## **Gordon Brown**

and

## Georgia Brown

Non-riders Natural Chimneys, Virginia Inducted 1980

Mr. & Mrs. Brown devoted many hours of hard work on the Natural chimneys Jousting Tournament. The Browns owned the Natural Chimneys from 1929 to 1970.

This couple was instrumental in keeping jousting alive in the area, making the Natural Chimneys Jousting Tournament the nation's longest, continuously held sporting event.

Several factors stand out from this period –

- 1. During World War II the tournament was operated to raise funds for wounded veterans at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center so they could call home.
- 2. They had the first woman rider from Virginia during the war years.
- 3. They worked at promoting the tournament and adding much color and costuming to the jousting tournament.

Mr. Gordon Brown was born March 15, 1890 and died in 1964. Mrs. Georgia Brown was born on April 12, 1905.