

Eliseph Parker  
1838 Kinsdale, NY

Eliseph and his wife, Jane, pioneered to Iowa with 9 children, 5 boys and 4 girls. As Oklahoma territory opened up, Eliseph and the older boys, Bert, Kenneth and Pearl, came on, settling on land east, 2 miles east and one mile north of Avard. Jane with the rest of the family followed, bringing along everything she could from the Iowa farm. As they traveled, they picked up maverick calves along the way and proudly had 25 head by arrival here, to their consternation, Eliseph and the boys already had a large herd.

Eliseph owned land between Lost Nation and Calumet, Iowa, so he returned to Iowa leaving his sons to farm the homesteads. A daughter Hattie came by train to keep house for her brothers during the planting and harvesting seasons. Three years later Eliseph Parker sold his land in Iowa and moved to the homestead with his wife Jane Sherman Parker and two younger sons, Earl and Harry. Charles Todd was hired to build a two story house and land is still owned by the youngest son Harry.

On Oct. 16, 1894, Eliseph Parker paid \$14 filing fee in 525-26-15 at Alva, OK recording office. 1901 in March 180 acres was purchased for \$800 from Isa Dora and Alexander Davis, Lots 1-4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of 531-26-14 W. In March 1901 a cemetery lot was purchased at Alva Cemetery from Hatfield for the burying of Earl Parker, age 19 who was killed in a farm accident. In September 1903, Eliseph died from old war wounds.

The family was grown and scattering, so the heirs sold the land to their brothers, Harry and Kenny Parker. A sister, Mrs. John Fisher was living in Nevada; Bert Parker settled around Perry, Oklahoma; Perl Parker went to Florida from Arkansas; and Mrs. C.B. Todd (Hattie). Kenny Parker met a girl at a camp meeting at Avard and started a courtship by horseback. She was Myrtle Kingery born in Trilla, IL. Oct 21, 1887. They were married Sept. 15, 1907 and had two boys. Chester Earl and Leo. Jane Parker died in 1918.

Harry Parker was born in 1882 in Calumet, Iowa. He married Susie Conway on Oct. 23, 1910. Their family was John and Mary Lee Parker of Grandfield; Ester Reiman, Alva; Robert and Ruth Parker of Ponca City; Harold and Helen Parker of OKC; Marvel and Dean Bixler of Waynoka; Raymond and Vera Parker of Wellington, KS; Robert and Patsy Wharton of Alva; and Virgil and Lydia Parker of Carmen. Susie died April 20, 1959.

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