

Johnie & Marie Baxter



1936 to 2006
Celebrating 70 Years Together

Johnie & Marie Baxter

Remembering Our Lives



1920 until after their move to Granville, Illinois, in 1988 interspersed with many family photographs and other related materials.



Stories told of their parents and siblings set the background for their lives. Their earliest childhood memories offer us insight into their developing personalities.

The accompanying DVD is an edited video taped interview conducted in 1991 in which Johnie and Marie tell the story of their lives from the time of their births in 1917 and



When they first met in their mid teens early in the 1930's in a farming community known as

B u n c o m b e
(about 5 miles
due south of
Naylor, Mo.)
their world was
much smaller
than what it has
become over

the seventy years since that
time. And it was during that
time between the two world
wars with a deep economic
depression settled over the
nation that they were married
on Christmas eve 1936.

They were each born as the
third child into what would
become large
families with
brothers and sis-
ters both older
and youn-ger.
But now in their



late eighties
they have each
become the old-
est living child
in their family
and have seen
some of their
younger sibling

pass on from this world.

During those many years in
between they have lived in
many places
hundreds of
miles from
where they
first came of
age together.
They have
lived prima-
rily in Mis-
souri, Arkansas, and Illinois,
and for one winter in Arizona.



Many of their vivid memories come from their first



ten years of marriage when they lived on the farm surrounded by their families. This period was

topped off with their three month long tenth anniversary "Honeymoon" trip through Texas, California, and the snowy Colorado mountains.

Events around the globe have affected their lives since the days of their



childhood. The depression after WWI left his father bankrupt. The war boom of WWII found them both working in St. Louis factories on war supplies. And the post war period found them moving off the farm to build new lives and their family in the city.

Fifteen years after they were married their baby



boy, Roger, was born in Corning, Arkansas. And seven years later

their daughter, Janice, was born to them in Rockford, Illinois.

But since Johnie thought cities



were “no place to raise a family” they moved back to the farm two miles south of Naylor, where Johnnie

farmed and built custom homes for others in the area ... until he cut off parts of two fingers in a woodworking accident in 1964.

So they once again moved their family to Rockford, Illinois, where Johnnie rejoined



the carpenter maintenance crew at Ingersoll Milling

Machine Company. There they built another new house and their children grew up and moved on to begin their own careers and families.

A few years after a heart bypass operation they retired and in 1983 moved back “home” to Naylor. After building themselves a new home there, Johnnie began building custom cabinets for others in the area.

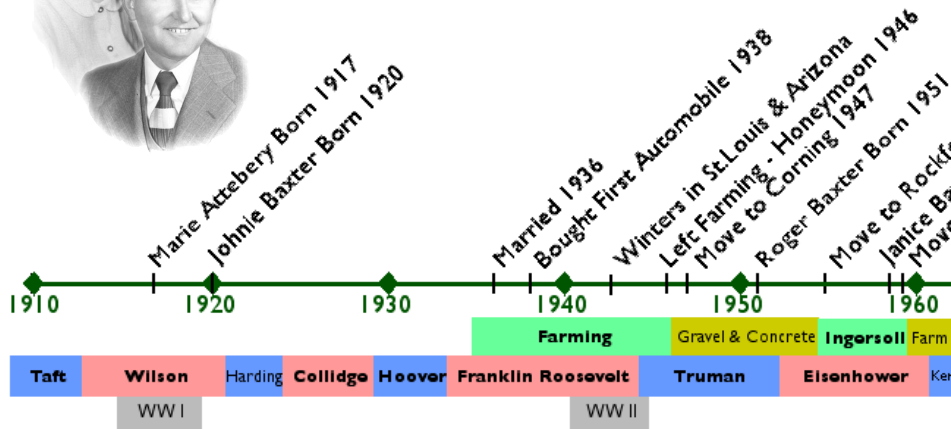
But then a new stage of their lives began and grandmothers must be near their grandchildren, so they moved north once again, but this time it was to Granville, Illinois, where their family continued to expand with a grandson, Adam Ossola, in 1987 and then a granddaughter, Lora Ossola. Marie declares this to be “the best time of my life.”





