When Anna Laura Hill arrived in Clyde, Kansas on Friday, the 13th of October 1911, she had one very lucky little boy in her company of children. Paul Young was born March 10, 1908 in Brooklyn, New York. His parentage is unknown. Paul was a little over three, the youngest child in the company. The Clyde Farmer’s Voice described him as the “tiniest little lad of 2 years with the auburn hair and the freckled nose.”

Boyd and Louise Clithero, a wealthy couple from Concordia with no children of their own, drove to Clyde in their automobile with friends and attended the placing out of the New York children. They were instantly smitten with little Paul and requested to take him. The local committee members knew Boyd Clithero owned a grocery store and apartment buildings in Concordia. (The Clitheros built the brick apartment building that stands across the street to the West from this statue. It was known then as Clithero Flats.) They also knew that the Clitheros were active in the community and upstanding citizens, so they heartily approved the match. Little Paul rode home with the Clitheros and their friends in that automobile that afternoon.

Paul Young was legally adopted and became Paul Clithero. His antics were well publicized in the area papers. He became best friends with a little boy next door named Norman Lewis. Paul and Norman formed a strong friendship that would never end. About a year after his arrival in Kansas, the Clitheros moved from their house on West Seventh Street. Little Paul was heartbroken that his friend Norman wouldn’t be moving, too. Louise tried to console her son and according to the Concordia Blade-Empire, Louise asked if he would like it if she contacted Miss Hill to see if she could bring him a little sister. “No mama,” he replied, “but I would like a little Norman.” Paul had other little friends as well and attended many birthday parties and local club meetings and events with his parents.

When Paul was six years old, he was hit by a car. Again, he was extremely lucky. Even though the front tire of the car ran over his legs, he did not receive any broken bones or other injuries.

Boyd and Louise travelled widely, taking auto tours all over the United States. When Paul was young, he would stay in Atchison with Louise’s sister. As soon as he was old enough, he went along with his parents, visiting many different states.

In an interesting quirk of fate, Paul and Norman had a Christmas party for all of their friends at the Barons House Hotel on December 28, 1922. Norman Lewis would one day own the Barons House.

As Paul grew up, he became quite a performer. Instead of just attending club meetings with his parents, he provided entertainment. He was a singer and performed in numerous plays. Paul was very active in Boy Scouts. He and Norman Lewis and several other boys attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, for two years. He was a 1927 graduate of Concordia High School. The yearbook for that year said his nickname was “Slick” and he’d been in most of the class plays and was a member of Glee Club.

One of the most humorous stories we were able to find about Paul occurred in late August of 1927. Paul and Norman decided that they were going to paddle a canoe down the Republican, from Concordia to Junction City. They strapped their provisions in the boat and started out. Their journey was ill-fated and short-lived. The boys were four miles away from Clyde when their canoe struck something and began to sink. Luckily, both boys were excellent swimmers. They swam to shore, walked the four miles to Clyde, and found a ride back to Concordia.

Paul was married several times. All were short marriages, ending in divorce. He had no children.

Paul served our country in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. He was in the Navy and was aboard the U.S.S. Indiana. After the military, he worked in sales. He sold insurance for a time and later office supplies.

Paul Clithero lived in many different cities: Los Angeles, California; Lincoln, Nebraska; and finally Kansas City, Missouri, where he passed away on the tenth of July 1963 of heart disease. He was only 55 years-old. He rests at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Orphan Train Town Statues

