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## The Tragedy of ROSE HILL

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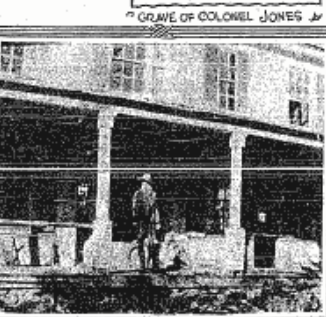
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## The Tragedy of Rose Hill (Transcription)

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## Chahta **Anumpa** (Choctaw Language)

### Short Sound of U

**anumpa** = language/word

**nusi** = sleep

**hushi** = bird

### Short Sound of A

**pula** = light

**ula** = arrive

**pulhki** = fast

### Modern / Past

**homma / humma** = red

**hattak / hattuk** = man,  
person

### Spelling Examples

**sholush / shulush** = shoes

**chompa / chumpa** = to buy

Click on any of the Choctaw words in red above to hear an audio clip  
from [ChoctawSchool.com](http://ChoctawSchool.com)  
(Courtesy of Choctaw Nation - used with permission)

## Choctaw Language Rules

### Rule 2

#### Short Sound of U

In many words, u is written for o, and u is written for a. That is, u and o has the same sound but sometimes u is written to represent the short sound of o.

Listen to the short sound of u when written for o and a in the top of the left column.

#### Short Sound of A

In the same way, u and a have the same sound but u sometimes written to represent the short sound of a. You can hear the short sound of a in the words in the top of the right column.

Modern Choctaw tend to use a and o where in the past v and u were used.

(Courtesy of Choctaw Nation - used with permission)

## Choctaw Music and Storytelling Tim Tingle & D. J. Battiest-Tomasi

Click the link above to listen.  
Courtesy of the [Library of Congress](#)

## Upcoming Events

### April

#### TEK I HVSHI - Month of the Women

3rd - Good Friday  
5th - Easter  
6th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
12th - Cemetery Gathering, 9:30 a.m.

### May

#### BIHI HVSHI - Mulberry Month

4th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
10th - Mother's Day  
16th - Trail of Tears Walk,  
Tuskahoma, OK  
16th - Armed Forces Day  
17th - Cemetery Gathering, 9:30 a.m.  
25th - Memorial Day

### June

#### BISSA HVSHI - Blackberry Month

1st - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
7th - Cemetery Gathering, 9:30 a.m.  
14th - Flag Day  
21st - Summer Begins  
21st - Father's Day



Happy Summer!

[Click here](#) to access our online event calendar for more detailed information about upcoming events.

## New Members



We would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest Society members!

Cecilia Finch - Hugo, OK

Betty White Rowland - Antlers, OK

Jimmie D. Watson - Hugo, OK

David House - North Richland Hills, TX

Homer 'Bud' Davis - Hugo, OK

Matt Davis - Folsom, CA

## Member Birthdays

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following members...

Donna Head - Apr 13th

Sue Wall - May 4th

Lila Swink - May 22nd

Norm Pence - May 26th

Amber Upton - Jun 27th



PLEASE SUPPORT US BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

The Membership Director will be sending out email or postal mail reminders to each member at the beginning of their membership renewal month.



# Research Library Visitors



## Research Library

The Choctaw County Genealogical Society maintains a Research Library in the Heritage Room of the Donald W. Reynolds Library at 703 E. Jackson Street, Hugo, Oklahoma. The Heritage Room is available during library hours. We do ask that you sign in at the library front desk as well as sign our guestbook located on the Society desk. No food or drink is allowed.

Children under the age of 12 who enter the Heritage room must be under constant supervision of an adult. Children are not allowed to handle any genealogical materials or equipment in the Heritage room. Children are required to be respectful of other researchers by not being loud or otherwise disruptive. Any child being loud, using Heritage room research materials or equipment, or disruptive in any way will be asked to leave the Heritage room.

### Library Hours

<b>Monday, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>9am - 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>9am - 6pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am - 2pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

## January

### Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Kay Spear, Hugo - Carter, Williams, Shepherd, Kagli, LeMond  
 Rita Davis, Hugo - Bailey, Wilkelson, Lucas, Wade, Rushton  
 Donna Head, Hugo - Gateley  
 Nancy Rushin, Ft. Towson  
 Melissa Folsom, Hugo - Ussery, Ustray, Priddy  
 Homer Davis, Hugo - Maynard  
 Veronica Leard, Valliant - Barefoot  
 Donna Blagg, Sawyer - Rhodes, Robison  
 Tonya Penick, Antlers - Baker, Sullivan  
 Thelma Mitchell, Valliant - Smith  
 Brad Griggs, - Roebuck

## February

### Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Veronica Leard, Valliant - Barefoot  
 Sharon Smith, Hugo - LA Stapleton  
 Tonya Penick, Antlers - Baker, Sullivan  
 Bill Wicklund, Ringold - Wicklund, Anderson  
 Wilma Miller, Hugo - Brock  
 Dan Lowery, Dallas - Lowery  
 Brenda Pettyjohn, Hugo - Pettyjohn, Willia Deffer  
 Chester E. May, Paris - Henson, Vaughn  
 Carl Force, Hugo - Farmley  
 Donna Blagg, Sawyer - Robison

## March

### Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Bill Wicklund, Ringold - Wicklund, Anderson  
 Reubin Turner, Hugo - Paush



# Donations

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## First Quarter Donations

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Lamar Co. TX Genealogy & History Vol. 20, 2002 by Donna Head

Smoke Signals From Indian Territory Vol. I & II by Norm Pence

The Handy Book For Genealogists (7th Edition) The Everton Publishers

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol 34 No. 1 Spring, 1987

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 34 No 2 Summer, 1987

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 34 No. 3 Fall, 1987

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 34 No. 4 Winter, 1987

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 35 No. 1 Spring, 1988

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 35 No. 2 Summer, 1988

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 35 No. 3 Fall, 1988

Ansearchin' News, The TN Genealogical Society, Vol. 35 No. 4 Winter, 1988

Ancestry Magazine, 2003; Vol. 21, Issues 2-6

Ancestry Magazine, 2004; Vol. 22, Issue 1

Cherokee Census Indian Territory 1900 CD by Norm Pence

Mississippi Choctaw Census 1926-1939 CD by Norm Pence

Choctaw Census Indian Territory, 1900 CD by Norm Pence

Seminole Census Indian Territory, 1900-1930 CD by Norm Pence

Chickasaw Census Indian Territory 1900 CD by Norm Pence

History of the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Natchez Indians 1899 CD by Norm Pence



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## Adopt a Book / Microfilm Program

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The Choctaw County Genealogical Society (CCGS) is always eager to expand our Research Library. You can help. We ask that you "adopt" one of the books / microfilm listed on our [website](#). The book / microfilm will be shelved with a bookplate showing your name as the donor.

You may also use this opportunity to "adopt" a book / microfilm in someone else's name. Do you have a special relative that you want to honor? Has someone given you exceptional help in your research? This is a great way to recognize those special people.

### Adoptions Last Quarter

1885 Choctaw Nation Census - Jack's Fork (Allen County Donation from Nov 2014)

1885 Choctaw Nation Census - Towson & Boktucklo (Allen County Donation from Nov 2014)

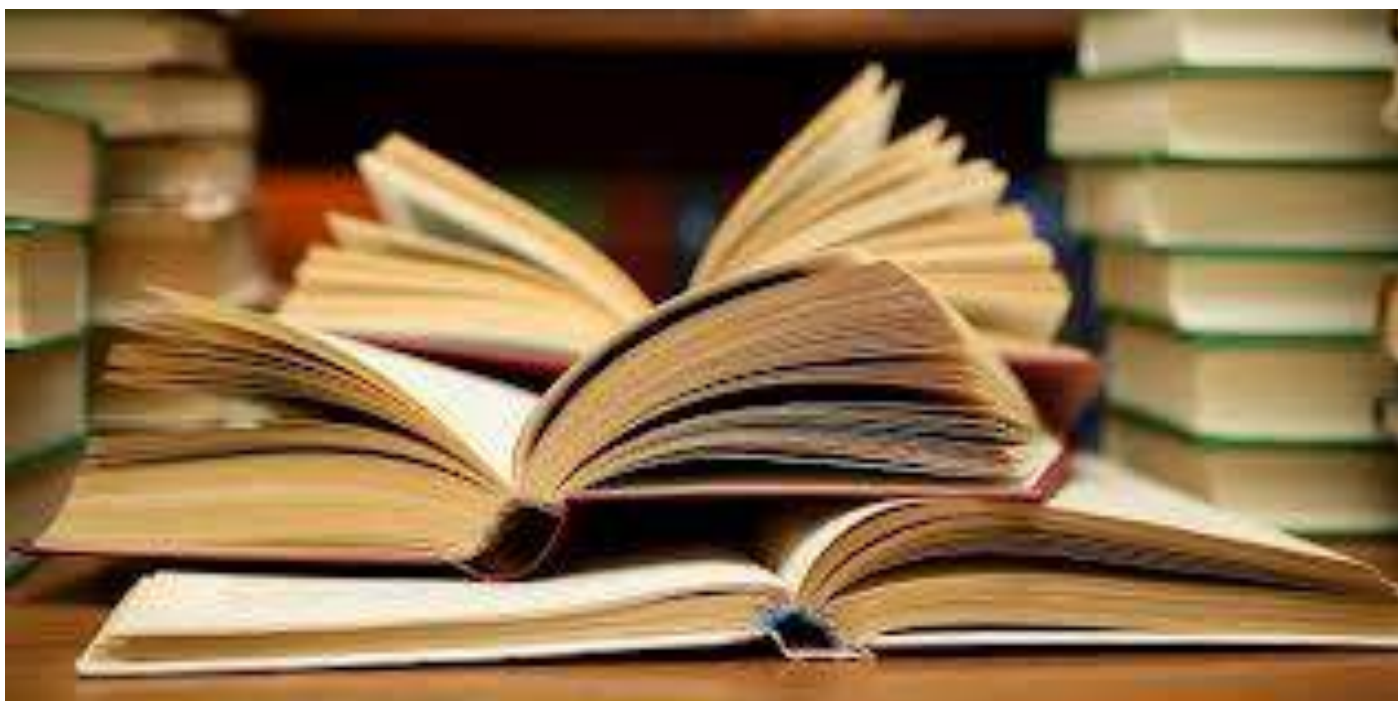
## DONATIONS

**Donations are always welcome and will be preserved in our research library.**

**Remember donations are tax-deductible.**

**[Click here](#) for our donation form.**

## CCGS Bookshelf



### **New on the bookshelf (bookshelf items received in the mail, or purchased this quarter...**

Green Co. Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 28:1, Jan 2015; Vol. 28:2, Feb 2015; Vol. 28:1 Spring Issue; Vol. 28:3, Mar-Apr 2015

Stirrin' the Pot, Hot Springs, AR, Vol. 4:11, Nov 2014; Vol. 4:12, Dec 2014; Mar 2015

The Arkansas Archivist, Dec 2014; Jan 2015; Mar 2015

TL&M Genealogy, Vol. XXII:3, 2014

Logan County Genealogical Society, Guthrie, OK, Vol. XXXIII:2

Biskinik, Jan 2015; Feb 2015; Mar 2015

The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. XCII:4, Winter 2014-15

Bond County, IL, Genealogical

Society News, Vol. 29:1, Winter/Jan 2014; Vol. 29:2, Summer/July 2014; Vol. 30:1, Winter/Jan 2015

Heritage Newsletter, Hopkins County, Sulphur Springs, TX, Vol. 31:4, Dec 2014

Love County Historical Society Newsletter, Marietta, OK, Jan 2015

Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 22:1, Feb 2015

Mistletoe Leaves, Vol. 46:2, Feb 2015; Vol. 46:3, Mar 2015

1885 Choctaw Census, Jacks Fork County, Pushmataha District, Choctaw Nation

1885 Choctaw Census, Boktoko & Towson Counties, Apukshunubbee District, Choctaw Nation

Charles DeMorse, Pioneer Statesman & Father of Texas Journalism by Ernest Wallace

The Genie, Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, Vol. 48:1, First Quarter 2014; Vol. 48:2, July 2014; Vol. 48:3, Sep 2014; Vol. 48:4, Dec 2014

Footprints Quarterly Journal, Vol. 57:4, Nov 2014; Vol. 58:1, Feb 2015

The Salt Shaker, Benton, Saline, AR, Vol. 1:1, Spring 2015

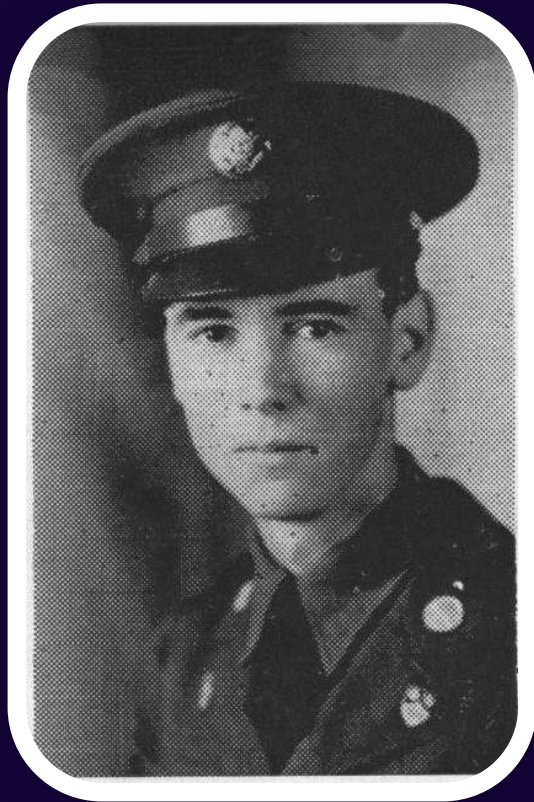
### **New Newsletter Exchanges**

Pioneer Museum & Historical Society, Marietta, OK

South Plains Genealogical Society, Lubbock, Texas

*We don't currently exchange newsletters with a Society in an area you research? Send us the Society info and we will request to exchange newsletters with them.*

## Veteran Spotlight



### **CPL. Presley Dale Johnson**

Son of Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Hugo. Enlisted March 7, 1940. Received training at Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Knox, Ky., Radio operator.

