

**KATHARINE ANNE READ
TAUGHT ENGLISH AND LATIN
AT THE
OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA
HIGH SCHOOL
1938-1940**

MOTHER TOLD US CHILDREN ABOUT OKEMAH AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHIEF OKEMAH:

The town of Okemah was named for an Indian man who was living on the area selected for the town.

Reports about his life vary widely. Most say that he was a Kickapoo leader, although Perry Rodkey is said to have believed him a Euchee. He reportedly emigrated to Old Mexico in 1905, but later lived in Harrah, OK. He is buried at Hanna, with his death occurring either in 1921 or 1935.

A Brief History of Okemah, Oklahoma

Okemah was named for Kickapoo Chief Okemah who lived 1 & 1/2 miles east and 1 mile North of Harrah upon his original allotment where he died in 1936. Chief Okemah lived on the townsite of Okemah from March 1902 until a week after opening which occurred on April 22, 1902. He lived in a bark house constructed in the fashion of the Kickapoos during that period; this house was located just north of Ash Street, half-way between south 6th & 7th streets. The agreeable and fine temperament of this old chief was really the cause of naming the town for him. His presence on the townsite was very effective in giving Okemah the appearance of substantiality and also affected the cattlemen occupying this prairie who were showing resentment to what they termed "intruders" preparing to plat and establish a town thus usurping the lands they were occupying.

Prior to the opening, the cowboy gangs would ride through the camp of the town organizers shooting and whooping, but at no one in particular. Mr. Perry Rodkey, one of the surveyors had an old double-barrel shotgun that wasn't in working condition, but he gave this to Chief Okemah and instructed him to stand by the wire swinging gate on the east side of the townsite or stand the gun near the gate where it would be seen by the cowboys. The effect was efficient, the cowboys didn't know that there were no shells in the gun nor that the gun wasn't in working order.

(taken from "History of Okemah" on file with Okemah Historical Society)



CHIEF OKEMAH



Bark Hut built by Chief Okemah, Kickapoo guide from Shawnee, O.T. who acted as guide for W.H.Dill, Perry Rodkey, and H.B.Dexter. He stayed until the town was staked out.

Long before European settlers arrived, the land that would become Okemah was home to the Osage and Quapaw peoples. After the Removal era in the 1830s, it was designated to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, more specifically to the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town.

In 1902 Chief Okemah of the Kickapoo tribe built a traditional bark house in anticipation of the opening of a new townsite. The town was officially named Okemah on April 22, 1902, a name derived from the Kickapoo language meaning “things up high” — like a highly regarded person or a settlement on elevated ground. A post office opened there on May 16, and Okemah was incorporated in 1903.

Information from
“Okemah Main
Street” website.

During its first week of existence, Okemah was booming: it boasted multiple general stores, hardware shops, drugstores, groceries, lumberyards, blacksmith shops, and even two hotels, including the impressive three-story Broadway Hotel. When Oklahoma achieved statehood in 1907, Okfuskee County was formed, and soon after, Okemah was selected by vote as the county seat.

