm near Utica belonging to the mother of Miss Elizabeth Wilson and will reduce his stock, feed, etc., preparatory to moving. Oscar Axon will farm the Axon place next year.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 24 Nov 1911 p 1

Elmer R. Axon, who will graduate this spring in civil engineering from the Missouri State University, was here over Sunday visiting his mother and and brother, Mrs. Kate Axon and Oscar Axon. He was accompanied by a college friend, A. M. Donald of Mississippi.

Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 12 Apr 1912 p 6

Twenty Planters Sold

At This Date, April 22, 1913.

Not such a big planter trade, and yet when one considers that nearly every one of these planters were sold at \$2.50 to \$4.00 above the regular \$40.00 planter price, there must be something extra good about them that made the men who bought them willing to pay that extra price.

When good farmers like Judge Henry Mills, Geo. Buxton, Oscar Axon, Elmer Oldfield, Wm. Wilson and a dozen others whom we could easily name, pay us \$42.50 to \$45.00 for a Case or a New Deere planter, There's a Reason.

And the reason is, they could see that it meant a better stand of corn, and that of course means more bushels to the acre.

Our bulletin board shows the entire list of twenty men who have already ordered these planters. We invite you to look the list over and it may help you to decide which planter to take.

H. D. Skinner Lumber Company

"You'll Get a Square Deal at Skinner's."

Braymer, Mo.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 25 Apr 1913 p 8

Oscar Axon is at Columbia taking the short course in agriculture at the State University.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 6 Nov 1914 p 4

Oscar Axon, who is attending the State Agricultural College, returned to Columbia Monday, after spending the holidays here.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 8 Jan 1915 p 4

F. R. Axon and Warren H. Roberts of Chillicothe were guests of Mrs. Kate Axon and Oscar Axon at Catawba Sunday.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 16 Jul 1915 p 7

Harvey Nickels, Frank Axon, S. T. Kernan and Oscar Axon, went to Kansas City Monday. They were all interested in a shipment of live stock.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 19 Nov 1915 p 7

—Gomer Diddle, J. C. Fields and Oscar Axon were here yesterday morning on their way to Osborn to look over the Osborn herd of Short-horn cattle. These well known young farmers are interested in pure bred cattle and are building up herds on their farms.

One year later, Oscar will have just survived the Tuscania sinking - "Hamilton (MO) Farmer's Advocate" Thursday 8 Feb 1917 p 2

THE SELECTIVE DRAFT MADE LAST FRIDAY

CALDWELL COUNTY TO FURNISH
69 SOLDIERS AS ITS QUOTA IN
NEW ARMY

Complete List of Caldwell County
Registered Men in Order They
Were Drawn at Washington

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527 Oscar Axon, Braymer

"Hamilton (MO) Farmer's Advocate" Thursday 26 Jul 1917 p 3

Oscar Axon was down from Catawba
Thursday for a load of white oak
bridge plank for John Fields of New
York Township.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Thursday 30 Aug 1917 p 1

Public Sale!

I will sell at my mother's farm, 3 1-2 miles north and 4 miles west of Braymer, Mo., and 2 miles west and 1-4 south of Catawba, on

Wednesday, Dec. 5th

the following described property:

7 Head of Horses

One driving or all purpose team, coming 6 yrs. old, black, weight 2200.

One coming 4 yr. old sorrel Morgan horse, weight 1100, well broke.

One mule coming 4 yrs. old, 15 hands high, well broke.

One mule coming 3 yrs. old.

One road colt 2 yrs. old and one road colt 1 yr. old.

11 Head of Cattle

One Jersey cow 5 yrs. old, giving 3 gallons of milk daily.

One roan cow, 7 yrs. old, to be fresh in February.

One red and white cow 5 yrs. old, to be fresh in February.

One red cow 5 yrs. old, to be fresh in January.

Seven spring calves.

43 HOGS
 Six bred black Poland sows.
 One pure bred Spotted Poland boar.
 Thirty-six fall pigs.

**1300 Bushel Shucked Corn
 in Crib**

300 Bushel Kherson Oats

Terms: 6 months time on approved bankable note bearing 7 per cent interest from date of sale.

OSCAR AXON

COL. F. E. WILLIAMS, Auct. FRED WIGHTMAN, Clerk.

The Catawba Ladies' Aid will serve lunch and the proceeds will be used for war relief

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Thursday 22 Nov 1917 p 3

—Corn sold for \$1.57 per bushel at the Oscar Axon sale west of Catawba Wednesday. Oats brought 77c and brood sows from \$60 to \$61.50 and pigs \$9 a head. Cows sold from \$100 to \$102.50 and a 2-year old mule brought \$190.

"Hamilton (MO) Farmer's Advocate" Thursday 6 Dec 1917 p 5

—Oscar Axon is in St. Louis, at Jefferson Barracks, where he is making an effort to get into the forestry division of the Army Engineers, but at last reports had not had his application approved.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Thursday 20 Dec 1917 p 4

—Oscar Axon writes to Braymer friends that he is on his way to Washington, D. C. for a training camp for forestry engineers. He was delighted with the change for the delay at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, was exceedingly irksome. Irving Basham, who enlisted in the same branch of the service is still at St. Louis.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 10 Jan 1918 p

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Oscar Axon on Transport Tuscania.

