

Mr. Willis Brandyberry was born and raised in Graham County. He attended grade and high school at Hill City. Later he attended Kansas State University at Manhattan and in 1955 graduated with a degree in animal husbandry.

Willis and his wife Effie were married in 1964 and have two sons, Steven and Stanley, and one daughter Staci. Mrs. Brandyberry attended Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1961, and in 1967 received her Masters Degree in Physical Education. She taught in the high school for four years.

The Brandyberrys live 9¼ miles southeast of Hill City. A new home was completed in 1967.

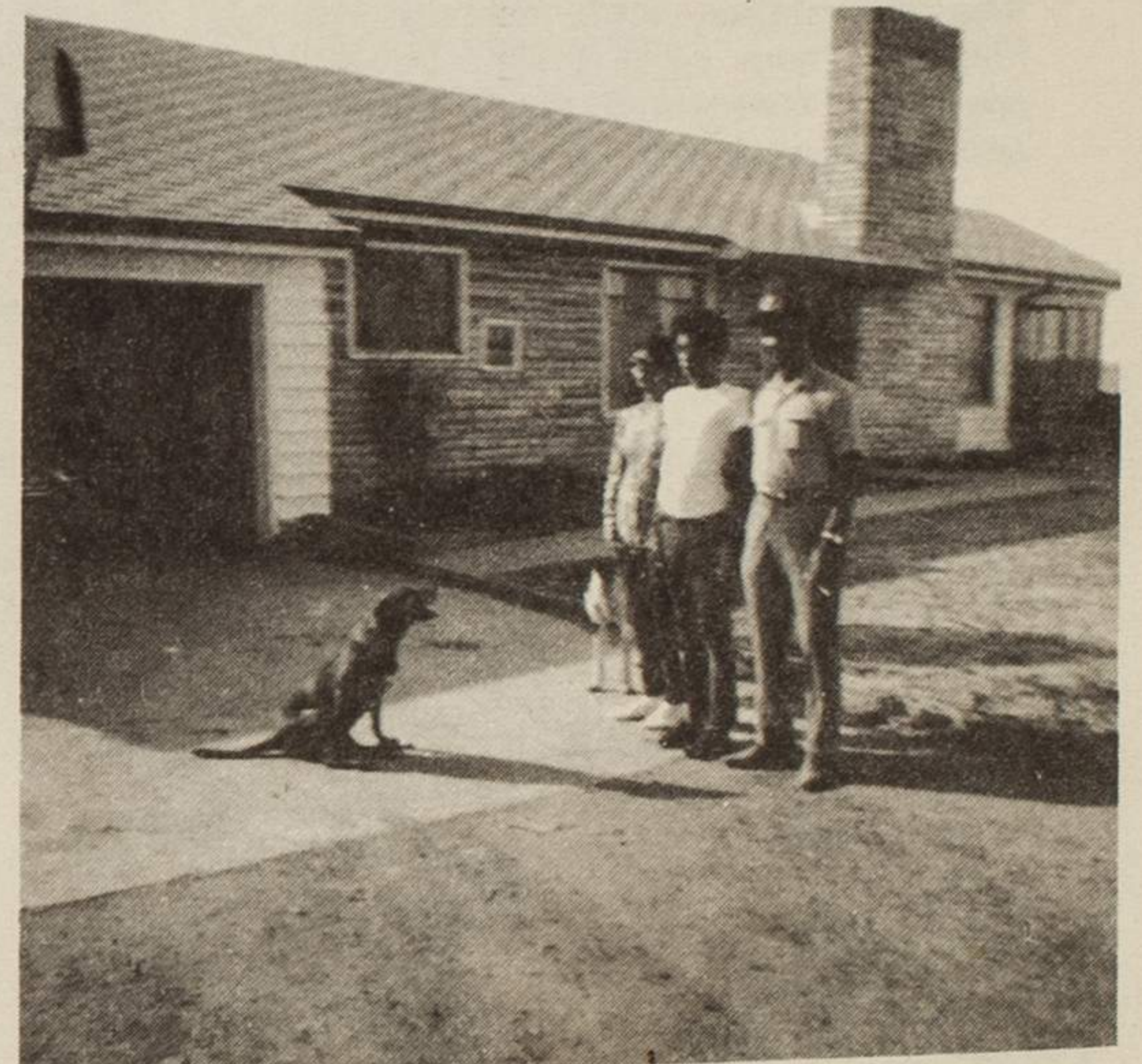
They are presently operating 2360 acres of land of which 480 acres are owned and 1880 acres rented. Approximately one-half of the land is pasture. Major crops are wheat and grain sorghums, main income is from cattle. They like agriculture and are very optimistic as to its future. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, a district supervisor of the Soil Conservation District, and the family are members of the Prairie Home United Methodist Church. They are members of the Stockton P. C. A. and in 1969 Willis was elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Hays. Mr. Brandyberry feels that the Farm Credit System offers ultimate in financing modern agriculture.

A. G. "Bud" Alexander was born in Graham County, Kansas, attended grade and high school here, graduating from Bogue Rural High School in 1936. He attended Emporia State Teachers College until the serious illness of his father made it necessary for him to return home and help with the farming operations. In 1944 he married Lois Moman.

Lois was born in Hutchinson, Kansas and attended grade and high schools in Leavenworth County Kansas and graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1940, attended Leavenworth Business College, Howard University at Washington, D.C. and worked as Clerk-stenographer in Washington before marrying.

Bud and Lois have two children, Sharyn (Alexander) Dowdell of Topeka, Kansas who works in State Civil Service as a keypunch operator; and A. G. III "Gil", an eighth grader at Bogue Kansas Grade School. They also have one grandchild, David Dowdell.

The Alexanders farm 2300 acres in Graham County, 565 of which they own. They are members of the Red Angus Association of America and have a registered Angus herd and also raise Herefords and Hereford-Angus cross. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have been members of the Federal Land Bank since 1956, Bud at one time being a member of the Board of Directors. At this time, he is an ASC Committeeman for Graham County, a member of the Graham County Fair Board and Nicodemus Township Trustee. The family belongs to the First Baptist Church of Nicodemus. Lois also works part-time as a justo-writer operator for the Hill City Times in Hill City, Kansas. Their main hobby is bowling.



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