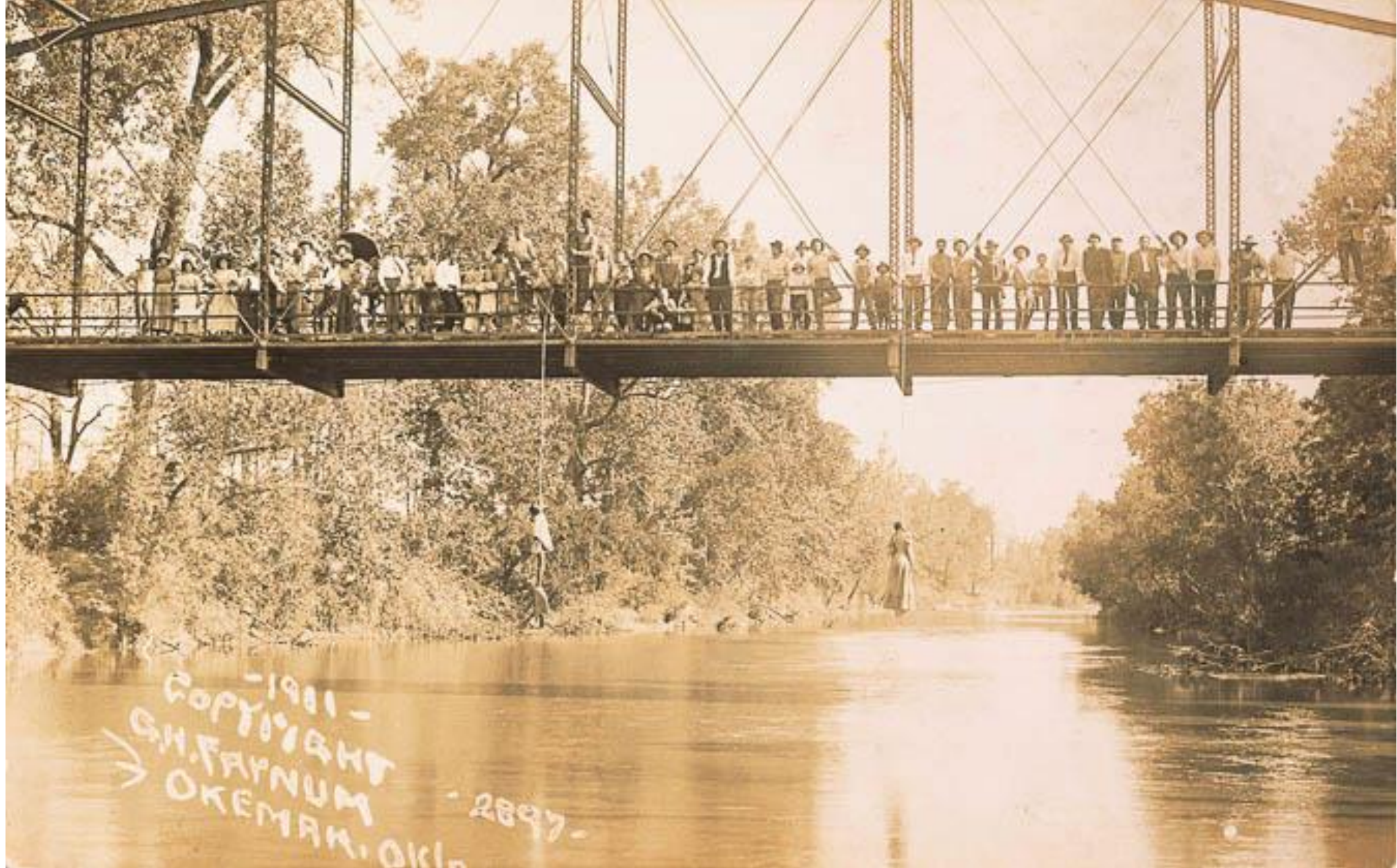
However, Okemah's history also includes painful chapters. On May 25, 1911, Laura Nelson and her son L. D., both African-American, were lynched just outside the city. They had been taken from the county jail by nearly 40 white men, then hanged from a bridge over the North Canadian River. This atrocity was documented, made into a postcard, and remains a dark stain on the community's past. A grand jury was convened, but the perpetrators were never identified.



The Nelson Lynching of 1911 @ Yarbrough Crossing near Okemah OK

WOMAN AND BOY LYNCHED

**A Mob Enters the County Jail Last Night and
Take two Negro Prisoners Whom They
Hang From a Bridge.**



MOTHER AND SON LYNCHED

Negro Woman and Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Are Hanged by Mob for Shooting Sheriff.

Okema, Okla., May 26.—Laura Nelson, negress, and her son, sixteen years old, were lynched here. They shot Deputy Sheriff George H. Loney, who tried to search their shanty for stolen goods.

The woman and her son were taken from the county jail by a mob whose members had first gagged and bound the jailer, Lawrence Payne. The bodies were found hanging to the timbers of a bridge across the Canadian river.

Laura Nelson and her family are forever immortalized by the following artistic and historical works:

"Don't Kill My Baby & My Son" by Woody Guthrie; a song

HANG NEGRO WOMAN AND SON

Mob Overpowers Jailer, Who Was Holding Prisoners for Murder.

