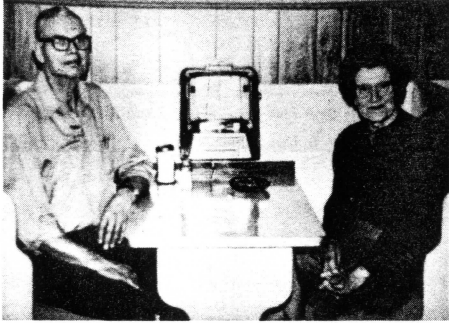


TANNER, ERNEST AND NORINE BACK,

Ernest R. Tanner, son of John Evert Tanner and Maud Williams Tanner, was born in Wartburg, TX, County of Morgan. Ernest served in the Air Force in World War II.



Ernest and Norine Tanner

Ernest came to Russell Co. in 1946. He and his brother, John W. Tanner, bought a restaurant owned by Willie Miller, formerly owned by Porter Coe and Mary Coe.

Tanners' Cafe, as it was named, served meals to workers at Wolf Creek Dam and was a meeting place for the younger generation.

Ernest was married to Norine Back on Dec 27, 1950. Norine was the daughter of William Claude Back and Jessie Buster Back, born in Rock House, KY. Norine taught school some 22 years, and also helped him in the restaurant.

Tanners' was the agent for Shortway Bus Lines for many years.

Tanners' was known for its country ham dinners, good food, and fellowship with a touch of nostalgia. It has been a fixture on the square in Jamestown since Apr 16, 1946. When construction work was started on the Wolf Creek Dam the incoming workers needed a place to eat. After work on the dam was completed Tanners' was "the place" for local people to gather. It is impossible to estimate the couples who started their relationships over a coke in Tanners'. Ernest says, "The years have gone by fast." Time flies when you are having fun, right Ernest? "A man has to make a living somehow", Ernest answers smiling, "My wife says I can't do anything else."

Now 50 years later Tanners' Cafe still stands.

TARTER, OTTIS AND JOSIE REXROAT,

Ottis E. Tarter (b. Aug 2, 1903; d. Jun 29, 1943) was born in the Horseshoe Bottom area of Russell Co. He is the eldest son of Ethard Tarter (b. 1876; d. 1948) and Maude Holder Tarter (b. 1882; d. 1970). Ottis had one brother, Rev. Roscoe Tarter, who was an ordained Methodist minister for over 50 years. He had three sisters, Zillah, Payne and Dorothy.

Josie Rexroat (b. Oct 21, 1903) was born in the French Valley community of Russell Co. She was the youngest daughter of John William Rexroat (b. 1866; d. 1949) and Fannie Grider Rexroat (b. 1870; d. 1946). She had two brothers, Hershel and Buford; four sisters, Gertie, Carrie, Fetna and Beulah.

Ottis and Josie were married Aug 1, 1921 in Jeffersonville, IN. They were the parents of four children. They are, in order of birth: (1) Helen, who is married to Joe A. Medaris. They have two sons, Roger Dean and Wayne Allen Medaris. (2) Fred Shelby (d. 1990) was married to Rose Jones. They have one daughter Donna Rose Seaborn and two sons, Samuel J.



Josie Rexroat Tarter Shepard

Great-grandchildren of Ottis and Josie are: Rhonda, Melissa, Adam (dec.) and Venus Medaris; Kimberly, Tammy and Becky Medaris; Elizabeth Seaborn; Olivia, Joshua and Benjamin Tarter; Lauren Tarter; Brian Tarter; Heath and Abby Tarter; Natalie and Stacy Lane; Jason and Eric Sears and Joseph Felkins.

Great-great grandchildren of Ottis and Josie are: Benjamin and Leslie Glover, Amber Hoover, Mary C. Franklin, Angela and Jonathan Garrison.

Ottis was an auto mechanic and Josie was a busy homemaker and seamstress. She is a member of the Russell Springs First Baptist Church. Ottis was the grandson of Eli Tarter (b. 1841) and Mary Jane Helm Tarter. His paternal great-grandparents were John Tarter (b. 1799) and Nancy Lawrence (b. @ 1800) of Virginia. Paternal great-great-grandparents were Peter Tarter (b. 1764 in Pennsylvania; d. 1843 in Pulaski Co., KY) and Elizabeth Moore Tarter of Virginia. Peter was a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. Ottis's maternal grandparents were Jeremiah Holder and Mary Kelsey Holder.

Josie's paternal grandparents were William H. "Babe" Rexroat (b. 1837) and Nancy Jane Walker Rexroat (b. 1837). Her maternal grandparents were Cleveland Grider and Mary Miller. Paternal great-grandparents were William Rexroat (b. 1815) and Rhonda Hopper Rexroat (b. 1807). Paternal great-great-grandparents were Hans Adam Rexroat (b. 1770) and Sarah "Sally" McCord Rexroat.

In Nov, 1944 Josie was married to Otha O. Shepard (b. 1895; d. 1971). He served as city judge of Russell Springs in the 1960s and early 1970s. Submitted by Yvonne Hughes

TAYLOR, FRED AND LILLIE PEARL ROY,

Fred Lee Taylor (b. 1895) was the son of James M. and Leornia Eastham Taylor. Fred has one brother, Finley, one sister, Sally Margaret, one half sister, Catherine, and two half brothers, Roosevelt and Charlie.



Fred Lee and Lillie Pearl Roy Taylor

Fred met and married Lillie Pearl Roy in 1915.