Wounded Dec. 8, 1943 in the Italian campaign. Killed in action Jan. 31, 1944.

Cpl. Johnson is buried at the Fort Smith National Cemetery, Fort Smith, Sebastian, Arkansas.



Photo courtesy of Marcus K. Mayville



### Beulah Magalene (Holder) Wharton (1912 - 1994)



Beulah (Holder) Wharton



Wharton Family  
Mark, Vincent, Beulah (Holder)

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#### WHARTON, Beulah Magalene (Holder)

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Funeral services for Beulah M. Wharton were held Monday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at the Soper Assembly of God Church. Mrs. Wharton died on August 6 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Wharton was born September 19, 1912 in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma to John W. and Zennie Mae (Ballard) Holder. She married Mark Elmer Wharton in Soper, Oklahoma on September 20, 1930. She was preceded in death by her husband in December 1975.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Roy E. "Buddy" Wharton of Texas and Vincent Wharton of Graham, Washington; two daughters: Louise Booth of Hugo, Oklahoma and Margie Johnson of Soper, Oklahoma; a brother, J. W. Holder of Three Creeks, Arkansas; a step-brother, Johnny Wilson of Soper, Oklahoma; two sisters, Beatie Reynolds of Colbert, Oklahoma and Edith Herron of Cartwright, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, two of which she raised, Michael and Thomas Wharton; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Reverend Raymond Duke officiated the services with burial following in Sugar Creek Cemetery under the direction of Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home.

*Hugo Daily News, 8/8/1994*

# Gone But Not Forgotten



Pictured left

## Holder Family

John William & Seanie Mae (Ballard) Holder and children, Son, Son, Bertha, Beedie, Beulah, Sarah (Sally), and baby Sadie.

(Beulah is in the middle between her parents.)

Photo circa 1916

Note: Not sure which two sons are pictured, Marion, Henry, or Earnest

Pictured below

## Wharton Family

Mark Wharton, Beulah (Holder) Wharton  
with children  
Vincent, Margie, Roy, Louise  
(Easter 1962)



Pictured above

## Holder Sisters

L to R: Bertha, Beedie, Beulah, Sarah (Sally), Sadie, Edith

You are missed! - RIP

## Choctaw County Recollections

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### Hugo, OK Tornado, Apr 1902

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE AT HUGO.

Property Loss from Saturday Night's Storm Estimated at \$15,000.

#### SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Hugo, I. T., April 6. — A severe storm visited Hugo about 9 o'clock last evening, causing much damage to property all over the town. A dozen buildings in course of construction were blown flat to the ground, and as many more were moved from their foundations, while a hundred smaller buildings today are turned over. The streets are covered with iron roofings, and a large number of fronts were entirely torn from many of the business houses. In some instances, timbers blown from one building on descending penetrated the roof or wall of another. No loss of life occurred. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. Among the greatest losers are the following:

J. P. Hutchens, business house and dwellings, blown down; loss \$500.

J. W. Sader, business house blown down; loss \$1,000.

Goodland Trading Company, two business house front destroyed; loss \$1,000.

H. H. Hopkins & Co., business house blown down; loss \$500.

R. R. Lee, business house blown down; loss \$500.

Kelly-Smith Grocery Company, business house front blown down; loss \$500.

Eagle Hotel, loss \$300.

Dallas Morning News, Dallas TX 8 Apr 1902

Source: [gendisasters.com](http://gendisasters.com)

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photographs, etc.  
you would like to see  
featured in our  
Choctaw County Recollections?  
Scan and email them to  
[choctawcountygensoc@live.com](mailto:choctawcountygensoc@live.com)  
or mail them to us at  
703 E. Jackson Street,  
Hugo, OK 74743***



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## CHOCTAW COUNTY

Choctaw County derives its name from "Chahta," the mythical founder of the Choctaw tribe. Containing a total land and water area of 800.68 square miles, the county is bordered by McCurtain County on the east, Bryan County on the west, Pushmataha and Atoka counties on the north, and the Red River and Texas on the south. The major water feature in Choctaw County is the Kiamichi River, which drains northwest to southeast into the Red River. The Muddy Boggy and Clear Boggy rivers (creeks) also drain into the Red. The county lies in the Coastal Plains physiographic region. U.S. Highway 70 passes east-west through most of the county's incorporated towns, those being Fort Towson, Sawyer, Hugo, Soper, and Boswell, and U.S. Highway 271 traverses north-south from west of Grant (also incorporated) to Hugo (the county seat) and north to Antlers in Pushmataha County. State Highways 109, 147, and 209 also serve residents.

Centuries before the first Europeans arrived, early Native peoples used the region. Archaeologists have studied only five Paleo-Indian (prior to 6000 B.C.) sites. A number of later period groups have resided or camped in the present county. At the beginning of the twenty-first century fifty-one Archaic (6000 B.C. to A.D. 1), forty-five Woodland (A.D. 1 to 1000), and fifty-four Plains Village (A.D. 1000 to 1500) sites were listed by the Oklahoma Archeological Survey. Several historic sites were also present.

Prior to statehood Choctaw County existed as a part of Jackson, Kiamichi, Cedar, and Towson counties of the Choctaw Nation. In 1824 the U.S. Army established Fort Towson, the second oldest fort in Indian Territory, in present Choctaw County. The Choctaw people began settling in the area in 1831–32 after their removal from the American South. Signing of the 1837 treaty for the final removal of the Chickasaws into the Choctaw Nation occurred at the town of Doaksville, located adjacent to the fort. Doaksville was the Chickasaw Nation's largest town and emerged as Indian Territory's most important regional agricultural and trading center. Both Towson and Doaksville served as capital of the Choctaw Nation at various times. Six miles east of present Hugo, Robert M. Jones, a wealthy Choctaw planter, built an elegant southern mansion that he named Rose Hill (burned in 1912). Jones owned more than two hundred slaves on his cotton plantations along the Red River. Tracing its roots to an 1848 Presbyterian mission among the Choctaw, the Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home, four miles south of Hugo, is one of Oklahoma's oldest such agencies still in existence. County Judge Thomas W. Hunter, called "the Godfather of the Choctaw," hailed from Boswell. In 1832 his father, Bina Ahanta, a mixed-blood, made the removal from Mississippi; his mother, Tennessee Hunter, was a white woman. Judge Hunter began his career as a teacher at Jones Academy, in 1902 unsuccessfully challenged Green McCurtain for the post of Choctaw chief, after statehood became the first mayor of Boswell, and later served eight terms in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Another important Choctaw County figure was Joel Spring, titled "the Father of Hugo," who operated a store at Goodland. When the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway built a line through the Choctaw Nation in 1902, he moved to Hugo.

As the railroad became more important, Hugo developed into a commercial center. The Webb Hotel was one of the most important stops on the line. Reportedly, in the 1920s sixteen passenger trains stopped at the town each day, enabling travelers to take advantage of the Webb's facilities. Rail service remained a transportation factor, with the Kiamichi Railroad Company (KRR) providing east-west and north-south lines.

Agriculture, ranching, and the lumber industry have supported the county's economy. In 1910, when cot-

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ton reigned as the chief crop, the census counted 2,040 farms. Before World War II tenant farmers worked the majority of the farms. Tenants numbered 73 percent of all operators in 1930. By the 1930s corn, oats, prairie hay, and peanuts diversified the county's agricultural activities. By the end of the twentieth century, when farms numbered 991 and involved 337,961 acres, soybeans, vegetables, and corn were the main crops. A vegetable-processing industry thrived, and petroleum and crushed stone were also economic assets. The Kiamichi Area Vocational School and the Western Farmers Electric Cooperative were located in Hugo. Retail businesses and health care were the largest employers.

At 1907 statehood Choctaw County was created with Hugo as its seat. In 1910 the population stood at 21,862. A decline of several thousand between 1920 and 1930 brought the total to 24,142. By 1950 it had dropped to 20,405; in 1960 there were 15,637 residents. There were 15,141 in 1970, 17,203 in 1980, 15,302 in 1990, and 15,342 in 2000. In 2010 the county had a population of 15,205, of whom 64.9 percent were white, 16.5 percent American Indian, 10.9 percent African American, and 0.3 percent Asian. Hispanic ethnicity was identified as 2.8 percent.

Choctaw County residents have included a variety of personalities. Hugo was also the home of Oklahoma Gov. William Judson Holloway, who in 1929 succeeded Henry S. Johnston after his impeachment. The town is also the winter headquarters for Carson & Barnes Circus and the Kelly-Miller Brothers Circus. Called "Circus City," the town has reserved part of Mt. Olivet cemetery for performers. Among those interred there are circus founder D. R. Miller and rodeo champion bull-riders Freckles Brown, Lane Frost, and Todd Whatley. Another recreational amenity has been the annual Bill Grant Bluegrass Festival, attracting musicians and large audiences each summer. Hugo has also garnered recognition for its restoration of the Frisco Depot and the Harvey House Restaurant. The Hugo Dam on the Kiamichi River has added fishing and boating at Lake Hugo, attracting tourist dollars. Lake Raymond Gary, east of Fort Towson, also appeals to outdoors enthusiasts.

Historic properties of Choctaw County that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places include the Doaksville Town Site (NR 75001561), Spencer Academy (NR 75001562), Choctaw Chief's House (NR 71000660), and Fort Towson Cantonment (70000531).

James C. Milligan

Source: James C. Milligan, "Choctaw County," Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org) (accessed April 20, 2015).



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## SOPER, OKLAHOMA

Located in southwestern Choctaw County on U.S. Highway 70, Soper is situated eleven miles west of Hugo. In 1902 dwellings and businesses began to spring up in the area when the Arkansas and Choctaw Railway (A&C) built a line through present southern Choctaw County. The young community was named for Pliny L. Soper, an attorney for the A&C. The post office was established on April 12, 1903, with Malcom E. Walker as the first postmaster. That same year Walker built the first hotel and bought what was known as the Snippee Store. The store building soon housed a general mercantile, the post office, the Hicks Confectionery, operated by Walker's brother-in-law, L. W. Hicks, and a telephone office, operated by Walker's future wife, Lizzie Lee.

By 1904 Soper's first religious institution, the Methodist Church, was organized, as was its first school, a one-room affair taught by a Professor Amos from Athens, Arkansas. In 1906 the Bank of Soper was established with Thomas E. Oakes as president and J. T. Jeter as cashier. Capital assets were said to have been twenty-five thousand dollars. The bank building stood on the northeast corner of Main Street and U.S. Highway 70. In 1918 another bank was built on the west side of Main Street about halfway between Highway 70 and Paris Avenue. Both banks operated until 1923. After the Bank of Soper closed, the building housed several other businesses, including a dance hall, a cafe, several bars, a movie theater, and a series of grocery stores. In 1981 Jack Beavers and his wife operated the Soper Grocery in the seventy-five-year-old building, when it was destroyed by a fire.

By January 1, 1907, Walter L. Garner had founded the first newspaper, the *Soper Herald*. In 1914 Garner sold the newspaper to Roy E. Crossett, who named it the *Soper Democrat*. After thirty-three years Crossett ceased publishing the paper and sold the equipment to W. E. Schooler of Hugo.

Some of the businesses advertising in the early issues of the *Soper Herald* included Ellis Brother's Shoe Store, Dry Goods, and Apparel, C. L. Harris Dry Goods, Soper Drug Company, W. E. Larecy Store, L. W. Hicks Loans, Insurance, and Real Estate, Nail and Walker Furniture Store, and Jeter and Jeter Insurance.

At 1907 statehood Soper had 296 residents. By 1920 the population had reached 538. The town supported two doctors, two banks, four churches, a newspaper, and a new three-room school and had water and electric utilities. Agriculture provided the economic basis for the community, cotton being the main crop. At its economic peak the town had three restaurants, three cotton gins, two barbershops, and two hotels.

The 1940 census recorded 481 residents, a number that declined to 322 in 1970. In 1960 a tornado destroyed most of the downtown area's brick buildings. By 1990 the cotton fields had been converted to pasture land. The town had only one industry, a manufacturer of hay-baling equipment, but supported a grocery store, two convenience stores, a service station, two cafés, four churches, and two beauty shops. According to the 2000 census 300 people lived in Soper, and the 2010 census counted 261.

Altha Alder

Source: Altha Alder, "Soper," Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org) (accessed April 14, 2015).



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## Robert M. Jones (ca. 1808–1873)

A mixed-blood Choctaw leader, planter, and entrepreneur, Robert M. Jones operated large plantations and shipping concerns in Indian Territory. At the peak of his success he ran approximately twenty-eight trading stores, six plantations along the Arkansas and Texas borders, and a sugar plantation in Louisiana. The two largest plantations were Lake West, with almost five thousand acres near present Oberlin, and Rocky Comfort, with approximately ten thousand acres. He was the largest slaveholder in Indian Territory, owning approximately 225 slaves at any given time. His two steamboats had regular shipping to New Orleans.