OKEMA, Okla., May 25.—Laura Nelson, a negro woman and her son, 16 years old, were lynched here to-day. They shot a Deputy Sheriff, who went to search their shanty for stolen goods.

The woman and her son were taken from the County Jail by a mob, which had first gagged and bound Jailer Lawrence Payne. The bodies were found hanging to the timbers of a bridge across the Canadian River.

The Nelsons were also charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff George H. Loney, two weeks ago.

A year later, on July 14, 1912, Woodrow “Woody” Guthrie was born in Okemah. Guthrie would grow up to become one of America’s most influential singer-songwriters, using his music to speak out on themes like social justice and equality. Studies in his style and impact have influenced countless artists. Each year, on his birthday, Okemah hosts the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival, affectionately known as WoodyFest. In honor of Guthrie, a bronze statue of him (with his famous inscription, “This machine kills fascists,” on the guitar) stands in the heart of downtown.



FIRST TOWNSITE LOTS SOLD AT OKEMAH IN '02

***The Tulsa World*, May 30, 1957** Okemah, a community of 3,400 got its name from a Kickapoo Indian, Chief Okemah, who died in a home of his original allotment in 1936. The name Okemah means "great chief" or "great man."

Okemah held its first townsite sale of lots on April 22, 1902. On that day, the First State Bank began business in a tent. Its officers included C.J. Benson, president, and W. H. Dill, vice president and cashier. The institution later became known as the First National Bank, on Nov. 10, 1902, and remained in operation under that name until its liquidation in January 1939. The second bank established in the town became known as the Okemah National.

The Okemah townsite was selected by Perry Rodkey and H.B. Dexter of Shawnee, who made a survey of a railroad - the Ozark and Cherokee Central Line - from Shawnee to Muskogee by way of Okmulgee. Okemah was built on allotments of Nocus Fixico, Mahala and Peter McNac and Alice Harjo. The allottees were Creek Indians. The original townsite consisted of 40 acres of open prairie.

The first trains of the Fort Smith and Western Railroad Co. reached Okemah on May 12, 1903. The first child born in Okemah was Okemah Dennison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dennison.

Perry Rodkey was the first postmaster in the town.

The Dexter House, Okemah's first hotel, was opened on Sept. 1, 1902 by M.O. Keller, a minister.

Okemah was incorporated in 1904 with J.E. Galloway serving as the first mayor.

There were no titles to property at the community's start since Indian allottees could not legally sell their land. Each allotment included 160 acres.