While there has been no definite statement to that effect, it seems reasonably certain that Oscar Axon was on the Transport Tuscania that was sunk by a German submarine Tuesday evening, off the Irish coast.

The 20th Forestry Engineers of which he is a member, was on board. The presumption is that as soon as he reached the land he immediately sent a cablegram to his mother to reassure her, and the cablegram reached here before the news of the disaster.

The later the news from the Tuscania the better—the last reports indicate that only about 100 lost their lives, and these deaths were in a measure due to haste in getting loaded into the boats and the excitement due to the explosion.

There were 215 casualties – “the later the news, the better” often brought news of loss –
“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

MANY MISSOURI BOYS ON THE TUSCANIA

**Fate Will Not Be Learned Until
List of Dead Is Received.**

(By International News Service)

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—The names of many Missouri men appear on the war department's lists of soldiers on the torpedoed transport Tuscania. Their individual fate will not be known until the full list of survivors arrives. Those from Missouri on the lists which reached here from Washington follow:

Oscar Axon, private, 20th engineers,
Braymer, Mo.

"Columbia (MO) Daily Capital News" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 3

WERE ON TUSCANIA

Oscar Axon of Braymer, and a Nephew of Judge Cheshire Among the Men Sent Adrift

The presence on the Tuscania, British transport, of Oscar Axon of Braymer and John W. Cheshire of Lucas, Wash., a nephew to Judge J. R. Cheshire, increases local interest in the fate of the vessel and the men aboard.

Axon has cabled his mother, Mrs. Katherine Axon of near Catawba, that he is safe, but the name of John W. Cheshire appears among the missing and while hope for him has not been abandoned there is but a chance of his having been saved.

Judge and Mrs. D. E. Adams were apprehensive that their son, Bernard, was on board when news of the disaster was first received, but late advices from him stated he was still at Camp Merritt, N. J., whence he will later sail.

"Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

Was In Water Six Hours.

A letter from Oscar Axon dated on Feb. 12, just a few days after the sinking of the Tuscania, says that when the transport went down he "got pretty wet." He was on a raft in the ocean six hours before before being picked up.

But he says he is in the best of health and that while the catastrophe will delay them some in getting to France they will be there shortly.

Headline is misleading – Oscar was not IN THE WATER for 6 hours, as he would have died within 3 hours – he was on a life "raft" (the lower version of the Tuscania's lifeboats) –
 "Braymer (MO) Bee" Thursday 14 Mar 1918 p 1

—Oscar Axon writes home that he is still in England and at the time he wrote the service he was engaged in was not very strenuous. He is in excellent health.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 18 Apr 1918 p 6

Oscar Axon Writes From France.

Mrs. Catherine Axon is in receipt of the following letter from her son Oscar, and his narration of events attending the sinking of the *Tuscania*, is especially interesting:

Somewhere in France, Mar. 30, 1918.

Dear Mother: At last I have landed safely in France and am very nicely located. We are not going to stay here permanently and I judge we are in for some strenuous drilling before we move. I connected with my mail here and received 35 letters, 2 Braymer Bees, a Journal and Telegram. You cannot imagine how pleased I was and how I enjoyed reading them. Was glad to know you received my cablegram before you heard of the disaster to the *Tuscania*. No I was not surprised to hear that — — had claimed exemption. This has brought the yellow out in lots of fellows. My experience has not changed my opinion in the least. It is not a question of choice but of duty. I don't see why anyone with good red

American blood in their veins does not enlist and do his share. When one gets closely in touch with people that have been at war for almost four years he realizes what it is and has no use for a slacker.

I was on the "A" or top deck of the Tuscania when we were torpedoed. I had been very sea-sick for two or three days. We had been out thirteen days. The air below decks was not good so I spent most of my time on deck. Part of the fellows were at mess as we were struck, at 5:50 in the evening. I was sitting with a couple of fellows from Kansas and we were talking of how nice it would be to get together after the war and compare experiences. We were sitting back of the Officers' quarters where we were sheltered from the wind. The torpedo struck a little forward of us and threw some wreckage and some water fifty feet in the air. Some of the wreckage fell all around us, but none fell on us. The torpedo made a dull crashing noise. When it struck I said, "There she is," and one of the fellows said, "That's right."

We made a dash for our life boats. I

We made a dash for our life boats, I was only about twenty feet from mine. We had our life belts with us as it was officers' orders to carry them with us no matter where we were. We were assigned to different boats. I was ordered to help lower my boat and then slide down the ropes. Something went wrong with the tackle and the boat struck the water end first tipping most of the fellows into the water. I think most of them got back in the boat and got away with the boat half full of water. It afterward went to pieces and the men were picked up by other boats.

I helped lower another boat and was ready to slide down the rope when the ranking 1st Lieut. of our Co. came along. I let him take my place and the boat drifted away so I missed that one also. A number of boats were dropped into the water due to the confusion and faulty tackle. One came drifting down the side of the ship upside down and some of us were debat-

ing about taking a chance on it when another came drifting along right side up. Eleven of us managed to get into it by swinging off onto the one that had turned turtle and jumping into it. Fortunately a couple of oars remained in it and they enabled us to keep the boat headed in the wind and waves so we did not capsize. We had a very narrow escape as we came near drifting under the rear end of the ship and had we done so would have been mashed. Our boat was half full and we thought for a while it would sink but fortunately it had a non-sinkable tube along each side and rode the waves just like a cork. I never shall forget the scene as we drifted away from the ship nor the cries of the men that were in the water.