Jones's greatest service to the Choctaw was in the long process of getting the "net proceeds" from the federal government. These were payments promised to the tribe for the land and improvements in Mississippi and Alabama when the tribe was forced to remove to Indian Territory in the 1830s. The Choctaw and Creek tribes elected Jones president of the "United Nations of the Indian Territory," and he was one of the most ardent secessionists in the region during the Civil War. He was most influential as the joint delegate from the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations to the Confederate Congress in Richmond, Virginia.

Jones also negotiated the Choctaws' post-war treaty with the federal government, which included the past payment of the "net proceeds." He regained his antebellum wealth by retaining his property and businesses and by selling forty-five hundred bales of cotton that he had earlier stored in New Orleans.

Jones did not believe that all Indians could follow his example of assimilation into the Anglo world. He later testified to the Shanks Commission, which was investigating Indian fraud, that most of the Choctaw desired to keep their tribal lands in common, and that if the Indians were forced to accept allotment, they would lose their nationality, and the tribe would end.



The Robert M. Jones home at Rose Hill  
David A. Stovall Collection; [http:// www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org)

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Jones died of malaria in 1873. Because his last will and testament was vague, the extent of his wealth remained unknown. In 1912 fire destroyed Rose Hill, Jones's two-story mansion near present Hugo, and all of his records and correspondence were lost as well. He is buried in the adjoining Rose Hill Cemetery, a property of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Michael L. Bruce

Source: Michael L. Bruce, "Jones, Robert M.," *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org) (accessed April 14, 2015).

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## **The Tragedy of Rose Hill (Transcription)**

By W. B. Morrison

Southeastern State Teachers College, Durant

Rose Hill, for all its beautiful name takes its place in Oklahoma History with the shadow of tragedy across it.

Seven miles southeast of the present city of Hugo, beautifully located on the uplands above the Red river bottoms, stood Rose Hill, the home of Col. Robert M. Jones, the largest slave-owner and probably the wealthiest Choctaw Indian of his day. This mansion—for it was a mansion—was erected a decade or more before the Civil war. It was a large two-story house, with spacious rooms and broad halls. Each of the first story rooms was finished in a different variety of wood, maple, walnut, mahogany. Great stone fireplaces opened into nearly every room. A colonial stairway led from the main hall to the second story, but there was also a secret stairway, known only to those familiar with the place. Most of the lumber for the mansion was shipped from Jefferson, Texas, and some of it all the way from New Orleans, while the handsome furniture came from the States or from Europe.

The house faced the south, and a broad veranda with high white posts added dignity to the approach from this quarter. A walk of marble slabs from the foot of the veranda steps down through the lawn toward the military road that passed near the mansion on the west side, on its way to the Red river and Paris. This lawn was full of well-kept flower beds, roses and shrubs, making the surroundings attractive and justifying the name. A deer park with a high fence adjoined the lawn. Farther to the southwest and beyond the road were the slave quarters. Around the entire mansion premises of several acres. Colonel Jones planted a hedge of cedars and these, now grown into great trees, remain one of the few landmarks of the historic place.

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The builder of Rose Hill mansion was one of the most notable and remarkable men ever produced by the Choctaw nation. Little is known of his ancestry except that he was a half-breed Indian, born in Mis-

issippi in 1808. When he was small a white man, probably connected with the early missionaries, became interested in him and saw that he received what education the local mission school could give. When 19 years old, he was sent to the Choctaw academy in Scott county, Kentucky, where he remained three years and received a certificate.

In addition to the certificate, Jones was given a letter signed by two of the teachers and one trustee of the academy. This letter throws so much light on the character and ability of young Jones that it is worth quoting, especially in view of the fact that the one trustee who signed it, Richard M. Johnson, just six years later became vice president of the United States with President Van Buren. It reads as follows:

In addition to the foregoing certificate, we should neither do justice to ourselves nor to Robert M. Jones without further stating to the public that our long acquaintance with and particular knowledge of Mr. Jones justify us to the full extent in stating that he is a young man of sterling worth, strictly honest and just in all his dealings with mankind; of a fine mind, well cultivated and improved; entertaining a high and dignified sense of honor; well qualified with a good English education for any ordinary business ; and in whom the utmost confidence may be placed as to integrity and ability on his part to discharge faithfully any duty he would undertake.

THEO. HENDERSON,

Teacher,

F. C. M'CALLA,

Asst. Teacher.

RH. M. Johnson,

Asst. Teacher.

When young Jones returned to his home, his guardian, who had husbanded the annuity payments due his ward, turned over to him \$1,800. Instead of squandering it in a few months, Jones invested the money in merchandise, and began a career of successful trading that eventually made him wealthy. Upon coming to the territory, in

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1832, with the tribal migration, he opened stores at a number of strategic points, Doaksville, Lukfata and Skullyville among them.

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He was particularly fortunate in the choice of store managers faithful to his interests and honest in handling his money. As may be expected from what is known of his character, Jones was always eminently fair with these men, a number of whom also rose to affluence. Whenever he made a little money, he bought a negro or two, and began clearing up and farming Red river bottom land. When sufficient land was cleared to justify it, he built a residence, a store, cabins for the negroes, placed an overseer in charge, and thus started a plantation.

By the time of the Civil war he had six such plantations along the Red river from Lake West, in what is now Bryan county, all the way to the Arkansas line. These were known in order as the Last West, Boggy, Rose Hill, Root Hog, Shawneetown and Walnut Bayou plantations. At one time he also owned a sugar plantation in Louisiana. Colonel Jones, at the height of his prosperity, is said to have owned 500 slaves and was probably worth \$1,000,000 or more when the war came. He operated two steamboats on the Red river and carried his own produce to the New Orleans markets, as well as supplying his stores with goods. The woods of the Red river section were full of his cattle, and for many years after the war his "R-J" brand was one of the best known in this section.

As might be expected, Colonel Jones stood high in the confidence of the Choctaw people and was always prominent in their councils. Possibly the highest honor he received was that of representative from the Choctaw nation to the Confederate congress at Richmond, Va. He was a man of personal piety, as was frequently attested by the old missionaries of the period. Whenever a missionary preacher came to Rose Hill, he assembled the negro slaves and had a sermon preached to them, if convenient.

Personally, Colonel Jones was large of stature, rather imposing and dignified in appearance, but at the same time very democratic and approachable. His great house was always open to the wayfarer,

and it is said that nearly every day there would be a number of strangers at his hospitable table, where abundant meals were served from imported china and cut glass. If the party included humble fullbloods, as well as white men of some note, the former would be served first, and always given every attention.

Colonel Jones was married three times. His first wife was Judith Walker, a sister of the famous Col. Tandy Walker of Civil war fame. The three children of this marriage all died in infancy. His second wife was Susan Colbert, a member of the well known Chickasaw family of that name. She was wealthy in her own right, but, like her husband, was quite democratic, presiding with much grace at Rose Hill, and welcoming rich and poor alike. She dressed in the latest New Orleans styles, as befitted a woman of her position, and much of the beauty of the Rose Hill mansion and grounds was due to her careful attention and good taste. While Colonel Jones rode horseback from plantation to plantation, a coach and team of coal black horses was kept at Rose Hill for his wife and family should they desire to go to Doaksville, or perhaps to Paris, Texas, where Colonel Jones also owned a fine home. Sarah Colbert bore Jones two children; a daughter, Frances, who married a man named Love, and a son, who died in infancy. Robert Love, a son of Frances Jones Love, later inherited the Shawneetown estate, and died some years ago at Clarkesville, Texas.

After the death of his second wife, in 1860, Colonel Jones married Miss Elizabeth Earle, one of the Cumberland Presbyterian missionary teachers at Armstrong academy. Of the five children of this marriage, only two lived to maturity, Robert Jr., and Mary, who later married G. G. Randell. However, the old planter did not long survive the war, the loss of his slave property, and the despoiling of his Choctaw people, and on Feb. 22, 1873, he passed away.

After this event, tragedy began to stalk about Rose Hill. About a year after the death of Colonel Jones, his widow married Dr. Samuel Bailey, the plantation physician. He became administrator of the estate, and while he was from all reports, an



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able and energetic man, was naturally not very well liked by the relatives, who believed that he was enriching himself at their expense. Later, he and his wife made the Boggy plantation their home, though he gave personal attention to several of the farms.

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The negroes have a superstition that cedar trees bring trouble and death—that if you plant one, sorrow will surely arrive when the tree grows tall enough for its shadow to cover a grave. However this may be, it will be remembered that the entire Rose Hill estate is surrounded by a cedar hedge. They had by this time become stately trees casting their somber shadows over the sunny hillside. Time ran on until the fall of 1882, when according to Choctaw law young Robert Jones became of age. He and other heirs of Colonel Jones began to demand a prompt settlement of the estate. Bailey paid little attention to them except to tell them that he would make a settlement in due time. Not long after this, Bailey was at the Lake West farm loading cotton to sent to Caddo, then one of the most important towns on the Missouri-Kansas & Texas railroad.

Robert Jones and his nephew, Robert Love rode up before the wagons left and repeated their demand for a settlement, which request was again refused. In the quarrel that followed, the boys shot Bailey to death. His body was taken back to the mouth of Boggy and buried there. Sentiment was so largely in favor of the youths that neither of them suffered any penalty for the deed. However, the next year when Robert Jones went down to the Boggy farm on some matter of business, Tom Young, who had been Baileys overseer, attempted to arrest him on the old charge, but friends interfered and in a general shooting affray, Young was killed. Jones made his escape, but a short time afterward the news came of the death of the unfortunate young man at St. Louis. His body was brought to Paris, Texas for burial though some say it was afterward removed to Rose Hill.

After dissension and tragedy cast their blight over the old estate, members of the Jones family con-

nection rarely resided there for any length of time, and the place soon fell into decay. It was natural that a house with such associations and history should acquire the reputation of being haunted, which made it still more difficult to retain tenants. Stories of ghostly sighs, of doors being opened by unseen hands, of shadowy figures moving up and down the stairways were common, and were implicitly believed by the negroes, if not by the white occupants of the house in those days.

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An ordinary family could not use much more than half of the room space; most of the negroes, who once had swarmed about the estate, had moved away and except for an occasional country dance that on some winter evening again brought a crowd into the spacious halls, the glory and life once pulsing about Rose Hill was gone forever. It is said that the notorious Belle Starr on one of her trips to Paris, Texas, attended a dance at the old house during this period. Many years later while Rose Hill was in charge of the parents Will W. Biard of Hugo, an "old timer" came up to the house one day and, as was frequently the case, asked the privilege of looking the place over. Coming into the great front room or parlor, he remarked, "The last time I was in this room, I danced with Belle Starr; she was a mighty bad woman, but sure a good dancer."

The curtain fell on Rose Hill in 1915 when the mansion and most of the out buildings burned to the ground. Today only a crumbling heap of stones mark the spot where it stood. Near the ruins a rent house has been erected for the use of the present tenant of the farm. The estate was allotted by Miss Randall, grand-daughter of Colonel Jones who is living at present in California. Few evidences of the former importance of the place remain. It is now isolated and more than a half mile from even a county road.

Near the well may be seen a giant iron pot, more than six feet in diameter, said to have been used in slavery times for the making of salt from the saline waters of a neighboring creek. And a short distance to the east, surrounded by an iron picket fence, is the little cemetery where lie the bodies of Colonel Jones and many members of his family. Most of them have elaborate tombstones. That of Colonel Jones bears

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the compass and square of the Masonic fraternity. Scattered about the grounds, as on the site of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," are to be seen domestic vines or trees now strangely out of place in their wild surroundings.

All about the place in stately rows, the great cedars stand like melancholy sentinels. Rose Hill is but a memory.

We always have a degree of sympathy for the large, helpless man whose hands and feet are always in his way, who is tied up to a clean-cut woman, who looks like she had been whittled out with a knife.

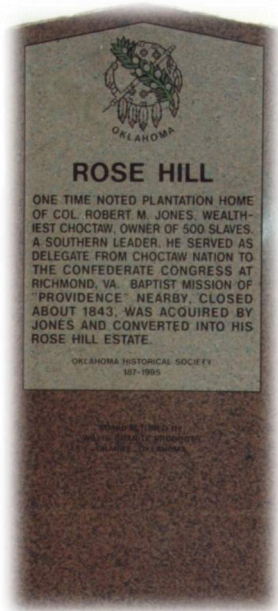
There are a lot of folks who are always willing to do their share if you will accord them the privilege of deciding what their share should be.

The books we know the least about are the greatest books in the world.

A really good woman is God's greatest blessing, and a bad one is the devil's greatest ally.

*The Daily Oklahoman.* (Oklahoma City, Okla.), Vol. 36, No. 60, Section D, Sunday, 11 Mar 1928

Rose Hill Historical Marker



## Rose Hill

### Old Land Mark Burned Last Week

The once famous and historic dwelling located at Rose Hill six miles southeast of Hugo burned last Friday night.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The night before the fire occurred in the morning, there was a dance in the old manor house, but there was no sign of fire anywhere when the guests and the tenant left shortly before the fire was discovered.

The loss is considerable, as it is understood there was no insurance.