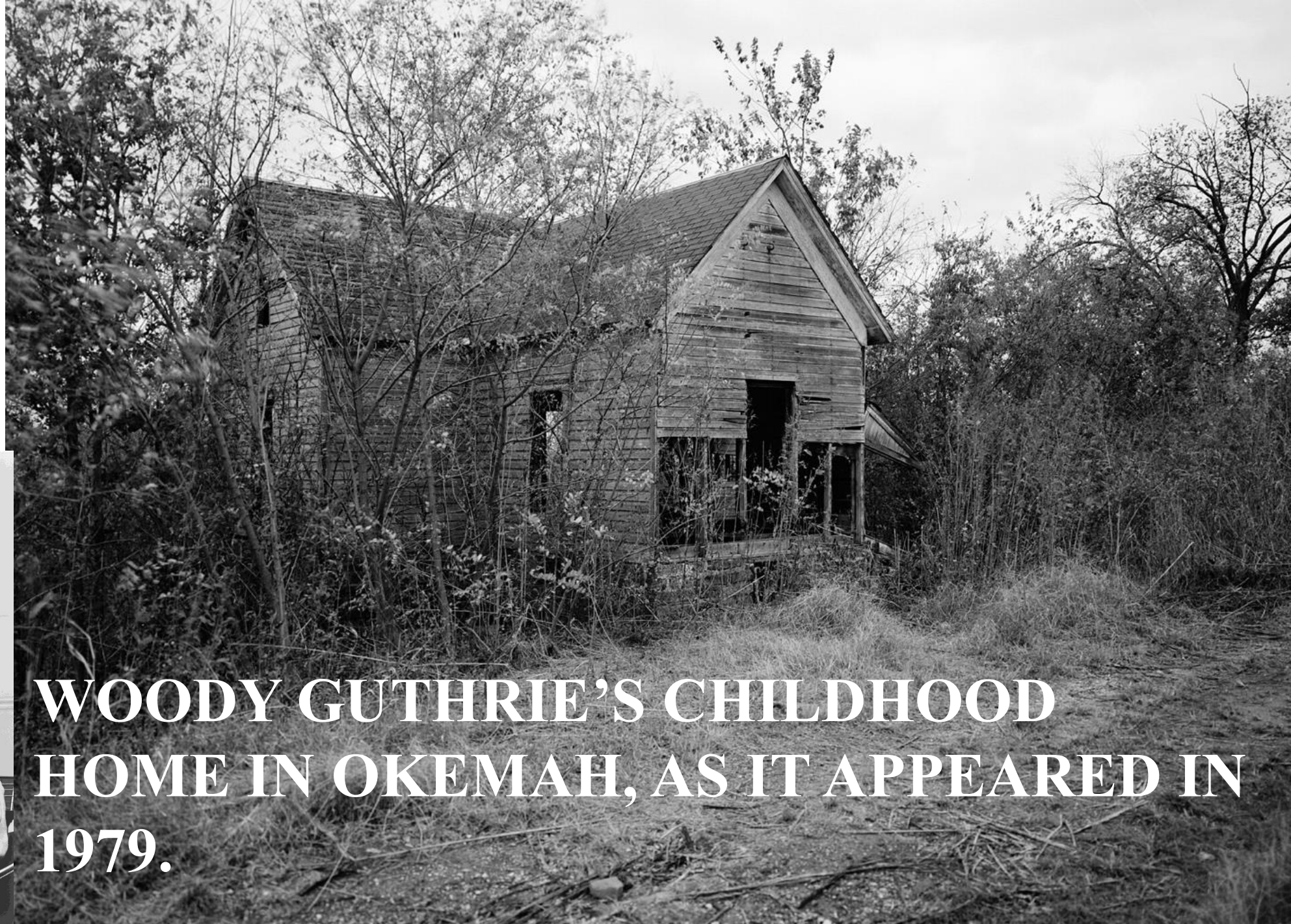
An Act of Congress in 1903 permitted allottees to sell their lands for townsite purposes.

Welcome To
Okemah
A City of Resources
EST. 1902

HOME
OF WOODY
GUTHRIE



Birthplace of
folk music
legend
Woody
Guthrie.



**WOODY GUTHRIE'S CHILDHOOD
HOME IN OKEMAH, AS IT APPEARED IN
1979.**



**OIL WELL
“GUSHER”
IN
OKEMAH
1920**

THIS IS THE HOUSE WHERE KATHARINE READ LIVED WHILE IN OKEMAH. The house was owned by a widow, Mrs. Lura A. Box, owner and manager of the Box Hardware and Furniture store, and who came to Okemah on April 22, 1902, the official day of the opening of Okemah. She was postmistress from 1906 until 1911. She also had an adopted son John Box living there.



**324 NORTH 6TH STREET
OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA**





Mr. James Harrison Box (he went by the name Harrison) had a daughter, Nadyne, by a previous marriage, who was born in Illinois, married an Emberson, divorced, then married Alfred E. Neuman in California. Mrs. Laura Box who rented a room to Katharine Read, was also previously married. Sufficeth to say, James Harrison Box was the son of a famous Baptist minister in Arkansas, Rev. William Thomas Box. His obituary is included for information.

Rev. W. T. Box, Pioneer Baptist Preacher Dies

(From The Arkansas Unit.)

Reverend William Thomas Box, for 58 years a minister of the Baptist church, died at his home in Morrilton Tuesday morning, April 28, at the age of 85 years and 23 days.

Mr. Box was born in Dade county, Missouri, April 5, 1840. He was the son of Thomas Box, also a minister of the Baptist church, who was born in Knox county, Tennessee, October 22, 1799, and died near Morrilton, Ark., October 7, 1880.