We were on the water about six hours before we were picked up by a British trawler. You can imagine how glad we were when they hailed us and began maneuvering to pick us up. One of the fellows by good luck or Providence had a flash light and signalled the trawler with it. I got soaking wet and was so darn sea-sick after I got on the trawler that I wouldn't have cared had we been hit again. We landed at Larne, Ireland, about 5:30 in the morning and the people there treated us royally. I certainly have a warm spot in my heart for them. I sent my cablegram from Larne and you received it same day. I repeat I am glad you got it. One of the chaps from Kansas was landed where I was but we did not see the other chap for a week as he landed at a different point.

Very few lives were lost in getting the fellows off the Tuscania but a large number were lost by being dashed to pieces on an island off the coast of Scotland. The submarine destroyers took off those that did not get away in the life boats. Some of the fellows did not even get their feet wet. I have

spent the day in the city and had an interesting time. Could not talk to anyone (except our Soldiers) but saw lots of things of interest.

Tell everyone "Hello" for me and give them my best regards.

Oscar.

—A letter from Oscar Axon says he is seeing some points of interest in France while enjoying a fourteen day furlough, and expects to sail for home soon. He is in camp at Bordeaux, or was when the letter was written.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 1 May 1919 p 5

OUR 89th BOYS ARRIVE.

Telegrams were received by relatives and friends yesterday from Captain Elmer B. Axon, Oscar Axon, Gray C. Barcus and Hobart Jones saying they had arrived safely from overseas—and are temporarily at Camp Merritt. They will probably be home in about ten days or two weeks. Claude Martin is with the 89th but he has not yet wired of his arrival.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 29 May 1919 p 1

HOME!

Capt. Elmer B. Axon and wife and little daughter drove up from Kansas City last week and were visiting his mother Mrs. Kate Axon, when Oscar arrived home Saturday. Elmer spent Friday evening and part of Saturday with his Chillicothe friends.

Hobart Jones, Lewis Wilson, Ben Weeks and Luke Lamley arrived home Thursday night, as did also Ira Wells, of Ludlow.

Friday evening, Alfred Shiner came and Saturday forenoon's train brought Ora Wells and Oscar Axon.

G. Clifton Barcus came as far as Excelsior Springs on Saturday forenoon's train, but his brother Clifford met him there and the boys drove home in the car—enjoying the luxury of their first visit in over a year.

The boys all look well, exceptionally so—and so overjoyed at getting home that the dangerous and disagreeable experiences of the past year or two have been swallowed up in the ecstasy of being home again.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 19 Jun 1919 p 1

THE IVAN TWEEDIE POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZED.

At a meeting of the Ex-Service men in Dr. Wayne Michaels' office in the Auditorium Bldg. last Saturday evening, nineteen members were present and the following officers were elected: Dr. Wayne Michael, Post Commander;; Oscar Axon, Vice Post Commander; Irving Farrar, Post Adjutant; Alfred Shiner, Post Finance Officer; Karl Klein, Post Historian. The office of the Post Chaplain was left vacant for the time being.

Two committees were appointed by the Post Commander.

Committee on By-Laws:

Karl Klein, Chairman.

Frank Barger, Ray Toomay, and W. C. Bryan.

Committee on Social:

Oscar Axon, Chairman.

J. H. Swindler, Chas. Van Trump, John Michael.

A meeting is called for next Saturday night to be held in Dr. Michael's office at 8 o'clock sharp. Every Ex-Service man is requested to be present at this meeting where full information in regard to the American Legion Convention will be given.

Following is the Constitution of the American Legion as adopted by the St. Louis Caucus May 10, 1919.

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

The name of this organization shall be THE AMERICAN LEGION.

All persons shall be eligible to membership in this organization who were in the military or naval service of the United States during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and all persons who served in the military or naval services of any of the governments associated with the United States during the World War, provided that they were citizens of the United States at the time of their enlistment, and are again citizens at the time of application, except those persons who were separated from the service under terms amounting to dishonorable discharge and except also those persons who refused to perform

their military duties on the ground of conscientious or political obligation.

While requiring that every member of the organization perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, the organization shall be absolutely non-partisan, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

TO THE LEGION CONVENTION.
 The following are those who took advantage of the special rates, and many of them the special car to the great national convention of the American Legion, held at Kansas City the first three days of this week:

Oscar Axon
 Boyd Ashby
 Alvin Bliss
 Mr. and Mrs. Gray C. Bareus
 Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wells
 Alfred Shiner
 Buford Brock
 Hobart Cross
 J. H. Carroll
 Lloyd Kromeich
 Clifton Kleitz
 Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lowry
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ray
 Ernest Rummage
 D. W. Michael
 Howard Monger
 Orval Schultz

List continues – “Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 3 Nov 1921 p 3

Oscar Axon from the Catawba country left us a half a hundred or more Saturday in exchange for material needed to complete a new poultry house.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 10 Nov 1921 p 1

—This Thursday, is a birthday anniversary for Frank and Oscar Axon—and one of the delicacies served at the feast given in honor of the event was fresh strawberries gathered from Frank’s garden.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 19 Oct 1922 p 13

GILLETT FARM BROUGHT \$155

**Oscar Axon of Near Braymer Paid
\$24,800 for Gillett Homestead of
160 Acres Near Hamilton**

The homestead of the late William D. Gillett consisting of 160 acres two miles south of Hamilton was sold at auction Tuesday afternoon, the buyer being Oscar Axon of near Braymer, who paid \$155.00 per acre or a total of \$24,800.00 for the farm. We understand Mr. Axon has bought the place for a home, but will not move on it this year.