Johnnie & Marie Baxter

Time Line of Our Lives



Photographs on inside pages of this booklet clockwise from top left corner of each

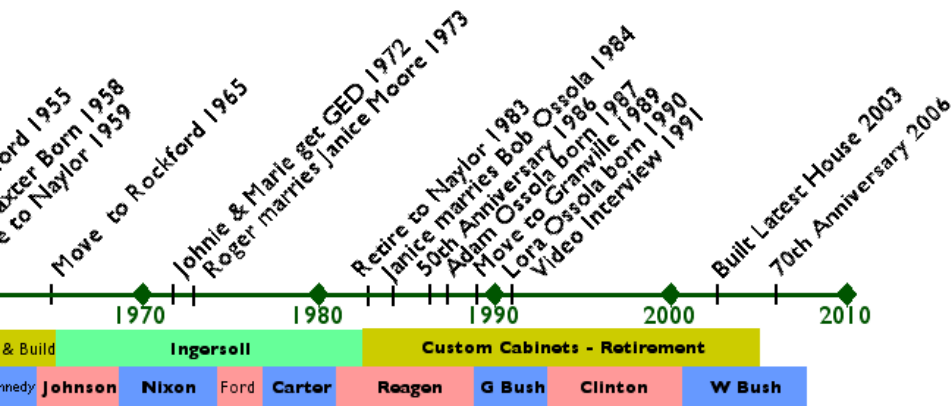
Page 1: Marie and Johnnie Baxter (photos taken separately in 1954 and 1947 respectively); Luvina

Page 2: Attebery, Baxter and Hocking cousins c. 1939; Johnnie with David and Anna Ray Blaylock

Page 3: Johnnie, R.V., Richard, and Carney Baxter c. 1948; baby Janice Elaine Baxter 1958; Johnnie d

Page 4: Roger, Janice, and Happy III on farm near Naylor, Missouri c. 1963; Adam Ossola, Janice and Janice Elaine Baxter Ossola Thanksgiving 2004 in Granville, Illinois; Their last hou

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Attebery and Kate Baxter (their mothers) 1953; baby Johnnie c. 1921.

(and two unknow neighbor children far left and right) in Arizona c. 1944; Marie c. 1922.

digging gravel near Corning, Arkansas c. 1951.

Ann Moore Baxter (Roger's wife), Johnnie, Marie (in front), Roger, Lora Ossola, Bob Ossola, use in Rockford, Illinois at 8020 Ravere Street c. 1980.

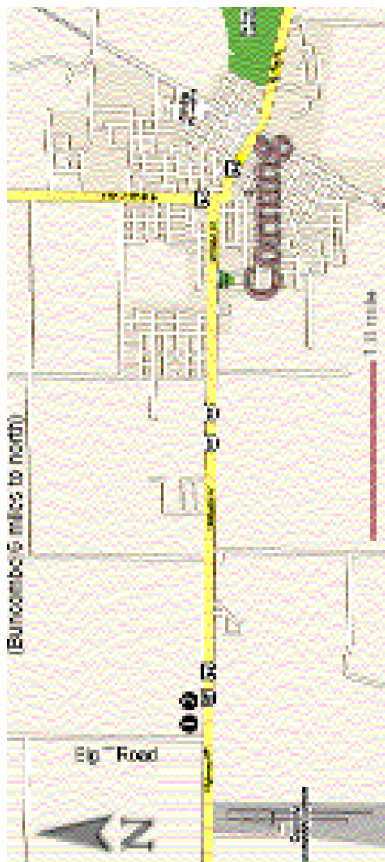
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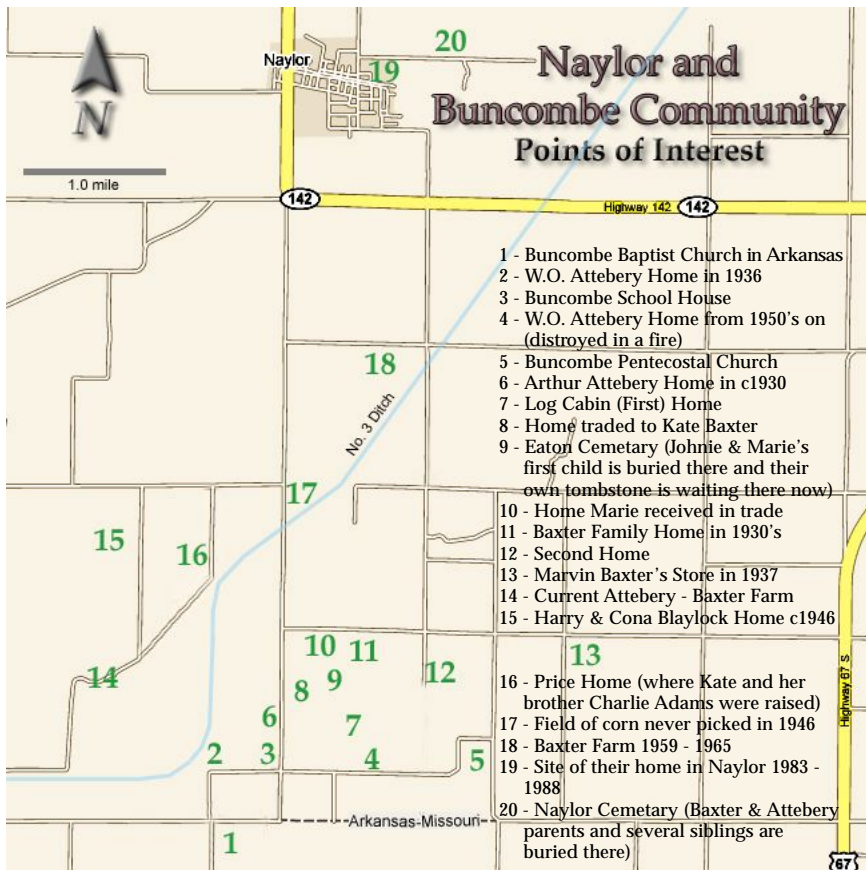