- **Statue 1 – Miriam Zitur**: Underneath the clock at Broadway Plaza. Sponsored by Miriam’s 220+ descendants. (Corner of Broadway & Sixth Streets)
- **Statue 2 – Elmer & Ethel Barney**: In front of Brit’s Fountain & Gifts. Sponsored by Amanda & Brian Strait family (118 W 6th Street)
- **Statue 3 – Jessie Feit/Teresa Binder Martin**: On the north side of Frank Carlson Library. Sponsored by the Charles H. & Isabell Blosser Foundation. (702 Broadway Street)
- **Statue 4 – Fallen Soldier**: Stands in front of the American Legion. Sponsored by Senator Elaine Bowers. (506 Washington Street)
- **Statue 5 – Holly Stoll/Hallie Garwood**: Near the main entrance to Cloud County Museum (South side of the museum on 7th Street). Sponsored by the Charles H. & Isabell Blosser Foundation. (635 Broadway Street)
- **Statue 6 – Kansas Riders**: In front of Brown Business Services. Sponsored by Irene Brown in memory of her mother. (1710 Republican Street)
- **Statue 7 – Alberta Cole/Roberta “Happy” Slifer**: She stands near the playground up from the tennis courts at City Park. Sponsored by the Concordia Rotary Club and Rotary Club International 5670 (Off of 11th Street. Park in parking lot by Swimming Pool.)
- **Statue 8 – Father Paul Fangman**: In front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1142, OLPH Altar Society and an anonymous donor. (307 East 5th Street)
- **Statue 9 – Stanley & Victor Cornell**: In front of Cloud Corp and the Chamber of Commerce office. Sponsored by Cloud Corp and Champlin Tire Recycling. (606 Washington Street)
- **Statue 10 – Thelma Taylor**: In front of Monique and Company. Sponsored by Lisa Brewer in memory of her parents. (225 West 6th Street)
- **Statue 11 – Genevieve Hunt/Sister Roberta Dreiling**: Next to main entrance to the Nazareth Motherhouse. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. (1300 Washington Street)
- **Statue 12 – Gertrude Vale/Sister Eva Marie Vale**: Next to main entrance to the Nazareth Motherhouse. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. (1300 Washington Street)
- **Statue 13 – The Clement Brothers**: Sponsored by and in front of Citizens National Bank. (115 West 6th Street)
- **Statue 14 – Anna Fuchs**: Stands between the Majestic Theater and Dumbbells. Sponsored by the Marian D. Cook Foundation. (229 W 6th Street)
- **Statue 15 – Michalena Birraglio/Lena Nelson**: In front of State Farm Insurance. In memory of Keith and Fern Waters by their children. (605 Broadway)
- **Statue 16 – Frank G. Simmons**: In front of Wentz Eye Care. Sponsored by St. John’s Masonic Lodge #113. (Corner of 6th and Highway 81)
- **Statue 17 – Mary and Catherine Burns Cornell**: In front of Farm Bureau Financial Services & Fresh Perspective Counseling Services. Sponsored by the Chuck and Amber Lambertz Family. (821 Broadway St on south side of building)
- **Statue 18 – William Sidney Emay**: Sponsored by and in front of Farm Management Service, Inc. (310 Washington Street)
- **Statue 19 – Mamie Gunderson**: Sponsored in loving memory of Bob and Darline Rasure. (At the T-Ball field at Rasure Field - South East corner of East 7th Street and Cloud Street)
- **Statue 20 – Alfred Ulshofer**: Sponsored in loving memory of Bob and Darline Rasure. (At the T-Ball field at Rasure Field - South East corner of East 7th Street and Cloud Street)
- **Statue 21 - Henry Lee Jost**: Sponsored by The City of Concordia. At Concordia City Hall. (701 Washington)
- **Statue 22 – Rev. Robert Panzer**: Sponsored by the Friends of the First United Methodist Church. (740 W 11th St.)
- **Statue 23 – Robert Frances Miles Summers**: Sponsored by Robert Francis (Miles) Summers II. (National Orphan Train Complex - 300 Washington St.)
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- **Statue 26 – Charles Ferdon/Ferdon Ekstrom**: Sponsored by the family of Ferdon Ekstrom (POW Camp Concordia - 1543 Fort Kearney Rd.)
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- **Statue 29 – Michael & Walter Nolan**: Sponsored by the Nolan Family (In the park behind Central National Bank, 130 E 7th St.)
- **Statue 30 – Anna Louis Doherty Simpson**: Sponsored by: Audrey Kalivoda Memorial Fund (130 E 6th St.)
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- **Statue 32 – Paul Young/Clithero**: Sponsored by the Cloud County Board of Commissioners made possible by the Meridian Way Wind Farm gift. (West side of Cloud County Courthouse, 811 Washington Street)