

William Logan Dysart and His Posterity
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Migrating from Kentucky in the year 1849, William Logan Dysart bought 1,000 acres of fertile farm land approximately nine miles West of Bolckow, Missouri. The land was purchased for \$6.00 an acre from John A. White, being the second owner, the first being John B. Collier, who had bought it from the federal government. With no living accommodations on the land at that time but a shack, William Logan Dysart built a house in anticipation of his family's arrival the following spring.

His family, consisting of wife Permelia J. Evans and seven children along with their furniture, journeyed by boat from Kentucky up the Missouri River to dock at Boston, now known as Amazonia, Mo. Some of the original furnishings brought with them in 1850 remain in the family today.

Four more children were born to the William Logan Dysart's after their move to Missouri, bringing their total number of children to eleven, eight boys and three girls.

The family was engaged in general farming on their acreage through these years and the trying times of the Civil War years. The original house burned at the close of the Civil War in 1865 and another was built in its place.

From 1873 to 1878, William Logan and his sons owned and operated a packing house in Bolckow, buying hogs in the fall of the year from farmers in the surrounding area. Paying from two to six cents per pound, the pork was then processed and packed into the barrels to become salt pork, a staple food in great demand by the early settlers and those traveling westward.

The youngest son of this family, born in October of 1859 was James Logan Dysart who grew up on the farm and later lived there with his family. He was married to Nettie Andrews in 1890 and was the father of seven children, as follows:

Mabel May Dysart
Graham Logan Dysart
James Selmer Dysart
Raymond Early Dysart
Howard Albert Dysart
Mary Lucille Dysart
Lola May Dysart.

The house occupied by his family was moved in 1913 to another site on the farm to make way for the larger frame home which is still standing (in 1986).

James Logan Dysart spent 88 years in this area farming and raising livestock on 320 acres of the original 1,000 acres. The other acreage was divided among the brothers of the family. The last six years of his life, he and his wife resided in Skidmore, Missouri with their daughter, Mabel. James L. Dysart passed away in November of 1953 at the age of 94 years, followed three years later by his wife Nettie in 1956.

The youngest son of the family, Howard A. Dysart born November 18, 1902 married to Suedena Edwards. They still reside on the 320 acre farm West of Bolckow.