

## ROSS GALVIN, M.D., FAMILY

My grandfather, John Galvin, a pioneer and early developer of Centralia and the surrounding area was born May 1, 1858 in Vermont. He migrated West at the age of 16 and became manager of the Ezra Meeker hop farm in Puyallup. He came to Centralia in 1884 and was the first to raise hops in Lewis County on a 22 acre farm north of Centralia. He then started a real estate business in downtown Centralia when at that time there were only three stores in the town.

John Galvin was the founder of the town of Lincoln, renamed Galvin later in his honor. He acquired the right of way for the railroad between Centralia and Grays Harbor, and he was the Lewis County Treasurer in 1892 and Mayor of Centralia at two different times. He and George Washington, another Centralia pioneer, were very good friends and after Washington's death, John became the guardian of his only child, Geo. Washington, Jr.

In 1890 John Galvin and Rose Slack, daughter of George Slack, were married. They had 3 children, Lawrence F., Mary (Mrs. Ansel Poundstone) and, George Jay Galvin.

My father George Jay Galvin was in the real estate and insurance business for 40 years. The tile inlay compass dial is still in the sidewalk in front of his office at 218 N. Tower Avenue. He was a member of the Centralia Rotary Club. A member and Sunday School Superintendent at the First Baptist Church for many years. He was a great believer in education, and in the 1920's he was on the school board and was one of the originators of the Centralia Junior College. He also gave land for one of the Centralia Grade Schools. His hobby was raising registered polled Hereford cattle which he did on three farms in the Grand Mound and Little Rock area.

He married Emily Green of California in 1914. They had six children. Lee Morrison, Mary Jane (Mrs. Melvin Lightle) George Jay, Jr., Carlton Knight, Marsha Jeanette (Mrs. Dick Carrington) and Ross Mitchell.

Dr. Ross Mitchell Galvin was born in Centralia Dec. 19, 1918. He attended local schools, the junior college and graduated from the University of Washington in 1940. He also graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1943. Interned at the Swedish Hospital in Seattle and then spent 2 years as a medical officer in the Army. He was married to Patricia Gail Huber of Edmonds, WN in 1942. They moved back to Centralia in 1946 where Doctor Galvin was physician and surgeon for 35 years, retiring in December 1981. He is a past president of the Rotary Club and was on the Tumwater Boy Scout Council for over 20 years. He is a member of the First Methodist Church. He served as Chief of Staff at Centralia General Hospital two different terms and was an original partner and builder of the Centralia Medical Center. He is also a charter fellow of the American Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. and Mrs. Galvin have three sons. John Ross, pharmacist, and owner in two drug stores in Tacoma, a graduate of the University of Washington. He is married to Janet Marie Kallio of Seattle and they have two daughters, Jeannie and Jennifer.

The middle son, Dale Jay Galvin, is a graduate of the University of Washington and Willamette Law School, and is an attorney in Seattle. He is married to the former Mary C. Ross of Fargo, North Dakota. They have a son Bradley Ross and a daughter Lisa.

The youngest son, Bruce Robert, is a graduate of Western Washington University and Master in business from Oregon State. He is an assistant treasurer in a Seattle firm. His wife, Robin Frisbie and he have one son, Matthew Robert.

The Ross Galvins are enjoying a happy retirement, and feel that Centralia offers the good life for all.

*BY DR. ROSS GALVIN, M.D.*