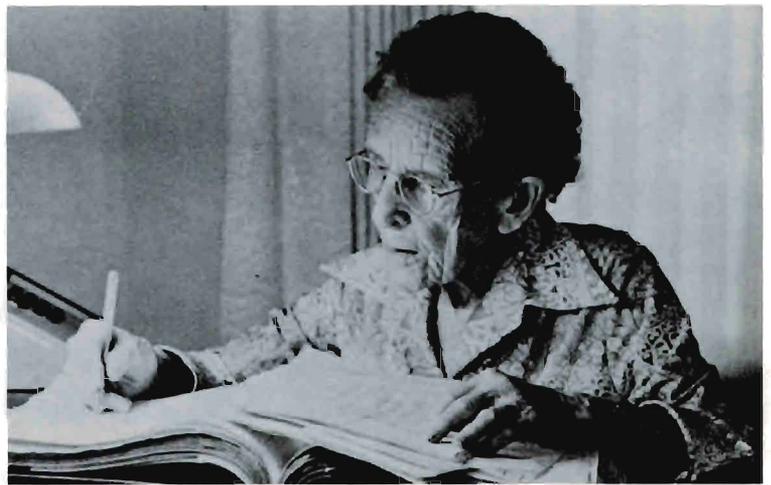


## DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to all pioneers, both past and present, who are as diversified as the land they inhabit: Grant County, Kansas.



*Anna Gray*



*Anna (Gray) Rosel*

### *Anna M. (Gray) Rosel: A True Pioneer*

Anna M. (Gray) Rosel was born April 5, 1885 in Bedford County, Virginia. She moved to a homestead in Western Kansas with her parents John T. and Leora M. Gray.

As a young woman, Anna moved to Old Ulysses and worked for C.D. Hickok and R.R. Wilson in their realty office. She was working in Old Ulysses at the time the town was moved to its new and current site.

On July 16, 1916, William Tecumseh (Ted) Rosel and Anna Gray were married at her parents' home in Moscow, Kansas. In August of 1928, the Rosels rented space in the newly constructed brick building owned by C.D. Hickok, and opened Gray and Rosel's Department Store. In 1935 the Rosels built a home on what was then the very north edge of town. The home was Spanish style and built with adobe blocks. The dirt for these blocks was excavated from the basement of the house. Anna still lives in this home with her daughter, May.