

Walter Brzozowski had a cousin, Ed Legako, who had come to Wellston and had written how good the crops were in Oklahoma. My father saved 100 rubles for boat fare to America. He arrived in New York and went to Chicago and worked a couple of years. About 1912, he came to Wellston. He farmed for several years in the Wellston area.

Walter loved to read and spent a lot of time in libraries. He said, "Anyone who reads a lot becomes a smart person." He could speak 6 different languages, English, Polish, Chinese, Hebrew, Russian, and Czechoslovakian. He was the smartest man his sons ever knew. His sons remember him saying that, "America has all the opportunities in the world. Just take your hands out of your pockets and go to work!"

He met my mother, Anna Senkowski, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Harrah. They were married on February 9, 1916. Eight children were born to this union, Mary Agnes, Magdalena, Anthony, twins Henry and John, Louise Therese, Edward Joseph, and Richard Donald.

(1) Mary Agnes was born in 1916 in Wellston. She moved to Harrah about 1918 when her parents bought their farm. Mary went into the convent in 1932 and became Sister Imelda Theresa, Carmelite Sisters of Theresa, Oklahoma City. (2) Margaret was born in Wellston in 1920. She married George Robert Scherer in 1945 in New York. George graduated from Julliard School of Music. Maggie was in the Women's Air Command during WWII. They moved to Chicago and had two daughters, Marion and Annie. George retired from the Chicago School System. (3) Anthony was born in Chicago in 1922. He served in the Army during WWII. Anthony was a blacksmith in Harrah before retiring. (4-5) Henry and John were born in 1924 in Harrah. John died when he was two weeks old. Henry attended Harrah schools. In 1944, Henry joined the Navy and, after boot camp, went to Iwo Jima. He was killed in action on February 19, 1945. His body was shipped home to Harrah in 1946 for burial in St. Teresa's Cemetery. (6) Louise was born in Chicago in 1926. She attended Harrah schools. She married George M. Brouse in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1945. They had 3 sons, Gary, Jimmy, and Michael. They live in Cleveland and George is a retired baker. (7) Edward Joseph was born in 1930. (8) Richard "Bud" Brzozowski was born in Oklahoma City in 1937. He was in the Army during the Korean War. He is a graduate of Harrah High School. He and his wife, Judy, live in Seattle, Washington, and had two children, Brenda (deceased) and Ricky.

Walter and Anna lived on a farm south of Harrah that they purchased from Ike Jorski in 1917. It was their home until their deaths. Anna died in 1962 and Walter died in 1969. Both are buried in St. Teresa's Cemetery. Their son, Edward, still lives on a part of the original farm.

Edward Brzozowski married Grace Scheidt in 1951 in Morrilton, Arkansas. Ed was in the Naval Air Corps and

was a flight engineer in a patrol squadron. Grace and Ed were married on their way to Norfolk, Virginia. Three children were born to this marriage, Cynthia, Jerome, and Jeffrey.

Cynthia, born in 1954, married Tom Garrett and they have one son, Chad. Cynthia has a son, Eric Bishop, born in 1971. Eric graduated from St. Gregory's College and the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. degree in Meteorology.

Jerome Brzozowski, born in 1955, graduated from St. Gregory's College. He works for the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company as a conductor. He married Mary Hanson and they have two children, Michael, born in 1985, and Emily, born in 1990. Jerome has a son, Paul, born in 1977, who is attending OSU Extension College. Mary Brzozowski is a registered nurse.

Jeffrey, born in 1964, married Tracy Starr in 1986. They have 3 children, Anna born in 1989, Ben born in 1992, and Grace born in 1998. Jeffrey graduated from St. Gregory's College with a B.S. in Science. He works for Logix Communications as special projects manager. Tracy Brzozowski teaches at Harrah High School.

Edward Brzozowski retired from Tinker AFB after 29 years as an aircraft manager. He and Grace live on Harrah Road south of Harrah.

*Written by Edward Brzozowski, September 1998*

## THE BUCHHOLZ FAMILY



**Warren, Barbara, Trinette and Jeannie Buchholz**

Warren Adair Buchholz, born March 1, 1938, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and his wife Barbara Jean (Sult)

Buchholz, born September 13, 1943, in Battle Creek, Michigan, moved to Harrah from San Jose, California in 1979. With them were their daughters, Trinette Louise Buchholz, born March 1, 1965, in Sacramento, California, and Jeanette (Jeannie) Marie Buchholz, born August 5, 1966, in San Jose, California. The family bought the house that was previously built and owned by Bill and Barbara Dull at 19672 N.E. 10th Street. Warren transferred from the General Motors plant in Fremont, California, to the plant in Oklahoma City when it opened. His wife Barbara worked for various oil companies in Oklahoma City through the oil bust and later became the secretary to W.P. "Bill" Atkinson, founder of Midwest City.

Both Trinette and Jeannie Buchholz graduated from Harrah High School.

Patrol for the year of 1998. Barbara is a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Adoram Temple No. 95, and was selected to be Princess Zulieka in that organization for the years 1997 and 1998.



**Kevin, Jeannie, and  
Desiray Geissler**

**Eston, Trinette, Daniel  
and Justin McCollum**

Trinette married Eston Leon McCollum of Harrah, who was born August 17, 1963, in Clovis, New Mexico. Trinette and Eston had two sons, Daniel Adair McCollum, born December 4, 1982, in Midwest City, and Justin Alan McCollum, born November 1, 1984, in Oklahoma City. The family resides in Harrah.

Jeannie married Kevin Ray Geissler of Harrah, who was born December 7, 1964, in Oklahoma City, and is the son of Louis and Darlene Geissler of Harrah. Jeannie and Kevin had a daughter Desiray Michelle Geissler, born February 8, 1992, in Midwest City. The family moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1992.

Warren died July 12, 1995, after a long battle with cancer, and was buried in Memory Lane Cemetery in Harrah.

Later, Barbara married Lester "Dale" Williams, who was born August 17, 1941, in Vernon, Texas. Dale moved to Oklahoma City in 1947, and was a resident of Bethany, Oklahoma, at the time of their marriage. Dale, as he likes to be called, is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the India Temple Shriners, and the Commander of the Arab



**Lester "Dale" and Barbara Williams**

*Written by Barbara Williams, August 1998*

#### **MACK AND MAGDLINE BULGEWICZ**



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My parents were Mack and Magdline (Maggie) Bulgewicz. My Dad's parents were Henry and Mary Hopcus Bulgewicz. They moved their family from Marlin,