This was one of the oldest and most noted buildings in the entire Choctaw Nation. It was built in antebellum days and at a time when there was no saw mill in this, the then considered western country, consequently the lumber was shipped by boat up the Red River from New Orleans. This old two story, eight-room building was situated on a hill overlooking a large lawn sloping to the south in which shrubbery, evergreens, and rose bushes grew in profusion. Special attention seemed to have been given to the selection and cultivation of roses, and in spring and summer while this great collection of "thorned shrubbery" was in bloom the hill side had the appearance of a solid bed of roses, and it was thus that it acquired its name, Rose Hill. To the south on an opposite hill, was a general merchandise store, grist mill and a cotton gin. For a long time this was the leading trading point for Kiamichi county.

The builder and original owner of Rose Hill was Robert M. Jones, a full blood Choctaw Indian, who enjoyed the distinction of being one of the wealthiest members of his tribe, owning several hundred negro slaves, many horses and cattle, large farms— including a large sugar plantation in Louisiana—and a fifty thousand dollar mansion in Paris, Texas. A few years after the close of the war Jones died and his widow married Dr. Samuel Bailey, formerly of Kentucky. Later, Robert M. Jones, Jr., a son and heir of Robert M. Jones, Sr., and commonly known as "Little Bob," together with his kinsman, Robert M. Love, killed Bailey over a division of the estate. Soon after the murder of Bailey, "Little Bob" and others killed Tom Young, an acting U. S. marshal.

"Little Bob" then fled the country and is said to have committed suicide in St. Louis. Mary Jones, a daughter, married W. W. Randell, and it was one of her children, Elizabeth Randell, who finally inherited this old homestead.

*The Choctaw Herald.* (Hugo, Okla.), Vol. 5, No. 37, Ed. 1 Thursday, February 23, 1911

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## Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places 2010 Announced

...**Rose Hill Plantation** was one of multiple plantation properties along the Red River owned by the prominent Choctaw Nation member Robert Jones. Rose Hill Plantation is located approximately five miles southeast of Hugo, Oklahoma on the uplands above the Red River in Choctaw County. Rose Hill served as Jones' summer residence while Lake West, also in Oklahoma, served as his winter residence. Jones is known to have controlled thousands of acres on the six plantations, owned over 200 slaves, owned two steamboats and operated many stores/trading posts.

Hidden from view from the nearest road by large growth trees and undergrowth, all that remains of the plantation are scattered foundations, large growth cedar trees and the plantation cemetery. The property is significant for its association with Robert Jones and its archeological potential...

*Preservation Oklahoma News*, Vol. XVI, No. 3,  
April 2010

## Rose Hill

Rose Hill, constructed before the Civil War, was the plantation home of Colonel Robert M. Jones, the wealthiest citizen of the Choctaw Nation. At one time, he owned 500 slaves to farm the land along the Red River. His mansion was decorated with crystal chandeliers imported from Europe. Rose Hill burned to the ground on Christmas night 1912. Only a row of massive cedar trees mark the site of the home today. Nearby, Jones is buried with his wife and children in a family cemetery.

Located on US-70, 2 miles east of Hugo

Source: <http://www.okhistory.org>



**Rose Hill Plantation**  
**2011 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places**

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Indian Pioneer Papers Collection

Robert M. Jones Burial Ground (Hugo, Oklahoma), interview by Hazel B. Greene, 30 Jun 1937, Vol. 113.

The University of Oklahoma Western History Collections

GREENE, HAZEL B. CEMETERIES-CHOCTAW.  
Rose Hill.

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Form B-(S-149)

BURIAL GROUND FORM  
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field worker's name Hazel B. Greene

This report made on (date) June 30. 193 7

(at Rose Hill)

1. Name (if any) of burial ground Robert M. Jones

2. Founded (date) 1845 By Robert M. Jones.

3. Abandoned (date) 1873 Why abandoned Family moved away.

4. Present owners of premises Miss Lizzie Lou Randell.

Address of present owners J. H. Randell, guardian, Dennison, Texas.

NOTE: Answer fully, if possible, questions 5 to 13 inclusive, here or on sheets firmly attached to this form.

5. Original owners of premises. Robert M. Jones

6. Give names of other persons who at one time owned the premises.

7. Approximate number of graves. ten (10)

8. Approximate number of marked graves seven (7)

9. General condition of headstones, including inscriptions. Good; One cracked.

10. Number of inscriptions copied and attached. seven (7) (Place each inscription on a separate sheet and attach all to this form)

11. Any other information you were able to gather about the burial ground including its history.

12. Condition of the premises Splendid

13. Detailed location of burial ground. 1 m. E. 1/4 m. S. 1/4 m. E. then 1/2 m. S.

14. Legal location of burial ground, County SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Choctaw County.

Section 5 Township 7 South Range 18 East.

(north)

The plat on this form represents 640 acres, one square mile, and is subdivided into 40 acre tracts. The center of the section, and burial ground should be located accordingly. If possible, make additional subdivisions on plat to give more accurate location.

Number of sheets attached to this form 9




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Today, June 29, 1937, this field worker drove out to the much talked of Rose Hill, the home of the full-blood Choctaw Indian, Robert M. Jones. We approached a clearing with an almost fallen down boxed farm house in it. An iron pump was in the front yard of it, and there were two of the famous old pots so much talked of. It is a fact that one of them will possibly hold three hundred gallons, maybe more; the other one probably thirty. They have flared rims. I saw no legs to them and they are being used to water stock out of.

Around this clearing are dozens of fine cedar trees, some of them loaded with blue berries. The old driveway, or at least the walk from the front of the house, is outlined with immense cedars. There are only mounds of dirt and a few rocks to show where the four chimneys stood, two of which were supposed to be of the stack or double variety. No sign of the old house which Ralph Echade, the man who lives there, said burned one Christmas night following a dance in the house that night, in about 1911 or 1912.

W. P. A. workers are there constructing a stone wall around the Robert M. Jones cemetery. This work is being sponsored by the State Historical Society of Oklahoma. The wall averages five feet in height, is eighteen inches wide, topped by cement rounded covering, reinforced with steel. The wall is built of native stone, cemented together.

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Some of the stones came from the old chimneys and foundation of the old house, others were hauled from Rattan, twenty-five miles away. There are one hundred and thirty-two yards of rock. The circular plot is about one hundred feet in diameter and about three hundred and thirty-six feet in circumference. There are slight elevations, or pillars, twenty and a half feet apart. It took approximately four hundred and twenty-five sacks of cement, ninety six pounds to the sack, to make these pillars. The wall is not in a perfect circle-it is irregular to go around the group of fine old Japanese Shumake or Sumac trees and giant cedars standing there, shading the ten or maybe more graves.

The workmen said they could be certain that there are ten graves there, but there might possibly be more. They had instructions not to clear them of the evergreen vine that trails over them all like a green carpet. Three of them are unmarked. The first one, a box like tomb covering grave, says simply:

CALEB M. EAREES.

died

December 8, 1872.

Aged, 75 years.

This <sup>is</sup> surrounded by about twenty-four inch iron fence. No gate.

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GREENE, HAZEL B. CEMETERIES-CHOCTAW.  
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Next is a grave with a part of a marble upright slab at head and feet, but no inscription on either one. The workmen took them up to see.

Next is the tall marble square tapered monument, seven feet eight inches tall, marking the grave of Robert M. Jones, himself, despite the fact that Mrs. Maude Carter of Goodland told me on June 15th that Robert Jones was killed and buried at the Randell farm and buried in the garden and without a tombstone. I think she must have meant Dr. Bailey. She was a child of ten when she went to Rose Hill, and it is easy to understand how a child might have been mistaken. She spoke, too, of the monuments in this cemetery looking like sentinels at night in the moonlight. If there were ever more than one, they are gone now. The balance of them are flat marble box-like and table-like slabs. She said, too, that the stairway in the hall <sup>was</sup> of marble. Mrs. Samples who lived there in 1897 said there was no marble there and W. W. Biard of Hugo, who lived in the house from 1900 to 1910, says the stairs were not of marble.

W. W. Biard says, though, that the walk from the front steps to the gate leading into the deer park, was composed of broken pieces of marble. But that there was no marble stairway. Mrs. Maude Carter lived in the house

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four years beginning in 1886, ten years prior to when Mrs. Samples lived there and nearly fifteen prior to when Biard lived there. Perhaps the marble pieces in the walk were from that staircase and perhaps the marble had been so placed on the staircase that when it was removed that it did not tear down the stairway. She was positive, and I do not doubt her veracity. I saw pieces of marble walk here in town that were supposed to have come from Rose Hill.

The iron gate in this wall that surrounds the Jones cemetery is flanked by two feet square pillars, four feet apart, and six feet high. The iron gate is five and a half feet high. On one pillar is a plaque, inscribed: U. S. A. 1936-1937. W. P. A. A memorial niche is left on the east side of the gate in which the Historical Society of Oklahoma may place a "cornerstone". At another place is the number of the Project, No. 1565-8016 W. P. A.

There are eleven big sumac trees and nine big cedars inside this enclosure. Visitors have carved their initials on some of them.

There are graves of three children, born in 1864, 1866, and 1867, respectively. One over nine months old, the others ten and thirteen days old, evidently the children of Robert M. Jones and his second wife, because his first (Indian) wife died in 1860. These are all in one enclosure. Evidently, too,



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the Randell children were grandchildren of the first Mrs. Jones because the boy was sixteen years old in 1897, and the girl was fourteen.

This morning, in a talk with Lem W. Oakes, 80-year-old pioneer Choctaw Indian who was reared down near Goodwater, he said that he was personally acquainted with Robert M. Jones of Rose Hill and that Jones was almost a full-blood Choctaw Indian, about as near as possible not to be one.

Mr. Oakes went on to say that Jones' first wife was a Choctaw Indian but he did not know just how much; but Jones' second and last wife was a white woman who married a Dr. Bailey after Robert Jones died. Then, in an argument over a hundred bales of cotton down at the Lake West farm, Robert Love, a grandson of Jones, and Robert Jones, a son of Mrs. Bailey by Robert Jones, killed Dr. Bailey and Dr. Bailey is buried at the Randell farm.

Lem Oakes is undoubtedly a very good authority on the history of this locality.

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In a talk with R. L. Cook this morning; he told me that he has been leasing the Rose Hill farm for thirty years from J. H. Randell, of Dennison, Texas, who is guardian for Robert Randell's daughter who is an incompetent, and who has never married. That is R. L. Cook's story. He says, too, that that place was this girl's allotment. She is part Indian.

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Rose Hill Cemetery  
Four miles southeast of  
Hugo, Oklahoma.

SACRED TO  
THE MEMORY OF

George W. Jones.

The beloved son of

Robert and Susan Jones.

Born the 14th of April, 1840.

And departed this life, on the,

21st of August, 1845.

It is a consolation to his bereaved parents  
who believe that in the innocence of infancy, his  
soul rests in the regions of the bliss.

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SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

SUSAN.

The beloved wife of

Robert M. Jones,

Who departed this life,

January 13, 1860.

In the 50th year of her age.

On the gate it says: Death has bereft us of the  
presence, but cannot take  
fond remembrance.



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Marble slab, flat on marble legs, twenty inches high.  
like table legs, six or eight inches in diameter.  
Rounded and ridged around, like table legs. Iron  
fence, four feet eight inches high, huge iron knobs  
on fence and gate. All grown over with moss.

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IN MEMORY OF

ROBERT M. JONES

Born October 1, 1808.

Died February 22, 1873.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright,  
for the end of that man is peace.

Surrounded by an Iron fence three and a half feet high.  
The marble slab is on marble legs, like a table. Cov-  
ers grave. A marble slab in addition to the seven foot,  
eight inch monument.

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CALEB M. EARLES.

died

December 8, 1872.

Aged, 75 years.

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MOSS-like moss covered tombstone covers grave, surrounded  
by iron fence about two feet high and no gate.

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GREENE, HAZEL B. CEMETERIES-CHOCTAW.  
Rose Hill. 6474

Inside a three-foot high iron fence with a gate are three graves, all covered with marble slabs, laid on foundations of marble, making them box-like. Each grave under a separate slab.

The first was,

In memory of

Henry E. Jones,

Born July 21, 1864,

Died July 31, 1864,

10 days' old.

The second was,

In memory of

Jimmie Jones,

Born March 22, 1866,

Died November 5, 1866.

The third was,

In memory of

Frank Jones,

Born Aug. 12, 1867,

Died Aug. 25, 1867.

Evergreens completely cover all the graves. They had to be brushed aside to be able to read the epitaphs. Eight feet from the foot of George is a grave with a limestone head marker. Small stone at foot. No inscription.