The farm was sold to divide the estate and was put up first in three tracts, bringing in that way an average of \$145.50 per acre. When the entire tract was put up the bidding started at \$146.00. J. C. Banner of Hamilton was an active bidder, his last offer being \$154.50 per acre.

The sale was well advertised and attracted a large crowd. Col. F. E. Williams was the auctioneer and S. L. Wonsetler, president of the Citizens Trust Company, was clerk.

"Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian" Thursday 22 Feb 1923 p 1

—Oscar Axon and family of near Braymer have moved to the W. D. Gillett farms out of Hamilton which Mr. Axon recently bought. It was announced at the time of the sale that Mr. Axon would not move on the place for another year, but a change in his plans made it possible for him to move this month.

"Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian" Thursday 15 Mar 1923 p 5

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Wife:



Kittie Loomis Axon – Find A Grave 29556495

AXON-LOOMIS.
 At the home of the officiating clergyman Wednesday, Sept. 10, the marriage of Miss Kittie Loomis and Mr. Oscar Axon was solemnized by Rev. Nelson P. Horn.
 They are both among our most deserving popular young people. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. John Sparks and is widely known as a social favorite and teacher. The groom recently returned from service with the 20th Engineers in France. He is the son of Mrs. Kate Axon and one of our staunchest manliest men.
 The happy couple are away for a few days—guests part of the time of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett at Wells-ville, Kans., after which to the accompaniment of a great many good wishes they will be at home on the Axon farm near Catawba.

Marriage on 10 Sep 1919 – “Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 11 Sep 1919 p 1

—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon arrived home last Sunday evening and are at home to friends on the Axon farm near Catawba.

“Braymer (MO) Bee” Thursday 18 Sep 1919 p 3

Kittie Axon, Hamilton

Mrs. Oscar (Kittie) Axon, 84-year-old resident of Hamilton, died this morning at Hedrick Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 25, 1895, in Caldwell County, near Braymer, daughter of Addison Loomis and Suzanne Smith Loomis. She was married to Oscar Axon 60 years ago. Mrs. Axon was a member of the Hamilton Methodist Church, D.A.R., and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar, of the home; two sons, William V. Axon, Chillicothe, and Larry L. Axon, Springfield; a daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Hargrave, Chillicothe; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Virgil Loomis, Braymer; a halfbrother, Clifford Sparks, Braymer, and a halfsister, Renna Hickman, Kansas City.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Hamilton Methodist Church. burial will be in Highland cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer fund and may be left at the funeral home.

"Chillicothe (MO) Constitution- Tribune" Thursday 17 Apr 1980 p 14

Children:

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon are the proud parents of a baby boy, born to them Sunday.

son William Vernon Axon (1923-2003) – "Braymer (MO) Bee" Thursday 17 Jun 1920 p 6

—BORN.— William Vernon Axon took up his permanent abode with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon on Sunday, the 13th, and is thriving nicely—to the joy of his proud parents.

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Thursday 24 Jun 1920 p 4

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Ella Mae McClelland to William Axon on April 11 at the Methodist parsonage in Chillicothe. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Esther McClelland, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon. The bride and groom are both graduates of Hamilton High School. They will reside in Pittsfield, Ill.

Marriage of son William Vernon Axon – “St. Joseph (MO) News-Press” Sunday 28 Apr 1940
p 23

AXON-MCCLELLAND WEDDING
William Vernon Axon, son of Mrms. Oscar Axon, and Miss Ella Mae McClelland, daughter of Mrs. Esther McClelland, were united in marriage at 1:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon in Chillicothe. The wedding service was read by Rev. Potts, at the Methodist parsonage. The young couple left at once for Pittsfield, Illinois, where they will make their home.
Mr. Axon is employed as transport driver for the Chicago, Kansas City, Illinois Express and makes trips through Hamilton each week.
Mrms. Axon are graduates of the Hamilton High School and are among Hamilton's popular young people. They have many friends who join in extending congratulations and best wishes.

“Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian” Thursday 18 Apr 1940 p 1

OBITUARY

Ella Mae Axon

NOVEMBER 28, 1920 – JULY 12, 2015



IN THE CARE OF

Sunland Memorial Park, Mortuary & Cremation
Center

Ella Mae (McClelland) Axon passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015. She resided in Phoenix, AZ where she spent her later years near her son and family. Ella Mae was born November 28, 1920 in Breckenridge, Mo. She was preceded in death by her husband William (Bill) Axon who passed away in 2003. Ella Mae lived many years in Chillicothe and was active in various church and civic organizations. Services will be held at Sunland Memorial Park, Sun City, AZ

on Thursday, July 23, 2015 with internment to follow. Memorials in honor of Ella Mae may be sent to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St. Phoenix, AZ 85014.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/sun-city-az/ella-axon-6518219>

Dear Santa:
 How are you? I am a little boy
 eight years old.
 This is what I want for Christmas,
 a saddle for my pony, a game, a
 knife, a football and some candy and
 nuts. Don't forget sister and broth-
 er, and mother and father.
 Your little friend,
 Larry Lynn Axon

Christmas letter of son **Larry Lynn Axon** – “Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian” Thursday
 19 Dec 1935 p 2

Larry Axon to New Orleans
 Larry L. Axon, son of Mrms. Oscar Axon, left Wednesday for Tulane University to begin his Naval Air Cadet Training. Larry was selected and enlisted in the V-5 program in Kansas City Sept. 21 and has been on inactive duty awaiting entrance in the November class.
 As part of the Navy's recently announced peacetime continuation of its famed V-5 pilot training program, Larry is one of the 2400 young men selected to enter leading colleges throughout the land in November. One year of college training will prepare him for pre-flight and flight training. Upon completion of this intensive program, estimated to be worth \$27,000, he will be commissioned either an Ensign in the Navy or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

“Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian” Thursday 1 Nov 1945 p 10

Larry Axon Here Briefly

Larry L. Axon, S 1/c, U. S. N. R., spent the July 4th holiday with his parents, Mrms. Oscar Axon, his sister, Mrs. Joe Hargrave and family and his brother, Bill Axon and family. Larry is with the Naval Film Depository department in Chicago.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Larry L. Axon Hamilton, Mo.
Elizabeth June Thomson
..... St. Joseph

“St. Joseph (MO) News-Press” Wednesday 14 Jul 1948 p 4

THOMSON-AXON

Miss Elizageth Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomson of Craig, and Larry L. Axon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon, of Hamilton, Mo., were married Saturday, July 17th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the First Methodist White Temple church in St. Joseph, the Rev. Harvey, pastor of the church, officiating.

Miss Betty Stokes and Johnny Connor of St. Joseph were the attendants.

The traditional wedding music was played on the organ throughout the service. The ceremony was read before an altar decorated with white gladioli and palms.

The bride wore a white crepe afternoon length dress, sparingly decorated with American Beauty roses and black accessories. She carried a nosegay corsage of white rosebuds with an American Beauty rose center. The bridegroom wore a business suit. The only guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Thomson of Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Steffins, St. Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Axon of Hamilton, Mo.

“Craig (MO) Leader” Friday 23 Jul 1948 p 1



Larry Lynn Axon's fiancée – “St. Joseph (MO) News-Press” Sunday 16 May 1948 p 22

OBITUARY.

Eli Axon was born July 25, 1845, at New York Mills, Oneida Co., N. Y. At the age of six years he moved to Brant Co., Ontario, where he lived until nineteen years of age. Again crossing over into the states, he traveled over several of the states at last settling in Missouri in 1867.

On Dec. 3, 1875, he was married to Miss Catherine Howden, of Brant Co., Ontario. She accompanied him to Missouri to the farm which has since been their home and where he died May 9, 1905, at the age of 59 years 9 months and 14 days.

To this union seven children were born: Mrs. Bella A. Hicks, of Nettleton, Mo., Mrs. Clara Boyer, of Haddam, Kan., Frank E., Berton E., George, Elmer R. and Oscar, all of whom were present excepting George who died in infancy.

In 1888 he united with the M. E. church at Catawba, Mo., at a meeting held by Rev. W. A. Pres-son, then pastor of the church.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by the present pastor, Rev. Croy. Interment at the Hopewell cemetery. * *

"Braymer (MO) Bee" Friday 19 May 1905 p 1

Mother:



Catherine Howden Axon – Find A Grave 10750036

Siblings:



Sister Isabella Axon Hicks (1876-1963) – Find A Grave 41416795

**MRS. RALPH (ISABELLA)
HICKS.**

Services will be at Hannibal, Mo., for Mrs. Ralph (Isabella) Hicks, 85, who died of cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday at 5:45 p. m. at her home, 4006 Rownd St., where she had lived with her daughter since 1959.

She was born in Caldwell county, Missouri, Dec. 2, 1876, the daughter of Eli and Catherine (Howden) Axon. She married Ralph Hicks on Jan. 1, 1901, at Chillicothe, Mo. The couple lived most of their lives at Nettleton, Mo.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Kemp, 4006 Rownd St.; Mrs. Catherine Burwich, Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Anna Grace Kilburn, Nettleton, Mo.; two sons, Thomas A. Hicks, Memphis, Tenn. and Frederick R. Hicks, Lancaster, Mo.; three brothers, Burt Axon, Brayner, Mo.; Elmer Axon, Baltimore, Md., and Oscar Axon, Hamilton, Mo.; and 22 grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, a son, a sister and a brother.

Deaths

Mrs. Fred Boyer Dies Of Burns

Mrs. Fred Boyer, 78, 814 Hancock, died at 7:45 pm Thursday in St. John's Hospital, 10 hours after she was severely burned when her clothing caught fire.

Mrs. Boyer was wearing a chenille housecoat while she was cooking lunch. The housecoat's sleeve caught fire.

