



Lenore Bales

Portrayed on the right side of the mural,
holding a mirror

Lenore Bales was born in Kansas City in 1922. During Quintanilla's residency, she was a student at UKC and completed, at least, her sophomore year. In 1941, when she was eighteen years old, Lenore eloped with Lynn V. Bowman, a nineteen-year-old UKC student. According to the *Kansas City Star*, Bowman "wisked his bride away" from her parents' Ward Parkway mansion and fled in his father-in-law's green station wagon to Wichita, KS. The request for annulment of the marriage after the elopement seems have prompted Mr. Bowman to reclaim his bride. The marriage was annulled in July 1941.

In March 1942, Lenore Bales married Lieutenant Beverly V. Thompson, a flight instructor from Palo Alto, CA. The couple resided in California where Lenore completed her education at Pine Manor Junior College and Mills College in Oakland. Lenore and Lieutenant Thompson had a son, "Buck" Thompson III. Her marriage to Thompson did not last long and she married Walter Grady from Fort Worth, TX. The couple had a daughter named Lenore. After Mr. Grady's death, she married James McClister.

Lenore devoted her life to her family and supported many charities. Additionally, she was a member of the Assembly, The Fort Worth Junior League, and a founding member of the Jewel Charity Ball. She was a board member of the Fort Worth Zoo as well as the Fort Worth Art Association. Lenore passed away in 2018 at the age of 95.

Sources: *Star-Telegram*, Feb. 4, 2018. *Kansas City Star*, 2 Mar. 1942; *Kansas City Star*, Jul. 15 1941; *Kansas City Star* Jul. 22 1941.