

Margaret Hill McCarter

Edgar Watson Howe The Story of a Country Town 1883 Rebellion 1927

Charles Leroy Edson

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Evan S. Connell, Jr. Mrs. Bridge 1959 Wolfe Edg. Man 19:

Charles Sheldon An His Steps 1899 Widow Man 1953 KANSAS CITY

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Joseph Stanley Pennell JUNCTION CITY The History of Nora Beckham 1948 Frederic Wakeman

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Bowl of Brass 1944

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William Allen White

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The Fabulous Train 1955 Dorothy Cantield F SCRANTON. The Bent Twig 1915

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Willard Wattles BAYNEVILLE

A Master's Degree 1913

William Stafford Allegíances 1970

May Williams Ward

In That Day 1969

Sunflowers 1914

WELLINGTON.

Eugene Fitch Ware
(Rhymes of Ironquill 1899) Marcet & Emmanuel Haldeman Julius GIRARD

Harold Bell Wright The Printer of Undell's 1903 PITTSBURG Randolp

William Inge Picnic 1952

INDEPENDENCE • Laura Ingalls Wilder Little House on the Prairie 1935

Vance Randolph Hedwig 1935



"Deeper grows the soil and truer, More and more the prairie teems With a fruitage as of dreams; Clearer, deeper, flow the streams, Blander grows the sky, and bluer.

EUGENE FITCH WARE

1841-1911

We have made the State of Kansas, And to-day she stands complete-First in freedom, first in wheat; And her future years will meet Ripened hopes and richer stanzas."
--from "Quivera--Kansas" 1542--1882, Rhymes of Ironquill (1889)



WILLARD WATTLES 1888-1950

"This book goes from me to the people of Kansas. It is no longer my property. There is on it no copyright. I shall feel fortunate if I sell enough of these copies to pay my printer, and he is a very good printer, an editor and my friend--Mr. W.C. Simons and Mr. J.L. Brady, for there are two of 'him.' They, too, have made this collection possible because they believe in me and in the people of Kansas. These are your poets and your poems.
What will you do with them?"

--from the introduction to Sun-

flowers (1914)

No more than mine. We're all like a lot of hens in a backyard, scratching so many hours a day. Some scratch a little deeper than those who aren't so skilled or so strong. And when I stand off a little, it's all alike. The end is as blind and senseless as the beginning on this farm--drought and dust.'"

"'What have I been sweating a-

bout -- nothing. What is anyone's life?

EMMANUEL and MARCET

1888-1941

HALDEMAN-JULIUS

--Dust (1921), p. 236



WILLIAM LINDSAY WHITE

"In the twenties well-to-do people in Oklarada, when they thought about it at all, were glad that in this country we didn't have a lot of high-brows or parlor pinks or paid agitators stirring up the laboring class of people, as they did in the Old Countries, preying upon their ignorance to make them discontented. In America we had just two parties and when it got down to it, why, both of them were equally safe."

-- What People Said (1938), p. 49



JOSEPH STANLEY PENNELL

"Maybe the hypnosis of summertime held the mind more tightly, nothing ever seemed to move; Fork City was like a small boy or an old loafer sitting beside a horse-hitching ring, or the stone in which it was fixed in the kerb, at the edge of the wheeltracked pulverized dust, looking down the street, wondering what to do or where to go--or forever balancing in the hypnotized and stupid mind whether to walk up to the next corner or not.'
--The History of Nora Beckham



1913-1973

Madge, now listen to me. I can't let you. . . It's no use, Mom. I'm go-ing. Don't worry. I've got ten dollars I was saving for a pair of pumps, and I saw ads in the *Tulsa* World. There's lots of jobs as waitresses. Tell Millie good-bye for me, Mom. Tell her I never meant it all those times I said I hated her."
--from Pienic (1952),