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Clarence McCracken and his son standing in front of their gas station and home at the west end of Old Mannford, 1941. Photograph donated by Clarence and Velma Hudson.

Part Indian Territory and part Oklahoma Territory, the Mannford area has deep historical significance. The old town of Mannford was located at the crossroads of the Cimarron and Arkansas Rivers. In 1962, with the building of Keystone Dam, the town of Mannford was moved to its current location, and neighboring communities such as Keystone were swallowed by the waters. The Mannford Museum houses Indian artifacts and pioneer collections from the Keystone Crossroads lake area—including Creek, Pawnee, Osage, and Tulsa counties.

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