## Featured Family

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### Parents of Dudley Enoch Willison

James W. Willison & Mary Jane Campbell

### **Dudley Enoch Willison**

B. 15 Jan 1888, Cooper, Lamar, Texas

D. 7 May 1968, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Married: 7 May 1906, Antlers, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory

Both Buried:

Antlers City Cemetery, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

### Parents of Eva Salena Gately

Henry Clay Gately & Rebecca Emmaline McConnell

### **Eva Salena Gately**

B. 3 Jun 1878, Dardanelle, Yell, Arkansas

D. 21 Jan 1925, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

### **Children:**

#### **Otto Ray Willison**

B. 11 Feb 1908, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

04 Mar 1993, Bethany, Oklahoma, Oklahoma

Buried: Antlers City Cemetery,  
Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Spouse: Georgia Luellen Spradlin

#### **Ralph Dudley Willison**

B. 8 Jan 1911, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

D. 24 Dec 1985, Pomona, Los Angeles, California

Buried: Pierce Brothers Crestlawn Memorial Park & Mortuary,  
Riverside, Riverside, California

Spouse: Allene Culp

#### **Golden Willison**

B. 5 Feb 1913, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

D. 25 Nov 1976, Ardmore, Carter, Oklahoma

Buried: Graham Cemetery,  
Graham, Carter, Oklahoma

Spouse: Dow Renels Robertson

#### **Coy Willison**

B. 26 Nov 1914, Kent Community, Choctaw, Oklahoma

D. 19 Jan 1992, Kent Community, Choctaw, Oklahoma

Buried: Antlers City Cemetery,  
Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Spouse: Waneeta Cleo Morris

#### **Regnal Finis Willison**

B. 16 Sep 1919, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

D. 11 Dec 1937, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Buried: Antlers City Cemetery,  
Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Spouse: Never married



Dudley Enoch & Eva "Evie" Salena (Gately) Willison



# Featured Family

## Dudley's father, James Willison - 1900 Census

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Ed. 96-113  
Sheet 69-64  
Line 58-59

Enumeration District: 73  
Sheet Number: 4  
Enumeration Date: June 1900

### 1900 United States Federal Census

State: Indian Territory  
County: Choctaw Nation  
City, township: T7SR 13E

1852  
Call Number/URL: FRANK LEWIS

Line number	Location		Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.  <small>Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on June 1, 1900, except children born June 1, 1900.</small>	Relation of each person to the head of the family.	Personal Description				Nativity					
	Street	In Cities			Sex	Date of Birth Month Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced	Number of years of present marriage	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.	Place of birth of Mother of this person.
100			Campbell, Thomas	Head	W	M	July 1845	54	M	19	6	Miss	AL	GA
			Molly	Wife	W	F	Dec					TX	AL	Miss
			?	Son	W	M	Sept 1885	14	S			TX	Miss	TX
			Joe	Son	W	M	MAR 1890	10	S			TX	Miss	TX
			Dalton	Son	W	M	Dec 1891	8	S			TX	Miss	TX
			Maggie	Daughter	W	F	JAN 1894	6	S			I.T.	Miss	TX
			MARY (MAY)	Daughter	W	F	MAR 1896	4	S			I.T.	Miss	TX
			Wilson, James	Head	W	M	July 1855	45	M	10		TX	CONN	

1900

NOTES:

Line number	Citizenship		Occupation, Trade, or Profession of each person TEN YEARS of age and over.		Education		Ownership of Home				
	Year of immigration to the U.S.	Number of years in the U.S.	Occupation	Months not employed	Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or Rented	Mortgaged	Form or house	Number of farm schedule
			FARMER	3	Y	N	Y	R		F	20
					N	N	Y				
					N	N	Y				
					N	N	Y				
					N	N	Y				
			FARMER	3	Y	N	Y	R		F	70

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## Dudley, his mother and siblings - 1900 Census

**1900 United States Federal Census**

Supervisor's Dist # 73  
 Enumeration District: 116  
 Sheet Number: 4 (1)  
 Enumeration Date: 11 Jun 1900

State: Indian Territory  
 County: Choctaw Nation  
 City, township: Tle.S.R.I.S.E  
 Call Number/URL: FRANK LEWIS

Line number	Location		Name	Relation	Personal Description				Nativity					
	In Cities	House number			Date of Birth	Sex	Color or Race	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced	Number of years of present marriage	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of Father of this person
51			WILSON, MARY	wife			33	M	10	5	4	Texas	Miss Texas	KY
			Dudley	SON			11	B				Texas	Texas	Texas
			WALTER	SON			18	B				Ind Ter	Texas	Texas
			Tommy	SON			16	B				Ind Ter	Texas	Texas
			Josie	Daughter			4	B				Ind Ter	Texas	Texas

**NOTES:**

Line number	Citizenship		Occupation, Trade, or Profession of each person TEN YEARS of age and over.		Education		Ownership of Home					
	Year of immigration to the U.S.	Number of years in the U.S.	Occupation	Months not employed	Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or Rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule	

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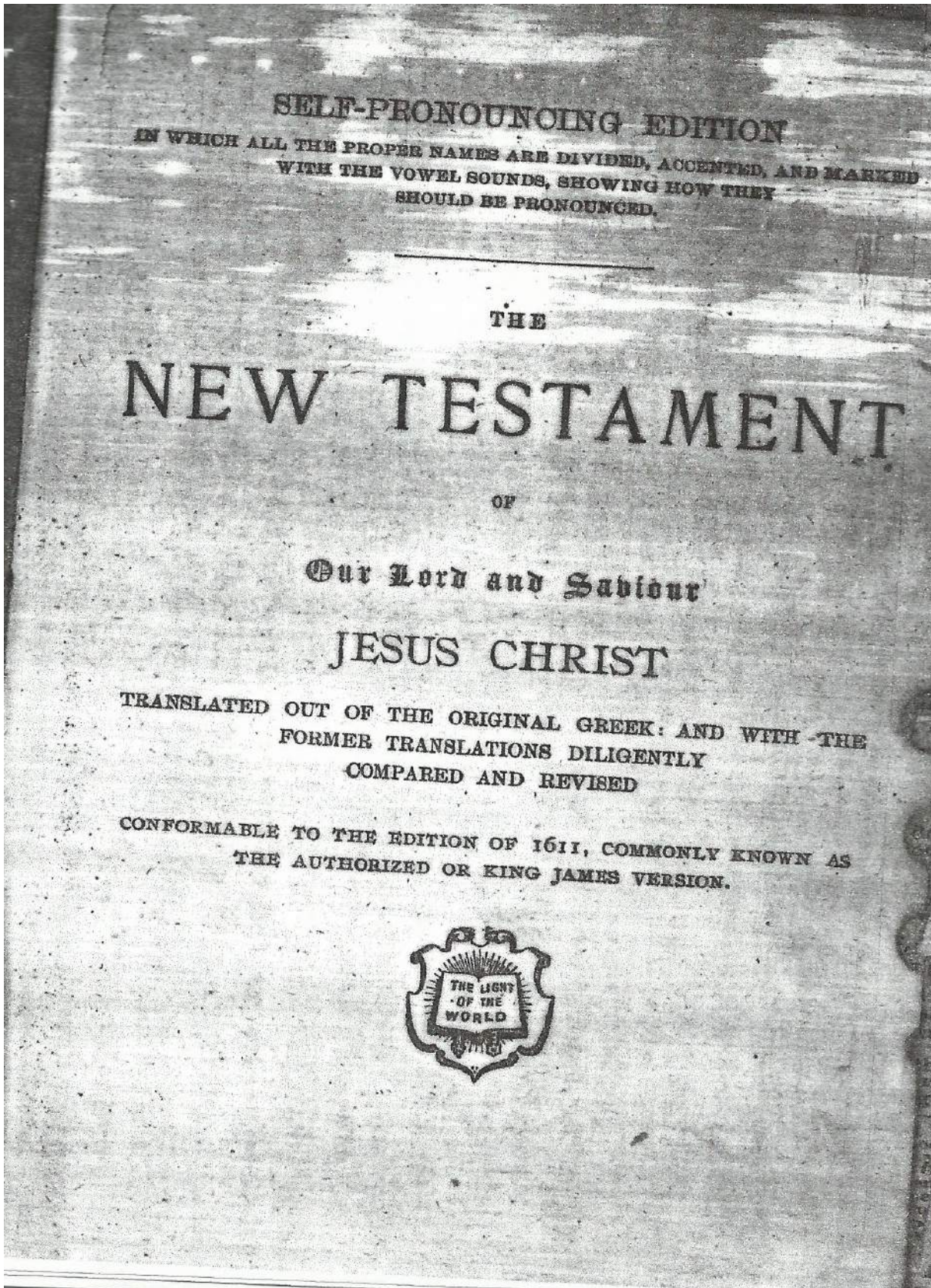
Only one day after his 20th birthday, Dudley lost his father. Over the course of only a few weeks, Dudley Willison lost nearly every member of his immediately family.

(AN-7 Feb 1908) The J. W. Willison family, (father, mother, three sons and one daughter) who live about two miles south of Antlers along the Frisco Railroad, has been almost annihilated in the last three weeks. On January 16 the father, J. W. Willison, died from measles and pneumonia. On January 30, the mother died with typhoid fever. On January 31 one son died and on February 1 another son died. Dudley Willison and Josephine Willison remain.

(AN-24 Jan 1908) J. W. Willison, living about two miles south of Antlers, died January 16 of measles followed by pneumonia. A former Confederate soldier, 63 years old, he had lived around Antlers for the past 19 years. Survivors are his wife, three sons and one daughter: Dudley, Walter, Thomas and Miss Josephine Willison. Burial in Antlers Cemetery.

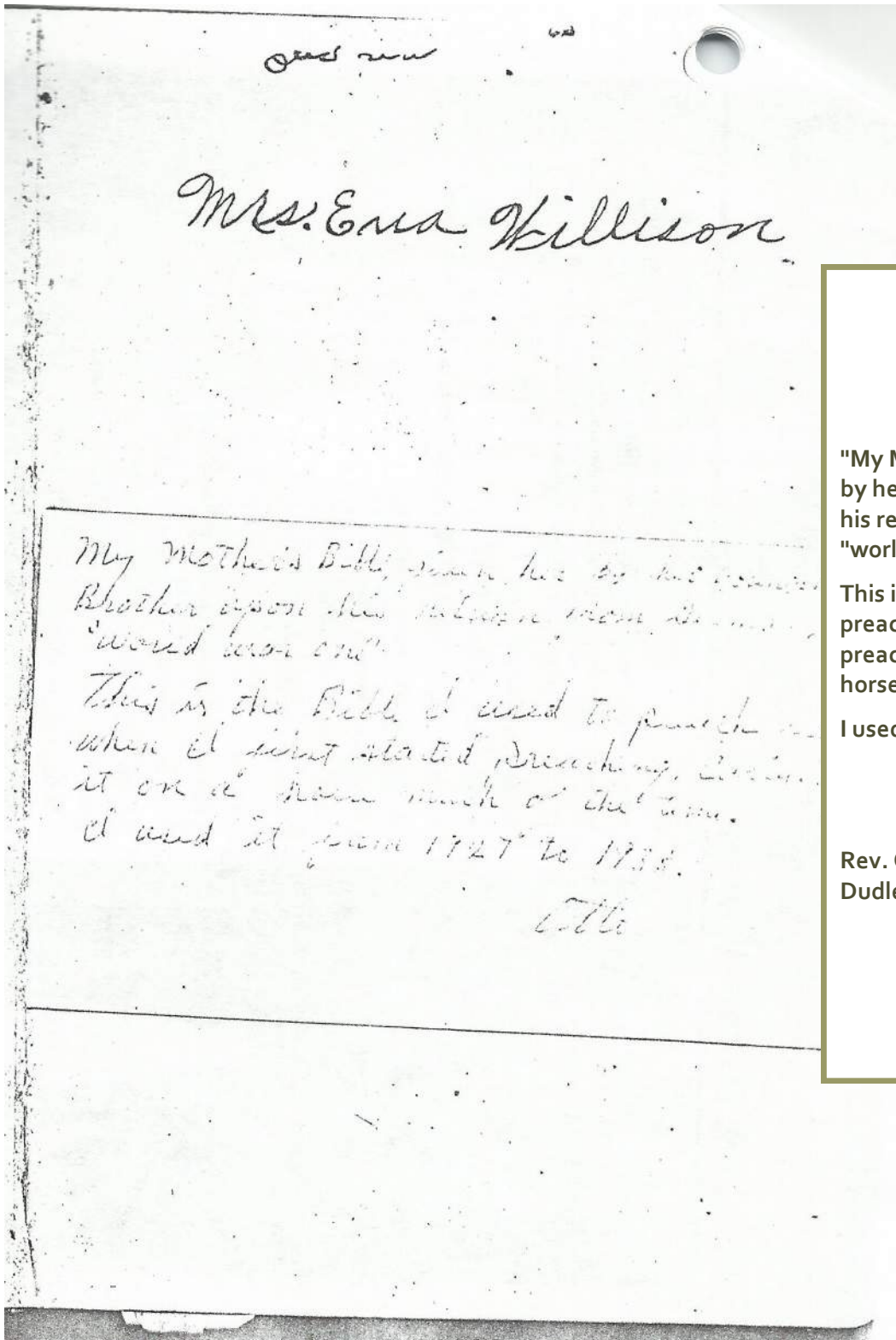
(AN-31 Jan 1908) Mrs. J. W. Willison died Thursday morning of typhoid fever. Interment Friday at Antlers Cemetery.







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"My Mother's Bible, given her by her youngest Brother upon his return from Germany in "world war one"

This is the Bible I used to preach from when I first started preaching. Carrying it on a horse much of the time.

I used it from 1927 to 1988."

Otto

Rev. Otto R. Willison, son of Dudley & Eva Willison



# Family Register

## PARENTS' NAMES.

Husband, *Dudley Eric Willison*

Born, *Jan. 15, 1888*

Wife, *Eva Willison*

Born, *June 3, 1878*

Married, *July 25 - 1906*



CHILDREN'S NAMES.

Otto Ray Willison born

Feb. 11 - 1908

Ralph Dudley Willison

Born Jan. 8, 1911

Walden Willison

Born Feb. 5, 1913

Coy Willison

Born Nov. 26, 1914

Reginal Willison

Born Sept. 16, 1919



MARRIAGES.