Her husband attempted to put out the fire but was unable to do so before Mrs. Boyer had suffered third degree burns over a large part of her body. Mr. Boyer suffered burns on his right hand.

The funeral will be at 2 pm Saturday at the Rush Smith Funeral Home, the Rev. H. M. Von Schriltz officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park. The casket will remain closed.

Mrs. Boyer was born Sept. 26, 1878, in Cawgill, Mo. She had lived in Salina since 1920. She was a member of the University Methodist Church and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Surviving besides the widower, are a daughter, Mrs. Lorene Davis, Salina; two sons, Elmer F., Hastings, Neb., and Raymond, Topeka; four brothers, Frank Axon, Kansas City, Mo.; Bert Axon, Braymer, Mo.; Elmer Axon, Baltimore, Md., and Oscar Axon, Hamilton, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Bella Hicks, Nattleton, Mo., and seven grandchildren.

Sister Clara Axon Boyer (1878-1957) – published in the "Salina (KS) Journal" Friday 22 Feb 1957 p 10 – Find A Grave 137350756

AXON—Frank Axon, 78, formerly of Kansas City, died today at a nursing home in Hamilton, Mo., where he had been a patient about a year. He was born near Braymer, Mo., and had lived here 17 years before moving to Hamilton. He was a member of the Broadland Presbyterian church here. He leaves five sons, Robert Axon, Caruthersville, Mo.; Eli Axon, Jefferson City; Leland Axon, Hamilton; Frank Axon, jr., 8730 Riley, Overland Park, and Harold Axon, 1029 Forest; two daughters, Mrs. Melva Benson, 2732 Waverly, Kansas City, Kansas, and Mrs. Edna Gabriel, 7544 Wyoming; three brothers, Oscar Axon, Hamilton; B. E. Axon, Braymer, and Sam'l Axon, Cowgill, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Bella Hicks, Nettleton, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be in Rosehill cemetery in Breckenridge, Mo.

Obituary of brother Frank E. Axon (1880-1959) – “Kansas City (MO) Star” Friday 31 Jul 1959

Elmer Axon, retired from U.S.F. & G.

A memorial service for Elmer R. Axon, who retired in 1953 from the agency development department of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, will be held at 3 P M Wednesday at the chapel of the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Paul street and Stratford road.

Mr. Axon, who was 88 and lived at 29 Southland court in Towson, died Saturday at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center after a long illness.

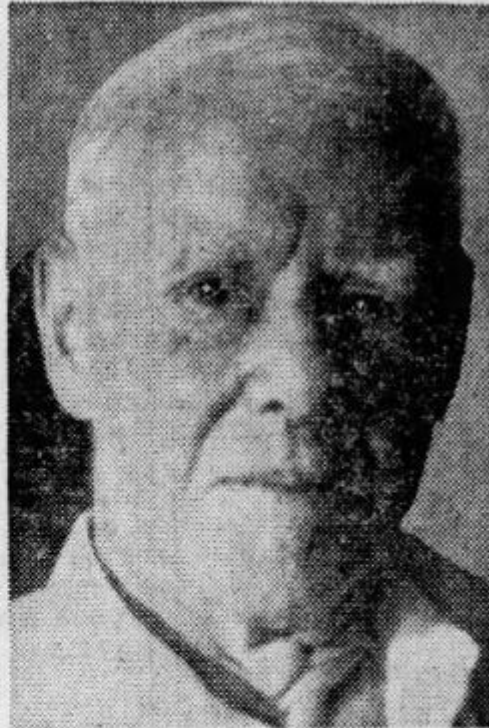
For many years, he maintained his own engineering firm and at other times worked for the state highways department in Missouri.

In 1940, the insurance firm, with which he was associated for 25 years, transferred him to Baltimore.

His first wife, the former Iva L. Thomas, whom he married in 1917, died in 1955.

He married the former Susan Hester Pijoan in 1957.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Unger, wife of the ambassador to the Republic of China on Taiwan; two sons, Donald T. Ax-



ELMER R. AXON

on, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and J. Thomas Axon, of Wilmington, Del.; two stepsons, Peter J. Pijoan, of North Reading, Mass., and G. Nicholas Pijoan, of Littleton, Colo., 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggested that memorial donations, if desired, could be made to the Second Presbyterian Church or the Heart Association of Maryland.

Obituary **brother Elmer Roy Axon (1888-1976)** – “Baltimore (MD) Sun” Monday 13 Dec 1976
p 10

—Elmer E. Axon, assistant construction engineer for the Missouri State Highway Commission, was a witness at Kingston this week in the case of the State Highway Commission vs Westbrook. The case was a damage suit arising out of the right of way east of Utica. Mr. Axon was reared in Caldwell and is a brother of Oscar Axon of south of Hamilton.

“Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian” Thursday 3 Jul 1924 p 5

ELMER AXON TO PRIVATE WORK

Elmer R. Axon, assistant to Engineer of Construction W. M. Spann of the State Highway Department, has resigned and after this month will again return to the consulting business, becoming a member of his old firm of Russell & Axon of Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Axon was reared in the Braymer community and is a brother of Oscar Axon who owns the W. D. Gill-ett farm south of Hamilton. Friends of the family will be glad to know of Elmer's progress in his chosen profession.

