DAVID AINSWORTH
(1898–1967)

David Ainsworth died in Wichita, Kansas, August 15, 1967, after several years of illness, at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Myrtle Elizabeth Avery); one son, David Jerome; four grandchildren, and three sisters, Mary Ellis, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Catherine Grund, Clayton, Mo., and Mrs. Ida Hegler, Wichita, Kansas. David was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters, Samuel, Jesse, Alf, Bill, Bess, and Lydia.

He was born at Lyons, Kansas, January 14, 1898, the son of Jesse and Catherine Ainsworth, and was one of ten children. His father, Jesse, put down the first salt-mine shaft in Kansas and operated a mine for thirty-five years.

Dave, as everyone called him, graduated from Kansas University School of Engineering in 1921. He was a member of Pi Kappa Psi. He married Myrtle Elizabeth Avery of Chanute, Kansas, in 1927. They had one child, David Jerome, age 34, who is a products supervisor in the design engineering department with Fisher-Governor, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Dave made many important contributions to the economy and development of the petroleum industry. He was active in exploration drilling and producing oil. Oil property-wise, he made many appraisals and scientific investigations.

Dave pioneered with his brothers, Alf and Bill, in the use of core drills in connection with structural interpretation and oil discovery.

He was interested in the design, development, and application of portable drilling equipment. In the field of building and construction, Dave did considerable preliminary sub-structure work for foundation testing and analysis.

Dave was Secretary and Director of Western Petroleum Exploration Co., Secretary-Treasurer of Ainsworth Bros., Inc., and partner of Ainsworth and Ainsworth. He held memberships in the AAPG (1923), Kansas Geological Society, the Petroleum Club of Wichita, and St. James Episcopal Church.

He liked to hunt and fish, and was interested in chemistry and photography.

He shared his interests and knowledge with his friends and family who will always remember with affection and respect his quiet gentle nature.

RIEMAN SHAW WEBB
Wichita, Kansas
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