Mr. Box was ordained a minister in the Friendship Baptist church at Solgohachia March 31, 1867. Since that time, until a few years ago, when his age and the condition of his health made it impossible for him to continue in the work, he was actively engaged in the ministry.

In the early history of the Baptist church in Arkansas, Mr. Box was one of the leading and most influential workers. He served a large territory in central Arkansas as missionary for many years. He organized the first Baptist church in the town of Conway in 1873. Before then, for many years the old Friendship Baptist church was the only church of that denomination in this part of Arkansas.

Thousands of Converts, it is said, were baptized by Mr. Box, and he is credited with having performed more marriage ceremonies than any one else in this part of the state. A record of the exact number is not available, but it is stated that it runs into the thousands.

More than 20 of his converts, it is said, have become prominent in the ministry of the church. Rev. Jimmie Weeks, for many years a well known minister, was among these. Mr. Weeks was born near Morrilton. Rev. Robert L. Douglas, who conducted the services at Mr. Box's funeral, was one of his earlier converts.

Mr. Box was active in the educational work of the church in Arkansas. He was one of the founders of both Central and Ouachita colleges, and was for many years president of the board of trustees of both institutions. He preached the first baccalaureate sermon at each of these colleges.

He is survived by one son and three daughters: Harrison Box, a prominent business man of Okemah, Oklahoma; Mrs. W. L. Oats of Russellville and Misses Mettie Mae and Willie Myrtle Box of Morrilton. Mrs. Box died only two years ago.

The funeral services were held at

The funeral services were held at the family residence Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 in charge of Rev. R. L. Douglass. Interment was in Old Mount Pleasant cemetery, one mile north of Hill Creek, where his father is buried. Hundreds of Mr. Box's friends were present at the burial.

Mr. Box moved to Franklin county, Arkansas, in 1860. He enlisted in the Federal army at Fort Smith in 1862, served through the remainder of the Civil war, and was discharged at Memphis in 1865. He acted as chaplain of his company, was clerk for his captain, and in addition to these duties served as corporal.

1940 CENSUS – OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA

Gov. Lusa	Head	U	F	W	59	Wd	No	H4	50	Indian Territory	76
— John	Adopted Son	L	M	W	17	S	No	H1	7	Oklahoma	76
Read. Katherine Anne Lester		U	F	W	25	S	No	C5	10	Arkansas	74

Proprietor	Retail Hardware	OK	156
New Worker			
Teacher	Public School	GA	V34

BOX—In this city, July 24, 1945, Lucy Ann, beloved wife of the late Harrison Box, loving mother of Mrs. Nadyne Nauman, loving sister of C. L. Mehagan, grandmother of Lt. (jg) Alfred Nauman, U. S. N. R., and Mrs. Gladys Curran. (Cairo, Illinois, papers please copy.)

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Thursday at 2 p. m., at the Mortuary of Suhr & Wieboldt, 1465 Valencia St., bet. 25th and 26th Sts. Inurnment, Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

FIRST WIFE OF JAMES HARRISON BOX

MRS. LOVELADY MARRIED

Miss Myrtle Box of Morrillton, Ark., sends us the following story of the recent marriage of Mrs. Lura Lovelady, late of this city:

"Harrison Box of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Lura A. Lovelady of Okemah, Okla., were quietly married October 12, in the parlor of the New Capitol Hotel in Little Rock, the Rev. Wallace of the Baptist church officiating.

"Miss Myrtle Box of Morrillton, a sister of the groom, and Mr. John Wear stood with them during the ceremony.

"The bride wore a going away suit of deer cloth, with hat and shoes to match, and a corsage of bridal roses and lillies of the valley.

"They left immediately for a tour of the southwest and will be at home to their friends after November 1, in Little Rock".

The many friends of the bride in this city will join in extending best wishes for her future happiness.

**SECOND WIFE OF JAMES HARRISON
BOX; LAURA'S THIRD HUSBAND.**

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
County of Pulaski. } ss.