Otto Ray Willison and  
Georgia Lucille Spradlin

Ralph Dudley Willison and  
Allen Culp

Golden Willison and  
Dora Robertson

Coy Willison and  
Lula Mae Briggs

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## Dudley, Eva & Children - 1910 Census

### Thirteenth Census of The United States (1910 Census)

State Oklahoma County Choctaw Township or other Division of County Sakes Township Roll 4-A Sheet 4-A Dist. 1910

Form C10  
The Everton Publishers, Inc.  
P.O. Box 308, Logan, Utah 84321

Line	LOCATION		NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION				NATIVITY		Line			
	House number	Number of dwelling house			Color or race	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced	Number of yrs. present marr.	Number born living	Mother of how many children		Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person
1		5853	Willison Dudley	HEAD	M	W	22	M	2	0	0	TX	TX	TX
2			EVA	WIFE	F	W	32	M	2	6	4	ARK	TN	GA
3			OTTO	SON	M	W	2	S	-	0	0	OK	TX	ARK
4			COFER REBECCA	S/DAUGHTER	F	W	13	S	-	0	0	OK	ARK	ARK
5			ESTER	S/DAUGHTER	F	W	8	S	-	0	0	COL	ARK	ARK
6			CLYDE	S/SON	M	W	5	S	-	0	0	COL	ARK	ARK
7														
8														

1910

Line	CITIZENSHIP		Whether able to speak English; or, if not, give language spoken.	OCCUPATION		EDUCATION		OWNERSHIP OF HOME			REMARKS		
	Year of immigration to U.S.	Naturalized or Alien		Trade or profession of, or particular kind of work done by person, as spinner, safeman, laborer, etc.	General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which person works, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc.	Whether able to read.	Whether able to write.	Attended school any time since Sept. 1, 1909	Owned or rented	Owned free	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule	Whether Confederate Army or Navy
1	-	-	English	FRAMER	FARM	NO	NO	R	F	61	-	-	-
2	-	-	English	-	-	YES	YES						
3	-	-	English			YES	YES						
4	-	-	English			YES	YES						
5	-	-					YES						
6	-	-											
7	-	-											
8	-	-											



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## World War I Draft Registration Card

Form 1 **2253** REGISTRATION CARD **2084** No. **24**

1 Name in full **Dudley Enock Mellison** Age, in yrs. **29**  
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address **Aurhus Okla.**  
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth **Jan. 15 1888**  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural Born**

5 Where were you born? **Paris Tex**  
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Farmer**

8 By whom employed? **Self.**  
 Where employed? **Choctaw Co Okla**

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 17, or a sister or brother under 17, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? **Wife & children**

10 Married or single (which)? **Married** Race (specify which)? **C.**

11 What military service have you had? Rank **None** branch **Caucasian**  
 years: Nation or State

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

**D E Mellison**  
(Signature or mark)

(If person is of African descent mark of the father)

**35-1-5-A**

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? **med** Slender, medium, or stout (which)? **Slender**

2 Color of eyes? **gray** Color of hair? **Dark Brown** Bald? **NO**

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? **Shot finger.**

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

**E. P. Hodanus**  
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct **Jeter**  
 City or County **Choctaw**  
 State **Oklahoma**

**June 5 1917**  
(Date of registration)

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## Dudley, Eva, and children - 1920 Census

### 1920 United States Federal Census

State: OKLAHOMA  
 County: PUSHMATAHA  
 City, township: Autlers

Superior's Dist #3

Enumeration District: 224  
 Sheet Number: 218  
 Enumeration Date: 12 Feb 1920

Call Number/URL: E.H. Wallace

Line number	Place of Abode				Name  of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family	Relation		Tenure		Personal Description				Citizenship			Education		
	Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number or farm number	Dwelling Number	Number of family in order of visitation		Relationship of this person to the head of the family	Home owned or rented	If owned, free or mortgaged	Sex	Color or Race	Age at last birthday	Single, married, widowed, or divorced	Year of immigration to the United States	Naturalized or alien	If naturalized, year of naturalization	Attended school anytime since Sept. 1, 1919	Able to read	Able to write	
Line number	Nativity and Mother Tongue  Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in United States, give state or territory. If foreign birth, give the place of birth, and, in addition, the mother tongue.										Occupation			Ancestry* Census Form 014					
	Person	Father	Mother	Mother Tongue	Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	Place of Birth	Mother	Mother Tongue	24	25	26	27	28	29				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34				
105	TXAS	TXAS	U.S.	U.S.	Head	0	M	W	32	M	13				Yes	Yes			
	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	Georgia	Tennessee	Wife			W	42	M					Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	TEXAS	ARKANSAS	SON			W	12	S				Yes	Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	TEXAS	ARKANSAS	SON			W	9	S				Yes	Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	TEXAS	ARKANSAS	Daughter			W	7	S				Yes	Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	TEXAS	ARKANSAS	SON			W	5	S				Yes	Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	TEXAS	ARKANSAS	SON			W	5/12	S									
	OKLAHOMA	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	Step Daughter			W	23	M					Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	Step SON			W	25	M					Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS				W		M					Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS				W		M					Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS				W		M					Yes	Yes			
	OKLAHOMA	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS				W		M					Yes	Yes			

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## Dudley & children - 1930 Census

State: OKlahoma      Supervisor's Dist. # 12  
 County: PUSHMATAHA      Enumeration District: 646  
 City, township: Arkless Township (part) Township 4 S, Range 17 E      Call Number/URL: Miss Clara Lewis Falls  
 Sheet Number: 58 (9/10)      Enumeration Date: 10-11 Apr. 1930

### 1930 United States Federal Census

Line number	PLACE OF ABODE			NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any Exclude every person living on April 1, 1930, and children born since April 1, 1930.	RELATION Relationship of this person to the head of the family	HOME DATA			PERSONAL DESCRIPTION					PLACE OF BIRTH					
	Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities or towns)	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation			Number of family in order of visitation	Home owned or rented	If owned, or monthly rental, if rented	Radio set	Lives on this farm?	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Married condition	Age at first marriage	Attended school or college since Sept. 1, 1929	Whether able to read and write	PERSON	FATHER
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			87	87	Head	R			Yes	M	W	24	W	15	No	No	Texas	United States	United States
					SON				Yes	M	W	15	S		No	Yes	OKlahoma	Texas	Arkansas
					SON				X	M	W	9	S		Yes	Yes	OKlahoma	Texas	ARKANSAS
					Daughter				X	F	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	OKlahoma	Texas	ARKANSAS
					SON				X	M	W	19	S		No	Yes	OKlahoma	Texas	ARKANSAS

Line number	MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BORN			CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY		EMPLOYMENT		VETERANS			No. of farm schedule	
	Language spoken in home before coming to the United States	State	Country	Year of immigration to the United States	Naturalized or alien	Whether able to speak English	OCCUPATION Trade, profession, or particular business, occupation, employment, public school, etc.	INDUSTRY Industry or business, agriculture, stock raising, shipping, public school, etc.	Code (for office use only)	Whether actually at work	Line number	Whether a veteran of the U.S. military or naval service for any war or expedition		What year or expedition
21	A	B	C	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
						Yes	FARMER	FARMING	WWW	0	Yes	No		74
						Yes	NONE							
						Yes	NONE							
						Yes	NONE							
						Yes	LABORER	FARMING	WWW	NP	Yes			

NOTES: House 84 Ester Colleen Holt  
House 88; Otto Wilson  
House 89; Dow Robertson

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In 1937, Dudley buried his youngest child.

**ANTLERS YOUTH BURIED  
HERE MONDAY AFTERNOON**

Regnal Finis Willison, 18-year old son of D. E. Willison of Antlers, died of pneumonia here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. -

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. M. R. Archer, pastor, officiating. Interment was made at the City Cemetery.

Pall bearers were schoolmates: Luther David Anderson, James Epling, F. W. Bruce, Russell Inman, Robert Wood and Choen Gallegly.

The deceased is survived by three sisters and four brothers.

Woodruff-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Antlers American, 16 Dec 1937



Antlers City Cemetery  
Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma





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## Dudley & Granddaughter - 1940 Census

ENUMERATION IN: Sheet No. 4A  
 DATE: Apr 1 26 1940  
 SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT: 3  
 ENUMERATED BY: Margaret Miller  
 INSTITUTION: 12-16

L	STAT. COUN.	TOWNS	INCORP.	WARD	CITY	SHIP	HOUSEHOLD DATA	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION			EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITI-ZEN-SHIP
										Color or Race	Age at Last Birthday	Marital Status			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	107	0	50	Yes	1	William Dudley	Head	M	W	52	W	No	2	Texas	86
2	X	X	X	X	X	Sabah, Rena	Granddaughter	F	W	16	S	No	10	Oklahoma	81

HOUSEHOLD DATA:  
 1. Home owned (O) or rented (R): 0  
 2. Value of home or Monthly rental if rented: 50  
 3. No. of household in order of visitation: 107  
 4. Farm? (Yes or No): Yes  
 5. Name of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household:  
 BE SURE TO INCLUDE:  
 1. Persons temporarily absent from household. Write "Ab" after names of such persons.  
 2. Children under 1 year of age. Write "Infant" if child has not been given a first name.  
 3. If a child has not been given a first name, write "Eater" after name of person furnishing information.

PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER - EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
 OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, AND CLASS OF WORKER  
 For a person at work, assigned to public emergency work, or with a job ("Yes" in col. 21, 22, or 24), enter present occupation, industry, and class of worker.  
 For a person seeking work ("Yes" in col. 23); (a) if he has previous work experience, enter last occupation, industry, and class of worker; or (b) if he does not have previous work experience, enter "New worker" in Col. 28, and leave Col. 29-30 blank.

Line No.	Was this person AT WORK for pay or profit in private or nonemergency Govt. work during week of March 24-30?		If not, was he at work on, or assigned to, public emergency work (WPA, NYA, CCC, etc.) during week of March 24-30?		If neither at work nor assigned to public emergency work ("No" in cols. 21 & 22)		For persons answering "No" to questions 21-24.		If at private or nonemergency Govt. work.		If seeking work or assigned to public emergency work.		Occupation	Industry	Class of Worker
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					
1	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	engaged in home household (H), in school (S), unable to work (U), or other (O):	Number of hours worked during week of March 24-30, 1940.	Duration of unemployment up to March 30, 1940 - "Yes" in col. 22 or 23	Trade, profession, or particular kind of work, as -	Industry or business, as -		Farmer	Farmer	FA

Note:  
 Neighbors were -  
 Ruthie Fay Burnett  
 And  
 S.R. Wall  
 (brother of  
 Dove Mae)

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Dudley Enoch Willison with his dog, Lassie - Sep 1960



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LOCAL REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 37		STATE OF OKLAHOMA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH				STATE FILE NO. 10267
DECEASED - NAME 1. <b>Dudley E. Willison</b>		SEX 2. <b>male</b>	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 3. <b>5-7-68</b>			
RACE - White, Negro, American Indian, Etc. (Specify) 4. <b>white</b>		AGE - Last Birthday (Year) 5a. <b>80</b>	UNDER 1 YEAR 5b. <b>Mo. Days</b>	UNDER 1 DAY 5c. <b>Hours Min.</b>	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 6. <b>1-15-88</b>	
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH 7a. <b>Antlers</b>		INSIDE CITY LIMITS 7c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - NAME (If not in either, give Street and Number) 7d. <b>Pushmataha Hospital</b>		
STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., Name Country) 8. <b>Texas</b>		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY 9. <b>USA</b>		MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		SURVIVING SPOUSE (If Wife, Give Maiden Name) 11. <b>Donnie Lue</b>
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 12. <b>None</b>		USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) 13a. <b>retired</b>		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY 13b. <b>farmer</b>		
RESIDENCE - STATE 14a. <b>Oklahoma</b>		COUNTY 14b. <b>Pushmataha</b>	CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION 14c. <b>Antlers</b>		INSIDE CITY LIMITS 14d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	STREET AND NUMBER 14e. <b>Rt. 3</b>
FATHER - NAME 15. <b>James A. Willison</b>		MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME 16. <b>Mollie Campbell</b>		MAILING ADDRESS 17. <b>Bethany, Oklahoma</b>		
INFORMANT - NAME 17a. <b>Rev. Otto Willison</b>						
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))						
18. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>myocardial infarction</b>		DUPLICATE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:				Approximate Interval Between onset and Death <b>4 days</b>
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause (a), stating the underlying cause last						
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: (Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in part I)						
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/>		DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year) 20b.		HOUR 20c. <b>M.</b>	HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II, Item 18) 20d.	
INJURY AT WORK 20e. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		PLACE OF INJURY: At Home, Farm, Str., L., Factory, Office Bldg., Etc. (Specify) 20f.		LOCATION (Street or R.F.D. No., City or Town, State)		
CERTIFICATION - PHYSICIAN 21a. I attended the Deceased from <b>5/2/68</b> TO <b>5/9/68</b>		And Last saw him/her alive on <b>5/7/68</b>		I did/did not view body after death 21d. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		DEATH OCCURRED at <b>12:30 P.M.</b> 21e. at the place, on the date stated, and to the best of my knowledge, due to the cause(s) stated.
CERTIFICATION - MEDICAL EXAMINER OR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER On the basis of the examination of the body and/or the investigation, in my opinion, death occurred on the date and due to the cause(s) stated.						
CERTIFIER - NAME (Last or First) 23a. <b>H. W. Akins, D.O.</b>		SIGNATURE 23b. <i>[Signature]</i>		DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 23c. <b>5/11/68</b>		M.
MAILING ADDRESS - CERTIFIER 23d. <b>Antlers, Oklahoma</b>		Street or R.F.D. No., City or Town		State <b>74523</b>		
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) 24a. <b>Burial</b>		DATE 24b. <b>5 9 68</b>		CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME 24c. <b>Antlers City Cemetery</b>		
LOCATION (Cemetery or Crematory) 24d. <b>Antlers Oklahoma</b>		FUNERAL HOME - NAME AND ADDRESS (Street or R.F.D. No., City or Town, State, Zip) 24e. <b>Oklahoma Coffey Funeral Home Antlers, Okla. 74523</b>				
REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE 25a. <i>[Signature]</i>		DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. 25b. <b>5-17-68</b>		DATE RECEIVED BY STATE REGISTRAR 27. <b>MAY 21 1968</b>		

Dudley E. Willison - Death Certificate



## State Department of Health

ROGER C. PIRRONG

State of Oklahoma

STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73152

CERTIFIED COPY MUST HAVE EMBOSSED SEAL

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy, original of which is on file in this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the official seal to be affixed, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this date.

