

C R E D I T S

Ruth Ann Mauney Jackson, illustrator for this book, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1952. She has an Associate Degree from Wingate Junior College, where she was selected by the faculty for Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1974.

She has taught art for 18 years in Charlotte, North Carolina and Rock Hill, South Carolina. In 1993-94, she was selected as Teach of the Year at Northwestern High School. Currently, she teaches advance placement art courses for which her students receive college credit. Ruth Ann was featured on the front page of the *York Observer*, April 21, 1995, with the headline, "Artfully Energized." Her students won awards from the Museum of York County, South Carolina State Fair, Congressional Art Contest, Limestone College and the Come-See-Me flag contest.

Ruth Ann is well known for the annual trip to New York City she sponsors and guides for students of her high school where the students visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other art museums in the city and attend shows on Broadway. Her students have an exhibit that is well attended in Rock Hill and gets good reviews from critics.

She is married to R.W. "Chip" Jackson and has two children: Bo, 15 and Jordan, 8.

Margaret Isabelle Hudson Ikard Pearsall has pursued the history of the Ikard with singular intensity for the last twenty years. Isabelle is the daughter of Joseph Orville and Sallie Mai Hudson Ikard. She is the granddaughter of William Guinn Ikard and the great-granddaughter of Elijah Harrison Ikard. Born in Sparta, White County, Tennessee, she attended the public schools in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. She was a student at St. Thomas School of Nursing in Nashville and holds a R.N. degree from that institution.

She is a meticulous and persistent researcher. In the past two decades she has acquired a substantial library of family documents, letters, pictures and memorabilia. Her collection crowds a long wall of her study. Isabelle and her

husband, Sam, have traveled to many sites where Ikards lived, worked and died. She is a member of the Franklin County Historical Society and, in 1993, made a gift to the Society of six very large volumes of annotated documents of the history of the Ikard family over more than 200 years. At all times, she is searching for additional evidence of the moves and accomplishments of the Ikards.

On July 20k 1946, she married Samuel Haff Pearsall II in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee. The Pearsalla have four children: Samuel Haff Pearsall III, Susan Claire Pearsall Morris, Sara "Sallie" Mai Pearsall Rogalle and Timothy Hudson Pearsall. Isabelle has 5 grandchildren.

Carl Elwood Ikard, born 1 April, 1918, in Cyril, Oklahoma, was the only son of Don Carl and Rilla Robertson Ikard. He attended the public schools of Caddo County, Oklahoma. At Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma, he received an Associate Degree in Agriculture. He volunteered for the U.S. Navy in WWII and served in the Caribbean as well as stateside duties. In 1953, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma A & M in Stillwater. For a time, he was a soil scientist. Later, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

In the mid 1960s, Carl began a serious study of the Ikard family. His correspondence was voluminous. He used vacations to visit places where the Ikards owned property, lived and died. Visiting cemeteries was a significant part of his field study. Carl made use of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and when he could not by time or distance pursue his study, he used his limited resources to hire professional genealogists to research for him. In the late 1960s at the reunion in Cyril, Oklahoma, Carl presented to his cousins a booklet with a summary of his work to that time. Since then, he traveled, studied and acquired a wealth of information about this family.

Carl died on December 12, 1987, in Lawton, Oklahoma. His collection was left to his niece, Donita Weedn Shelton, with the provision that his cousin Edwin Ikard have access to the trunk of information.

Carl married twice, first to Charlene Gray, with whom he had a son, Billy Wayne. Then, he married Eva Alberta Southworth, with whom he had a daughter, Evelyn Louise. Both marriages ended in divorce with each child staying with his/her mother.

Mildred Maxine "Billie" Ikard Bourgeois is the daughter of George Washington and Alta Witten Ikard and the granddaughter of Lanson Odell and Betty Ikard. She was born near Cyril, Oklahoma, and attended the public schools

there, graduating in 1938. She attended Cameron College, Oklahoma College for Women and the University of California, Berkeley. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. She taught students from first grade to college seniors in Nashville, Tennessee, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. In 1978, she earned an Ed.D. at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Since the mid 1960s, she has researched the history of the Ikard family and traveled to archives, libraries, cemeteries and historical societies but never with the intensity of her cousins, Isabelle and Carl. Yet, all the time she knew that she would write the history of the Ikards.

Mildred married Alfred John "Fred" Bourgeois, January 19, 1946, shortly before being discharged from the U.S. Navy. She and Fred have two children: Margaret Claire Bourgeois Denora and Charles Frederick Bourgeois and two grandchildren, Gina and John Denora.