"Hamilton (MO) Advocate-Hamiltonian" Thursday 26 Mar 1925 p 1

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Oscar Axon

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,466

Entered service from: Braymer, Caldwell MO

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Oscar Axon

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Catherine Axon, Braymer MO

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Oscar Axon

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Catherine Axon, Braymer MO (cpl, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Oscar Axon - b. 19 Oct 1890 Braymer MO; res: Braymer MO. Single. Farmer. Tall & slender

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: RR 1, Hamilton MO

World War II draft registration (1942): as Oscar Axon - b. 19 Oct 1890 Caldwell Co. MO; res: Hamilton, Caldwell MO. NOK Kittie Axon of Hamilton MO. Self-employed. Height: 5 10 ½" – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Dec 1917

Discharged 12 Jun 1919

Address:

Rank/unit:

Missouri, State Archives: Oscar Axon, res: braymer MO, serial 250466, inducted Jefferson Barracks 15 Dec 1917 at age 27 years 1 month. 17th Co., 20th Engineers to discharge. Promoted to corporal Mar 1919. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 – 28 May 1919.

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Oct 1890 Braymer, Caldwell MO

Died: 17 Mar 1985, Chillicothe, Livingston MO (Find A Grave & obituary) or Hamilton, Caldwell MO (Social Security Death Index)

Find A Grave record: 29556492 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Hamilton, Caldwell MO

Cemetery: Highland

Tombstone:

Father: Eli Axon, 25 Jul 1845 Oneida Falls or New York Mills, Oneida NY - 5 May 1905

Braymer, Caldwell MO. Buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Caldwell Co. MO.

Find A Grave: 10750032

Mother: Catherine Howden Axon, 6 Mar 1853 Ancaster, Ontario, Canada - 9 Jan 1943

Braymer, Caldwell MO. Daughter of Benjamin Howden & Sarah Dea. Buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Caldwell Co. MO. Buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Caldwell Co. MO.

Find A Grave: 10750036

Parents' marriage: Eli & Catherine married 3 Dec 1875 Ontario, Canada.

Spouse: Kittie Agnes Loomis Axon, 25 Oct 1895 Caldwell Co. MO – 17 Apr 1980 Chillicothe, Livingston MO. Obituary: "Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune" 17 Apr 1980 p 14 – Mrs. Kittie Axon (Mrs. Oscar Axon), age 84, resident of Hamilton MO, d. 17 Apr 1980 at the Hedrick Medical Center. Born 25 Oct 1895 Caldwell Co. near Braymer, daughter of Addison Loomis & Suzanne (Smith) Loomis. Married 60 years ago. Member DAR & American Legion Auxiliary. Survived by husband Oscar at home & children William V. Axon (Chillicothe), Larry L. (Springfield MO) & Mrs. Jeanne Hargrave (Chillicothe). Burial in Highland.

Spouse Find A Grave: 29556495

Marriage: Marriage 10 Sep 1919 Catawba Methodist Church (Wesley Parish Church) of Braymer, Caldwell MO. Both residents of Braymer, Caldwell MO.

Children:

- Annette Jeanne Axon Hargrave, 30 Jun 1921 Caldwell Co. MO (on the family farm) – 1 Oct 2008 Camden Co. MO. Wife of Joseph R. Hargrave, whom she married 7 Feb 1943. F: 96841923.
- William Vernon Axon, 1923 MO - 2003 Sun City AZ. He married Ella Mae McClelland 11 Apr 1940 at the Methodist parsonage in Chillicothe MO. Both were graduates of

Hamilton High School & were going to live in Pittsfield IL. Resident of Chillicothe MO in 1980. F: 106230351

- Larry Lynn Axon, ca. 1928 MO. Resident of Springfield MO in 1980. As of 2023, apparently a resident of Arizona.

Siblings:

- Isabella A. (“Bella”) Axon Hicks, 2 Dec 1876 MO – 7 Aug 1962 Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. Married Ralph Hicks (1861-1938, F: 41416840) in 1901. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Caldwell MO. F: 41416795.
- Clara Axon Boyer, 26 Sep 1878 Braymer, Caldwell MO – 21 Feb 1957 Salina, Saline KS. Died of burns when her clothing caught fire as she was cooking. Wife of the Rev. Fred Boyer (1875-1958, F: 13750764) whom she married in 1900. When Clara died, she was survived by 4 brothers: Frank (Kansas City MO), Bert (Braymer MO), Elmer (Baltimore MD) & Oscar (Hamilton MO) & 1 sister, Mrs. Bella Hicks, Nettleton MO. Buried in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Salina, Saline KS. F: 137350756.
- Frank E. Axon, 12 Oct 1880 Caldwell Co. MO – 31 Jul 1959 Hamilton, Caldwell MO. Married in 1903 to Dora Lou Payne (1884-1956, F: 40092411). Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Caldwell MO. F: 42630757
- Berton Eli (Bert) Axon, 19 Sep 1882 MO – 9 Apr 1968 Kansas City, Clay MO. Husband of Rose M. Armbruster (1887-1975, F: 38339540). Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Caldwell MO. F: 38339520
- George Axon, 5 Jun 1886 – 18 Jul 1887. Buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Caldwell Co. MO. F: 1075030
- Elmer Roy Axon, 17 Sep 1888 Braymer, Caldwell MO – 11 Dec 1976 Baltimore MD. “Baltimore Sun” 13 Dec 1976 p 10 – photo. Memorial service for Elmer, who died at age 88 on 11 Dec 1976 in Baltimore MD. Resident of Towson MD. Had own engineering firm, also worked for highway department in MO. In 1940 was transferred to MD by insurance firm U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. First wife was Iva L. Thomas (1917-1955). His 2nd wife was Susan Hester Pijoan. His daughter was the wife of the ambassador to Taiwan (Leonard Unger).

