

A SUBURBAN FAMILY ALBUM.

As our biography moves largely out of the midwest and into the southeast with our next volume, on the following pages are selected photographs from the Kings' last years spent at their home in Glencoe, Illinois. Even once they had finally moved to Florida, King still returned occasionally to Chicago for business, and, as we shall see, to take hundreds of reference images of the landscape, region and city that had inspired his comic strip from the beginning.















1914
The Kings move to their first house in Glencoe, Illinois.



1921
The "Alley crew" (Frank, Delia, Robert, Bill and Gerrie Gannon, and "Uncle Walt") take a cross-country automobile trip to Yellowstone Park.

1911

February 7th: Frank King and Delia Drew marry. King is 27, Delia is 26. Walter Drew moves to Chicago.



1912
December 21st: a son is stillborn to Frank and Delia.



1916
February 13th: Robert Drew King (Frank and Delia's son) born.

1914

1916

1918

The RECTANGLE

1918
November 24th: *Gasoline Alley* appears in print for the first time.



1920

1921
Feb. 14th: "Skeezix" left on Walt Waller's doorstep.

1921
Walt, Doc, and Skeezix take a cross-country trip to Yellowstone Park.

1921
Gasoline Alley begins appearing as a regular full color Sunday page in the *Chicago Tribune*.



1922 — 1923

Eileen Benoliel, a Chicago entrepreneur, gets the idea to create a Skeezip doll; working out of her house, and with the permission of Frank King, she produces the first few dolls with the help of her husband. Soon, however, demand outstrips production; in five years at least 1.75 million Skeezip dolls will be sold.



1928

After a purchase of land in Kissimmee, Florida, the Kings begin building "Folly Farm," their first Florida estate, and split their time between there and Glencoe. Robert Drew King is twelve years old.

1929

Robert Drew King graduates eighth grade in Glencoe, Illinois.



1922

GASOLINE
ALLEY

1924



1924 — 1925

The Skeezip doll makes cameos in the "Gasoline Alley" strip itself.



1924 — 1926

Various melodramatics involving Mme Octave's appearance as the biological mother of Skeezip.

1926

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June 27th: Walt Waller marries Phyllis Blossom.



1928

1927

Skeezip is abducted amidst a dramatic custody battle with Mme Octave; Walt and Phyllis are ultimately victorious.

1928

May 2nd: Corky, son to Walt and Phyllis Waller, is born. Skeezip is seven years old.



1930



Robert and Frank King for a Popular Mechanics photo shoot, Glencoe, 1926.