Map on left gives an overview of the rural communities and towns where Johnie & Marie grew up and lived much of their, especially young, adult lives. It highlights locations of the original Attebery home place and the location where they were married on Christmas eve 1936.

Map on right indicates the former locations of Johnie's first house construction experience, the two houses built about two miles west of Corning, Arkansas, on US highway 67 after returning from their Honeymoon Trip to California the winter of 1947. It was during this time, after selling out their farm and equipment, that Johnie and his father started their own sawmill on this same site. The Blaylocks lived in the second house there.





Corning, Arkansas

Points of Interest

Carney & Judy Baxter's House c1950
& Later John & Kate Baxter's c1952

First House in Corning
(with bedroom for Roger)

Second House in Corning

Old Corning
Hospital
(Roger born 1951)

Area lived in
as a boy when
his father had
lively team of
horses

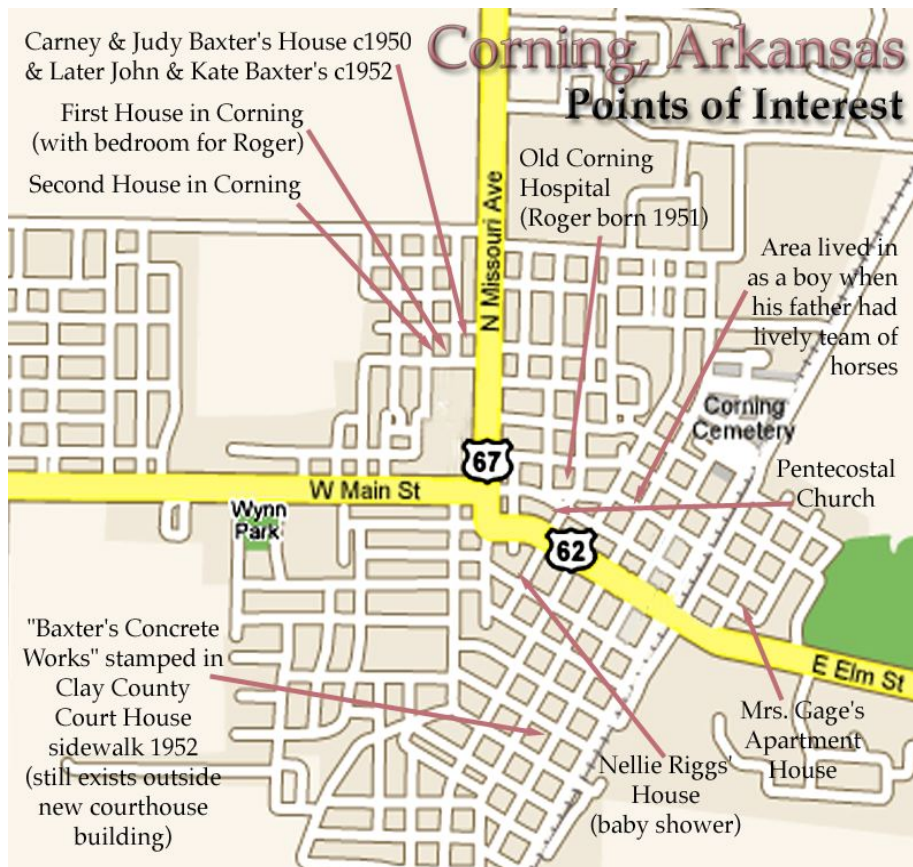
Corning
Cemetery

Pentecostal
Church

"Baxter's Concrete
Works" stamped in
Clay County
Court House
sidewalk 1952
(still exists outside
new courthouse
building)

Nellie Riggs'
House
(baby shower)

Mrs. Gage's
Apartment
House



Our Ancestors & Descendants



Nanny Waters



George Baxter



Ezekiel Attebery



Charles Hocking



Eliza Nading



Kate Adams



John F. Baxter



W. O. Attebery



Luvina Hocking



Johnnie Baxter



Marie Attebery



Janice A. Moore



John Roger Baxter



Janice E. Baxter



Robert Ossola



Adam Ossola



Lora Ossola

Only those with photographs available are shown/listed here. Please see ***Our Family Tree*** section for more complete information.