BOND FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Harrison Boy

as principal, and _____ as security, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Arkansas for the use and benefit of the Common School Fund of Pulaski County in the penal sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Signed this 12 day of October 1920

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the above bounden Harrison Boy has this day applied to the Clerk of the County Court of Pulaski County for a License authorizing the solemnization of the Rite of Matrimony between the said Harrison Boy and Mrs. Lura A. Lovelady. Now, if the said parties applying for said License have a lawful right to the same, and if they shall faithfully carry into effect and comply with the provisions thereof, and shall, within sixty days from the date hereof, return the said License to the office of The Clerk of the County Court of said County duly executed and officially signed by some one authorized by law to solemnize the Rite of Matrimony, then this obligation shall be void; but otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our signatures the day above written.

Harrison Boy Principal.
Frank Martin Security.

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
County of Pulaski. } ss.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Harrison Boy of Little Rock in the County of Pulaski and State of Ark, aged 53 years, and Mrs. Lura A. Lovelady of Little Rock in the County of Pulaski and State of Ark, aged 39 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties herein named.

Witness my hand and seal this 12 day of October 1920

Dan Quinn County Clerk.
Wm. Keromy Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
County of Pulaski. } ss.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

I, W. Wallace do hereby certify that on the 12th day of Oct 1920, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand, this 12th day of Oct 1920
W. Wallace
Minister

My Credentials are recorded in Recorder's office Johnson County, Arkansas, Book A, Page 38

STATE OF ARKANSAS, }
County of Pulaski. } ss.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

I, DAN D. QUINN, Clerk of the County Court of said County, certify that the above License for and Certificate of the Marriage of Mr. Harrison Boy and Mrs. Lura A. Lovelady was filed in my office on the 8 day of November 1920, and the same is now duly recorded on Page 516 of Book 80 of Marriage Records. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 8 day of November A. D. 1920.

Dan Quinn Clerk.
By Wm. Keromy Deputy Clerk.

(Seal)

Rites Pending For Mrs. Box

Mrs. Lura Box, 78, pioneer resident of Okemah, died today following an illness of several months. Services are pending.

She came to Okemah in 1907 and from 1923 to 1936 she operated the Box Hardware store here with her husband, Harrison Box. Mr. Box preceded her in death in 1936.

Following his death she remained active in the hardware business until recently. A nephew, Dale Wolfe, has been partner and manager of the store for the past two years.

She was past matron of the Eastern Star and a member of the First Christian church here.

The only member of her immediate family who survives her is a son, John H. Box of Norfolk, Neb.

Arrangements will be announced later by Webb-Benson Funeral Home.

Harrison Box Passes Away

James Harrison Box, long-time resident of Okemah, died at his home east of town early this (Friday) morning.

He had been in poor health for several months and the end was not entirely unexpected.

Mr. Box had been a particularly active man during his life time, and was for many years in the railway mail service.

With Mrs. Box he has conducted the Box Hardware & Furniture company, for many years one of the leading business firms of Okemah.

Harrison Box was of a literary turn and was a very well posted man on most any subject. He will be missed by scores of friends and acquaintances. He was also an upright man who enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all who knew him.

He was a member of the Christian church and an elder. He could fill any place within the church, even to occupying the pulpit to the enlightenment of his hearers.

James Harrison Box was born in Balgahassie, Arkansas, on January 5, 1867, and was 69 years old. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Box of Morrilton, Ark. His father was a Baptist minister.

His early education was obtained at Atkins, Ark., later attending Ouachita college at Arkadelphia. He was a graduate of Union university in Jackson, Tenn., where he graduated with honors in 1887. After graduation he returned to Atkins and taught school for one year; later becoming editor of the Atkins Chronicle.

In 1893 he entered the railway mail service and worked between Calico, Mo., and Texarkana, Ark., for 14 years.

In July, 1894, he married Miss Lucy Ashton and a daughter, Nadine was born of this union.

In 1919 he was employed by the Missouri Pacific railway as train auditor with a run out of Little Rock, resigning this position in 1921.

He was married to Mrs. Lura Lovelady in Little Rock on October 15, 1926. In early life he was a member of the Baptist church and in 1924 he became a member of the First Christian church of Okemah.