Notes:

There are hundreds of articles on Newspaper.com found by searching “Oscar Axon.” Only a few are copied here.

Wartime:

Post-war:

February 1930 – on tax committee of Caldwell County Farm Bureau

December 1931 – president of Caldwell County Farm Bureau

Several articles about his pigs –

“Cameron (MO) Saun” 11 Sep 1930 p 5 – Oscar Axon delivered 44 head of hogs to J.M. Hill 10 Sep 1930, which averaged over 233 pounds at 176 days old. A nice profit for Axon.

“St. Joseph (MO) News-Press Gazette” 4 Nov 1931 p 7 – Caldwell Co. farmer Oscar Axon got a medal for making required weights in the 1931 MO pork production contest.

“Cameron (MO Sun” 3 Oct 1935 p 1 –

As president of Caldwell County Farm Bureau, Oscar sent a letter proposing to finance moving 200 Polish families from Chicago IL to Caldwell Co. This suggestion was rejected 30 Aug 1935 by the Rural Resettlement Division, Resettlement Administration, Washington DC.

“Journal for Progressive Stockmen, Farming & Businessmen” (St. Joseph MO) 2 May 1940 p 6

Oscar Axon sold 19 head of 190-pound Caldwell Co. MO hogs here at \$6 on 29 Apr.

“St. Joseph News-Press/Gazette” 22 Mar 1942 p 27 – Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Axon, who live on a farm southeast of Hamilton MO, shipped their dinner bell to a Methodist Church mission in South Rhodesia, Africa. They were listening to the radio when they heard the plea for a bell. When they described the bell, they were told to ship it to NY, where it will be sent to the mission by ocean freighter as a contribution of the primary department of the Hamilton Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Axon is superintendent.

Dec 1963 – adjutant of Caldwell County Barracks of WWI Veterans

“Chillicothe (MO) Constitution-Tribune” 5 Sep 1979 p 5 – photo

The children of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Axon of Hamilton will host a 60th wedding anniversary celebration at United Methodist parish house in Hamilton MO on 9 Sep. The couple were married at the new parsonage of the Catawba Methodist Church on 10 Sep 1919. They began housekeeping at the Axon homestead northwest of Braymer, living there until they bought a farm home south of Hamilton. In 1958 they built a home in Hamilton, where they still reside. Their three children are Bill of Chillicothe, Mrs. Leanne Hargrave of Chillicothe & Larry of Springfield MO.

Obituary:

"Chillicothe [MO] Constitution-Tribune" 19 Mar 1985 p 8 - d. age 94 at home of daughter Jean Hargrave in Chillicothe MO, lifelong resident Caldwell Co., son of Eli & Catherine, farmed in Hamilton area until 1958 when he moved into town of Hamilton MO, 60-yr member of American Legion. Survived by 2 sons – Bill of Chillicothe MO & Larry of Springfield MO – and daughter Jean Hargrave, Chillicothe MO. Funeral 20 Mar 1985, burial in Highland

Social Security Number:

“St. Joseph (MO) Gazette” 19 Mar 1985 p 10 – adds that he was WWI veteran.

Social Security number: 497-40-5637

Censuses:

1900 New York Township, Caldwell MO – indexed by FamilySearch.org as APON although the name is written as AXON

Eli Axon, 54 NY, Jul 1845, parents b. England, married 24 years, farmer

Catherine, 47 Canada (English), father b. Ireland, mother b. Canada (English), emigrated 1876, in US for 24 years, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are alive

Bella, 23 MO, Dec 1876, school teacher

Frank E., 19 MO, Oct 1880, farm laborer

Burton E., 17 MO, Sep 1882, at school

Elmer R., 11 MO, Sep 1888, at school

Oscar, 9 MO, Oct 1890

1910 New York, Caldwell MO

Catharine Axzon, 56 Canada (English), widow, father b. Ireland, mother b. Canada (English), farmer, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living

Elmer, 21 MO, single, farm laborer, home farm

Oscar, 19 MO, single, farm laborer, home farm

1920 New York, Caldwell MO

Oscar Axon, 29 MO, father b. NY, mother b. Canada (English), farmer – renter

Kittie, 24 MO, father b. NY, mother b. MO

1930 Hamilton, Caldwell MO

Oscar Axon, 39 MO, father b. NY, mother b. Canada (English), age 28 at 1st marriage, farmer, farming, WWI veteran

Kittie, 34 MO, father b. NY, mother b. MO, age 23 at 1st marriage

William V., 9 MO

Anetta J., 8 MO

Larry L., 2 MO

1940 Hamilton, Caldwell MO – same house in 1935

Oscar Axon, 49 MO, farm

Kittie, 44 MO

Jame, 18 MO [Janne?]

Larry Lynn, 12 MO