

# *Edna Mae Waggoner Randle*

## *Biographical Sketch*<sup>1</sup>

Edna was born August 24, 1902, in Kingman, Kansas. She was the fifth child and first daughter of John Franklin and Rosa Delaphine Waggoner<sup>2</sup>. She had seven brothers and five sisters.



### **Three Generations**

**Left to right: Grandmother Della Waggoner, mother Edna Randles and Charles Levi.**

Edna married Charles Edward Randles on March 3, 1921. They settled in Kansas living in Rice and Reno counties where their first child, Charles Levi, was born. Then they had Angie Lucille who lived only 2 days. Next was Berdie Louise, Dorothy Jane (who died at birth) and Nellie Fern.

In the late '20s they moved to a farm 5 miles west of Scott City in Scott County, Kansas. When Edna's mother passed away in 1930, her youngest sister and brother, Alice and Cecil, came to live with them. It was here that they went through the blizzard<sup>3</sup> of '31. Daughters Lela Mae and Leona Rosie were both born in Scott County, Kansas.

In 1932, they moved to Utah during the "Great Depression." Ed worked for the WPA (a federal program) at the dinosaur quarry near Vernal, Utah. They had three more girls, Elsie

Marie and twin sisters Arlene Rae and Elaine Fae, then another boy, Eddie Lee, who died when he was less than a year old.

In 1940 they sold their team of horses and most of their belongings and bought an old used car. They moved back to Kansas where they had one more girl, Bonnie Bell. Edna and Ed usually lived in the country and had their own milk cow, goats, pigs, and chickens. They always had a big garden. Edna canned fruits and vegetables and Ed butchered the meat.

In 1945, during the "Rationing Years," after World War II, Edna and Ed moved to a farm near Nickerson, Kansas. Ed turned their chicken house into a soap factory where they made powdered laundry soap, which they named "TIZ-ZIT". Ed and the kids made and boxed the soap, while Edna drove hundreds of miles to sell their soap to grocery stores all over Kansas.

Edna was only forty-six years old when she died on Sunday, November 24, 1948 in the Lyons hospital. She is buried in the Lyons Municipal Cemetery<sup>4</sup>.

In 1997 Edna and Ed's descendants, numbered 158. There were twelve children, thirty-eight grandchildren, eighty-five great-grandchildren, and twenty-three great-great-grandchildren. As of this date, there are 145 living descendants, which includes four sets of twins. She was always a wonderful and loving mother.



### **Edna's Children**

**Top Row - Left to Right: Leona, Nellie, Berdie, Lela, Elsie and Bonnie Bottom Row: Arlene, Charles and Elaine**

Daddy always loved to tell us that Mama was a "Great Cook." We hope that she will always be remembered.

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<sup>1</sup> This biographical sketch is adapted from the one her children published in a Cook Book created to honor Edna's good cooking. [Click here](#) to view the original biographical sketch

<sup>2</sup> [Click here](#) for a discussion on the "Names for Della Waggoner"

<sup>3</sup> For more information on the Blizzard of '31 [click here](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Burial information](#)

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