

Talmon Sexton: My Grandfather

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My grandfather Talmon Sexton became the second president of First National Bank of Oneida in 1914, a position he held until his death in 1943. Although not involved with the day-to-day management of the bank, Grandpa faithfully presided over the board of directors for 30 years. He was involved with mining and farming and is fondly remembered for his keen sense of humor, witticisms, and earthy philosophy.

Talmon and Mary Louise Phillips Sexton's children are: Rosa Lee Bothel, Arthur Sexton, Belle Sexton, Clifford Sexton, Bessie Jeffers, Ora May Yancey, and Kermit Sexton.

My dad, Clifford, the fourth child and second son, worked for First National Bank of Oneida from 1914 to 1916, at which time he left due to ill health and upon the advice of his doctors. In 1932, he rejoined First National Bank of Oneida and worked there until 1952, at which time he became Recorder for the City of Oneida, a job he held until his death. Dad served as a school board member for the Oneida Special School District for 12 years.

Not adverse to hard work, several of Dad's family worked as janitors of the bank beginning with his son-in-law George Rawlings, who worked during the Great Depression for \$10 a month.

Sexton family ties to First National Bank continue with Talmon's great-granddaughter Tracey Sexton Miller who is a 25-year employee of First National Bank. Tracey is the daughter of Kenneth (deceased son of Kermit) and Brenda Sexton. Tracey is Assistant Bookkeeping Supervisor.

Throughout the bank's 100-year history down to today, the Talmon Sexton family has maintained close ties with the bank, as employees and as faithful customers. Many fond memories are held by all of us who are descendants on what it was like to have family members who were instrumental in helping with the accomplishments that First National Bank of Oneida has achieved throughout the years to make Scott County a better place in which to live, work and raise our families.



Figure 1 - Estelle Chitwood -
Granddaughter of Talmon Sexton



Figure 2 - Talmon Sexton's Family - In front, from left: Talmon Sexton, Bessie Sexton, and Mary Louise Sexton. In back: Clifford Sexton, Arthur Sexton, Rosa Lee Sexton, and Lily Bell Sexton. This photo was made before Ora May and Kermit were born.