**OCT. 16, 1981** *[Signature]*  
STATE REGISTRAR



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Together Again



Dudley Enoch Willison, 1888-1968  
Antlers City Cemetery, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma



Eva (Gately) Willison , 1878-1925  
Antlers City Cemetery, Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

## Services for D. E. Willison Slated Today

Funeral services for Dudley E. Willison, 80-year-old pioneer resident of this area, will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, from the Church of the Nazarene here with Rev. Clifford Joines, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Antlers City cemetery under direction of Coffey Funeral home.

Willison died in Pushmataha hospital here Tuesday, May 7. He was born January 15, 1888, in Lamar county, Texas, but had spent most of his life in this area. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Donnie Lue; three sons, Rev. Otto Willison, Bethany, Ralph D. Willison, Lynnwood, Calif., and Coy Willison, Antlers; one daughter, Mrs. Golden Robertson, Lawndale, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Rebecca Barton, Silverton, Ore., and Mrs. Esther Holt, Belle Gardens, Calif.; one step-son, Clyde P. Cofer, Huntington Park, Calif., and 19 grandchildren.

Unknown Newspaper



## Featured Family

### Antlers Resident

Funeral services for Otto Ray Willison, 85, formerly of the Greenwood Community east of Antlers, were held Monday, March 8, 1993, at the Calvary Nazarene Church of Bethany.

Interment followed on Monday afternoon in the Antlers Cemetery.

Mr. Willison was born February 11, 1908 in the Greenwood Community and died March 4, 1993 in Deaconess Hospital of Oklahoma City. He retired as an ordained Elder from the Church of the Nazarene after serving his church as pastor and evangelist for thirty-six years.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Georgia, of the home; five children and spouses, Maxine and Albert Carltonk, Ray and Burlene Willison, Bobbie and Ervin Emmert, Janes (Rod) and Phyllis Lee Willison, Phyllis Ann and Chuck Robinson; two sister-in-laws; two nieces; two nephews; thirteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Those wishing to, may contribute to the Building Fund at the Antlers Nazarene Church.

### Sons of Dudley & Eva (Gately) Willison



Above - Antlers City Cemetery  
Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Left - Obituary for Otto R. Willison  
Antlers American, 18 Mar 1993

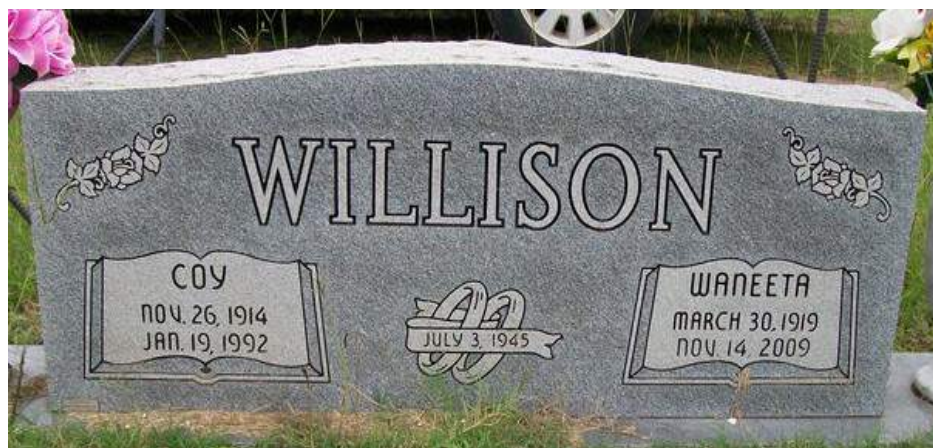
### Coy Willison

Funeral Services for Coy Willison were held Wednesday January 22, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. in the Antlers Nazarene Church. Interment followed at the Antlers City Cemetery.

Coy Willison was born November 26, 1915 in Kent. He was a carpenter. His hobbies were woodcrafting and the outdoors. He was a member of the Antlers Nazarene Church, Boy Scouts and Order Of The Arrow. He served in the Navy as a veteran of World War II stationed at Kodiak Island, Alaska. He died January 19, 1992 at his residence.

Surviving relatives include: his wife, Waneeta Cleo Willison of the home, one son, Ronald Coy Willison of Antlers; one daughter, Dona Joy Hale of Idabel; one step-daughter, Rena Frances Spinney of Pensicola, Florida; one brother, Otto Willison of Oklahoma City; thirteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Ceremonies were officiated by Rev. Paul Grundy and Olen Price and arrangements made by Mills and Coffey Funeral Services of Antlers.



Above - Antlers City Cemetery  
Antlers, Pushmataha, Oklahoma

Left - Obituary for Coy Willison  
Antlers American, 23 Jan 1992



## Featured Family

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### Willison Homestead



The Willison Family Farm was located on the Choctaw County side of the Choctaw-Pushmataha County line road south of Antlers, OK. But their mailing address was Antlers, OK. Coy Willison, my father, was born on this property under a tree that my Grandmother Eva Gately planted. This was at the first house place at the back of the property. The old well is still there. Since Kent school and church were only a few miles away, all of that area for several miles was called the Kent area.

We've had a couple of family members ashes spread over the Willison Family Farm, which is still owned by members of the Willison Family including myself.

*Donna Heed*  
2010

## Featured Family

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This picture frame is made from the wood of the old barn.





## Featured Family

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“Grandpa Willison had this stand, bowl and a mirror at his back door to wash up before going inside. The chamber bucket was under the bed at night, and that is his well bucket on the left.” - Donna Willison Head



## Featured Family

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Photo in the background is Eva (Gately) Willison

## Featured Family



Grandmother's pie safe and dishes



## Featured Family

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My Grandparents' first ice box.



## Featured Family



**Willison Family Reunion  
1966 at the Log Cabin Cafe  
Antlers, Oklahoma**



# Dudley Willison Family Has Reunion

Members of the Dudley Willison family had their first family reunion last Fourth of July weekend. His five children and their families gathered at his home on the Choctaw-Pushmataha county line where they enjoyed homemade ice cream and home cooking on Saturday evening. Sunday they all went to church at the Nazarene church and had their family dinner at the Log Cabin cafe.

Dudley was born in Lamar County, Texas, in 1888 and moved to Oklahoma in 1890. He reared his family in the Ethel community. For the past 16 years he has lived on the county line south of Antlers.

Sons and daughters and their spouses attending were Mr. and

Mrs. Roy Holt of Bell Gardens, Calif.; Rev. and Mrs. Otto Willison of Bethany; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willison of Lynwood, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Dow Robertson of Colton, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Willison of Antlers.

Grandchildren present were Don Holt of Lakewood, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Al Carlton, Bethany; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Robinson, Bethany; and Donna Willison of Antlers.

Great-grandchildren were Doug, Kenny, and Timmy Carlton of Bethany; Brenda and Lezlie Howard, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; and Gina Robinson of Bethany.

Kenny Smith, a friend from Wylie, Texas, joined the group for the celebration.



## Featured Family



**Willison Family Reunion  
2004 at the  
Willison Family Farm**

Left: Grandchildren &  
Great Grandchildren of  
Dudley & Eva (Gately) Willison  
in front of the tree that  
Eva planted.

All information, photographs  
and documents provided by,  
Donna Willison Head,  
Granddaughter



# Circus

by Larry Moore

## Chief Key

Clarence William "Chief" Key was born Choctaw, his mother was full Choctaw, July 30, 1897 in Indian Territory, now Durant, Bryan County. Clarence had four brothers and a sister. They grew up on a farm near Fort Towson. The Key brothers (Joe, Clarence, Claude & Willie) were natural showmen. They were raised on a farm and competed in their own family rodeos.

The Key brother's first show was at the city park in Fort Towson where the town's people held their annual picnic. Joe, the oldest brother, owned and managed the Key Brothers Wild West Show from 1916 until his death in 1929. Joe was an expert horseman, rope spinner, calf roper and bulldogger. He taught his brothers the skills necessary for a Wild West Show. Claude "Buck" Key was the chief cowboy and saddle bronc rider. Willie, the youngest brother, joined the show in 1927 when he was 18. Clarence "Chief" Key was a knife thrower and rifle marksman. He only stayed with the family show for a brief period.

Chief Key continued his rodeo years as an All American Cowboy, bronc buster and continued to increase his skills. His act included knife throwing, sharp shooting, roping, and rope twirling.

Knife throwing came natural to the chief. He started each season without a minute of practice. His wife, Tillie Key, was his target. He needed to be perfect, and he was. He only nicked her once in 30 years, 420 performances, 25 knives per performance, or 315,000 throws.

Sharp Shooting - He would hit a knife with the bullet, split the bullet, and light 2 matches with the bullet halves. Then with upside down and side shots he puts out candles with the bullets.

Roping - He was famous for his "big horse catch" in which he ropes 6 running horses at one time.

Chief Key appeared under the Big Top with Tim McCoy, Four Paws Sells, Hagenback

and Wallace, Russell, Fred J Mack, Ringling Brothers, Cole Walters, Hugo Brothers Side Show and Al G Kelly Miller. His show business career included appearances in silent movies and had been featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not. His career took him to every state, Canada and Mexico.

Chief Key's life was not just show business. He was a Veteran of World War I. He served as Acting Chief of the Choctaw Tribe at all government affairs. He was a deputy constable, then a constable. He played an important role in one of Choctaw County's major crimes, the murder of the Rogers family near Fort Towson in 1939.

Chief Key and Matilda (Tillie) had 2 children, Mary and Edward. Their family traveled with the shows. When the children were of age they became part of the show. Chief Key retired from Kelly Miller and enjoyed his retirement on his farm in Fort Towson.

Chief Key died May 3, 1960. He is still the most famous Circus Choctaw, but the future brings many youth circuses, with new talent, new stars and perhaps a new Chief.



Knife Thrower



**CLARENCE "CHIEF" KEYS** was one of four brother who ran the show. "Chief" was a skilled knife thrower and rifle marksman.



# Choctaw County Records

Annie (Rennels) Oakes Williams - Death Certificate

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OKLAHOMA STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH Choctaw County Choctaw, STATE OF OKLAHOMA. Registered No. 162

Village 217 or Township

City Hugo Erwin Rd 452 St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Annie Oakes Williams R. Rennels

(a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <u>Divorced</u>			16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>1/8 1931</u>	
3a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Williams</u>					17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased	
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)					From _____, 19____, to _____, 19____	
7 AGE	Years <u>59</u>	Months	Days	If LESS than 1 day—hrs. or—min.	that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 19____ and that death occurred, on the above date, at _____ m.	
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED					The CAUSE OF DEATH* <u>Gastric Cancer</u>	
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>✓</u>					Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)					CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) <u>✓</u>	
(c) Name of employer					18 Where was disease contracted <u>H/O</u>	
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Texas</u>					Did an operation precede death _____ Date of _____	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>John Reynolds</u>					Was there an autopsy <u>✓</u>	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country)					(Signed) <u>J. S. Mellar</u> M. D.	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>✓</u>					(Address) _____	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country)					*Deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side)	
14 Informant <u>F. L. Oakes</u>				19 PLACE OF BURIAL, Cremation, or Removal <u>Grant</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>1/8 1931</u>
(Address) <u>Hugo, Okla.</u>				20 UNDERTAKER <u>Howe - Leo Hugo</u>		Address _____
15 Filed <u>11-15-1931</u> <u>W. G. M. Redding</u> Registrar						

DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

March 2, 2005



# Choctaw County Records

Joshua A. Holder - Death Certificate

OKLAHOMA STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
1 PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Choctaw</u> , STATE OF OKLAHOMA. Registered No. <u>87</u>		Village _____ or Township <u>432</u>			
City <u>Hugo</u> No. <u>Choctaw county Farm</u> Ward _____ <small>(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)</small>					
2 FULL NAME <u>Josh Holder</u> <u>435 W</u>					
(a) Residence No. _____ Ward _____ <small>(Usual place of abode)</small>		(b) _____ <small>(If nonresident give city or town and State)</small>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>married</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>8-25 1930</u>		
6a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (url _____)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased From <u>8 10 1930</u> to <u>8 24 1930</u> that I last saw him live on <u>8 23 1930</u> and that death occurred, on the above date, at _____		
8 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Aug 29-1847</u>			The CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Heart disease &amp; Bright disease</u>		
7 AGE Years <u>83</u> Months <u>11</u> Days <u>26</u>	11 LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min.		Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.		
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>None</u>			CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) _____ (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.		
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____			18 Where was disease contracted _____		
(c) Name of employer _____			Did an operation precede death. Date of _____		
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Louisiana</u>	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Terrie Haldan</u>		Was there an autopsy? <u>G. L. Haines</u> M. D.		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>North Carolina</u>			(Signed) _____ (Address) <u>Hugo Okla</u>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Not known</u>			*Deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side)		
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Not known</u>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL, Cremation, or Removal <u>county Farm</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>aug. 1930</u>
14 Informant <u>Mrs M V Holder</u> (Address) <u>County Farm</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>Service Hugo Okla</u>		
15 Filed <u>9-15-1930</u> <u>Mrs J R Puckett</u> Registrar					



## State Department of Health

ROGER C. PIRRONG  
STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

State of Oklahoma  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73152

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy, original of which is on file in this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the official seal to be affixed, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this date.

*[Signature]*  
STATE REGISTRAR

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# Choctaw County Records

Melvina V. (Stroud) Holder - Death Certificate

County <u>Choctaw</u>		Registration Dist. No. ....	Oklahoma State Board of Health BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	
Township _____	or _____	Primary Dist. No. <u>1230</u>		
Village _____	or _____	207		
City <u>Hugo Okla.</u> No. <u>County Farm</u>		Ward _____		
2. FULL NAME <u>Mrs M. V. Holder</u> <u>436</u>		<u>12-9</u>		
of decedent, if an unnamed child, the surname preceded by "unnamed"				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. Sex <u>Female</u>	4. Color or Race, as White, or Black, Mulatto, or other negro, Indian, Chinese, Japanese or other.	5. Single, Married, Widowed or <u>Widowed</u> Write the word.	16. DATE OF DEATH <u>January 18 1931</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
6. DATE OF BIRTH _____			17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased From <u>June 1930</u> to <u>Dec 1, 1930</u> that I saw h. _____ alive on _____, 19____ and that death occurred on the date stated above at _____	
7. AGE <u>83</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ days.			THE CAUSE OF DEATH, *Was as follows: <u>Organic heart disease</u> (Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days Contributory _____ (Secondary) _____ (Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days (Signed) <u>S. L. Harris</u> M. D. _____ 19____ (Address) _____	
8. OCCUPATION <u>None</u> (a) Trade profession or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).			*State the disease causing death, or, in deaths from violent causes; state (1) means of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal state whether attributed to dangerous or insanitary conditions of employment.	
9. BIRTH PLACE <u>Georgia</u> At least state or foreign country if known.			18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (for Hospitals, institutions, transient or recent Residents). At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence.	
PARENTS	10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Not known</u>		19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>County Farm Cemetery</u> Date of Burial <u>18 1931</u>	
	11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>Not known</u>		20. UNDERTAKER <u>Summer Funeral Home</u> Address <u>Hugo Okla.</u>	
	12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Not known</u>			
	13. BIRTH PLACE OF MOTHER <u>Not known</u>			
14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge. Informant <u>W. J. Forrest</u> Address <u>County Farm</u>				
15. Filed <u>Hugo H-15</u> 19 <u>31</u> <u>Mrs G. R. Redding</u> Registrar (Over)				



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Roger Pirrong  
STATE REGISTRAR

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APRIL 22 1991



# Choctaw County Records

Albert George McLemore - Death Certificate

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

State File No. 1250  
Registrar's No. 14

State of Oklahoma

77-02432

**1. PLACE OF DEATH:**  
(a) County Choctaw  
(b) City or town Hugo Okla Rt 2  
(c) Name of hospital or institution: None  
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution None  
In this community None

**2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:**  
(a) State OKLAHOMA (b) County CHOCTAW  
(c) City or town HUGO RT 2  
(d) Street No. PO Box RT -  
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**3(a) FULL NAME** ALBERT G. McLemore <sup>245</sup>  
3 (b) If veteran, name war \_\_\_\_\_ 3 (c) Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sex MALE 5. Color or race WHITE 6(a) Single, widowed, married, divorced WIDOWED  
6 (b) Name of husband or wife None 6 (c) Age of husband or wife if alive \_\_\_\_\_ years

7. Birth date of deceased Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1867  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years 73 Months 2 Days 19 If less than one day \_\_\_\_\_ hr. \_\_\_\_\_ min.

9. Birthplace Quinton Ark  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation Wheat Farmer

11. Industry or business \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER FATHER**  
12. Name GEORGE McLEMORE  
13. Birthplace Ark  
14. Maiden name LARUE Ada LORNA  
15. Birthplace Ark

16 (a) Informant's own signature MRS. EDNA ALLEN  
(b) Address HUGO RT 2

17 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Date thereof 2-5-1940  
(c) Place; burial or cremation Spring, Choctaw

18 (a) Signature of funeral director CAMPBELL FUNERAL  
(b) Address HUGO OKLA

19 (a) 2-29-40 (b) Wm. J. Redding  
(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**

20. Date of death: Month FEB day 5<sup>th</sup> year 1940 hour \_\_\_\_\_ minute \_\_\_\_\_

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Jan 16 1940 to Feb 13 1940; that I last saw him alive on Feb 3 1940; and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death Urinary Poisoning

Due to Arteriosclerosis

Due to 137

Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include degenerative within 3 months of death)

Major findings:  
Of operations \_\_\_\_\_  
Of autopsy \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN**  
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Date of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? \_\_\_\_\_  
While at work? \_\_\_\_\_ (e) Means of injury \_\_\_\_\_

23. Signature W. J. Redding (M. D. or other)  
Address Fort. Lawton, Okla Date signed 2-28-40

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 110450

March 2, 2005



# Choctaw County Records

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Charles Dosenburg Oakes - Death Certificate

(This Margin Reserved for Binding)  
 V. S. No. 2. WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.  
 N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. Physicians should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION very important. See list of causes of death furnished by local registrar.

1. PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Choctaw</u> Township <u>Wilson</u> or Village..... or City..... No..... Street..... (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number. If an industrial camp, the name of the camp to be given.) <u>Charles D. Oakes</u>		Registration Dist. No. <u>12250</u> Primary Dist. No.	CERTIFICATE OF DEATH <b>Oklahoma State Board of Health</b> BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS Oklahoma City, Okla. Register No. <u>3</u>
2. FULL NAME of deceased, if an unnamed child, the surname, preceded by "unnamed"			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. Sex <u>Male</u> 4. Color or Race, as white, or black, mulatto (or other negro decent) Indian, Chinese, Japanese or other 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced. (Write the word)	16. DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan. 14</u> 19 <u>25</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>1842</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased. From....., 19....., to....., 19..... that I saw h..... alive on....., 19..... and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>10</u> P. M. THE CAUSE OF DEATH,*Was as follows: <u>164</u> (Duration) yrs. mos. days.		
7. AGE <u>83</u> yrs. mos. days mins. If less than one day hrs. mins.	18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (for Hospitals, institutions, transient or recent Residents.) At place of death.....yrs.....mos.....days. In the State.....yrs.....mos.....days. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence.		
8. OCCUPATION <u>None</u> (a) Trade profession or particular kind of work. (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer).....	Reported by <u>Chris Oakes</u> (Signed) <u>Dr. Oakes was physician</u> Jan. 15 1925. (Address) <u>Ervin Okla.</u> *State the disease causing death or, in deaths from violent causes; state (1) means of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal state whether attributed to dangerous or insanitary conditions of employment.		
9. BIRTH PLACE At least state or foreign country if known. <u>Okla.</u>	19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL   Date of Burial <u>Ervin Okla. Jan. 16th 1925</u>   19.....		
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Thomas F. Johnson</u>	20. UNDERTAKER <u>W. D. Groff</u>		
11. BIRTH PLACE OF FATHER At least state or foreign country if known. <u>N. C.</u>	Address <u>Hugo Okla.</u>		
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>X</u>	15. Filed <u>Feb 9</u> 19 <u>25</u> <u>N. D. Groff</u> Registrar.		
13. BIRTH PLACE OF MOTHER At least state or foreign country if known. <u>X</u>	14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge. Informant <u>Chris Oakes.</u>		

March 3, 2005



# Choctaw County Records

James Madison Wharton - Death Certificate

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10173  
LOCAL REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE FILE NO. **16629**

1. PLACE OF BIRTH a. COUNTY <b>Choctaw</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (When deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Oklahoma</b> b. COUNTY <b>Choctaw</b>	
3. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Hugo</b>		c. LENGTH OF STAY IN 10 <b>44 years</b>	
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Hugo Rest Home-710 West Jackson</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS <b>Route #1</b>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First <b>James</b> Middle <b>M.</b> Last <b>Wharton</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH Month <b>10</b> Day <b>6</b> Year <b>60</b>	
5. SEX <b>Male</b>	6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	7. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>11-1-1866</b>
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Retired Farmer</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Farm</b>	11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Powderly, Texas</b>
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Robert Wharton</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Mary Gregg</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or date of service) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>None</b>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Coronary heart failure</b> DUE TO (b) <b>Arteriosclerotic ht disease</b> DUE TO (c) <b>3 days 3 or 4 yrs</b> CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO ABOVE CAUSE (a), STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET OF DEATH <b>3 days</b> 19. WAS AMPLIFY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)	
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour _____ a. m. _____ p. m.		20d. PLACE OF INJURY (i. e., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	
20e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>		20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE	
21. I attended the deceased from <b>10-2-60</b> to <b>10-6-60</b> and last saw <sup>her</sup> alive on <b>10-6-60</b> Death occurred at _____ on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the circumstances.			
22a. SIGNATURE (Do not write title) <i>W. L. Lambton</i>		22b. ADDRESS <i>Soper Okla</i>	
22c. DATE SIGNED <b>10-17-60</b>			
23a. BURIAL CREMATORY (Specify) <b>burial</b>	23b. DATE <b>10-9-1960</b>	23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Sugar Creek Cemetery</b>	23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <b>near Soper, Oklahoma</b>
24. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. <b>Oct. 7 1960</b>		25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR ADDRESS <b>Lambton Funeral Home Hugo, Okla.</b>	

February 28, 2005



## Upcoming Cemetery Gatherings for the Second Quarter of 2015

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Those that would like to can meet us at the Hugo library parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us and you do not have to be a member of the Society to help. For more information, please call the Society's President, Donna Willison Head at 580-743-3381, email us at [choctawcountyokgensoc@live.com](mailto:choctawcountyokgensoc@live.com) or visit the project page at our [website](#).

**April 12th - Soper Cemetery**

**May 17th - Bluff, Gay, & Sugar Hill**

**June 14th - Crowder Springs & Crowder Prairie**

All cemetery gatherings are weather permitting. Cancellation notices will be emailed (to members), posted on our [facebook page](#), and updated on our [event calendar](#).

If we finish the designated cemeteries and there is enough time left in the day, we will go to Mt. Olivet cemetery.



Cemetery in Spring

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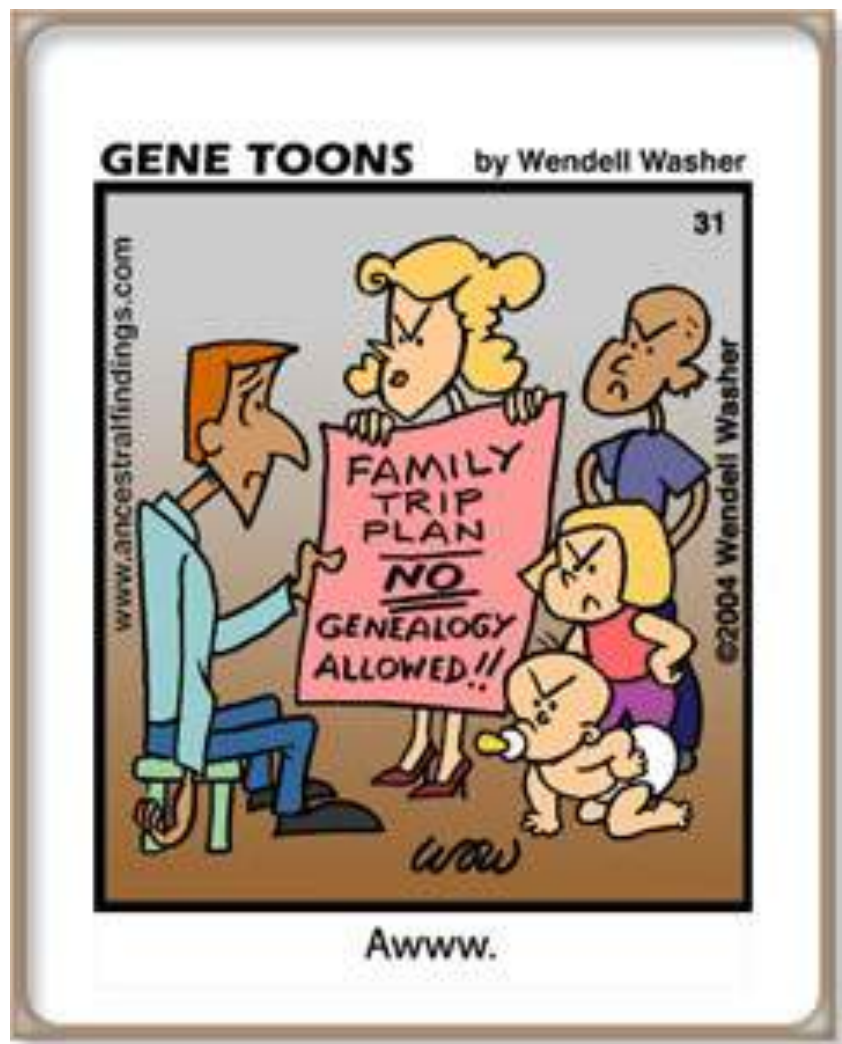


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