Since 1922 he has been engaged in the hardware business here in Okemah.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lura Box, and a son, John Harrison Box; one daughter, Mrs. Nadine Emberson of San Francisco; three sisters, Mrs. W. L. Oates of Russellville, Ark.; Misses Mattie and Myrtle Box of Morrilton, Ark.; two nieces, Miss Leslie Mae Oates, Russellville, and Mrs. Norman Lipsky of Summerville, Ark.; one nephew, Myron J. Oates of Pharaoh.

Funeral services will be held at the First Christian church at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. S. M. Smith, assisted by Rev. R. C. Alexander, officiating.

Interment in charge of Okemah Funeral home.

**NOTE: James Harrison Box went by the name
'Harrison Box.'**



A. B. ALLEN, DEAD.



*Our Efficient Postmaster Suddenly Passes Away Last Sunday Morning
Through Accidental Poisoning - - Fatal Dose Taken By Mistake,
Great Shock to Community at Large - - Funeral Monday.*

On Sunday morning, October 28th, our citizens were shocked by the sad and startling intelligence that our kind, accomodating and genial postmaster, A.B. Allen, was dead by the distressing cause of accidental poisoning.

He arose early in the morning and taking a bottle which he supposed contained cough medicine, as he was suffering with a bad cold, swallowed a large dose of that fateful poison, carbolic acid. Immediately discovering his mistake he ran across the street to Dr. Board's residence; antidotes failed to take effect in time to prevent the acid from affecting the heart and in twenty minutes Mr. Allen was a corpse, dying just as they were carrying him through his own gate.

Absolem B. Allen celebrated his forty first birthday on Saturday, October 27th, the day before his death. He was born in Newton County, Ark. when five years old his parents moved to Johnson County, Ark., where he lived until eight years ago when he came to the Territory, locating first in Wagoner. In 1900 he moved to Bristow engaging in the mercantile business where he wooed and won Miss Lura Wolf, they were married June 15th, 1901. In 1902 they located in Okemah, Mr. Allen engaging in the real estate business, in 1903 he was appointed Postmaster to fill an unexpired term and was re-appointed last January.

LAURA BOX FIRST HUSBAND.

He was a Mason, Odd Fellow, and Woodman of the World. He was an active worker in the Commercial Club and one of the leading Republicans of the 9th. Recording District. Mr. Allen was one of the original townsitemen of Okemah and has always worked faithfully and ambitiously for the interests of the town; he had under construction at the time of his death, an elegant new residence which would have been completed in another week, and also the firm of Bowler & Allen has under construction a pressed brick business building, 50x120, which is about half completed.

Mr. Allen leaves a wife, and two children by a former marriage, his aged parents, two brothers and one sister. His parents came to Okemah about a month ago to make their home with he and his amiable wife. His brothers, Wm. Allen, lives in Jasper, Ark., was away from home at the time of his death and could not be reached. G.F. Allen, his other brother, recently moved to Oklahoma and his address was unknown, a letter arrived from him the evening after the funeral. His sister, Mrs. Josie Storms, lives in Rosetta, Ark., but was unable to get here for the funeral.

Mr. Allen was not a member of any church but was a most liberal donator to the churches and a zealous worker and supporter of the Christian church of which his wife is a devout member.

The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. Church, South, by the Odd Fellows, assisted by Rev. M.W. Robison, of Wetumka, Rev. Rob't Nuckolls, of Okemah, and Rev. John Fazel of Guthrie; the services at the grave were the impressive services of the Masons.

His lodges will miss his kind and benevolent presence; his social acquaintances will miss his jovial repartee; his many friends will miss his friendly, cheering and encouraging acts and words; the poor and needy will miss his generous bounty and help; Ah! who is here that will not miss our dear, good friend,

A. B. Allen. Our grief is great!
Our sympathy for his wife and
relatives cannot be expressed by
mere words!

The editor feels that in the
death of Mr. Allen he has lost
one of his best and truest friends
and as the clods began to fall
upon our beloved, but departed
friend, we were glad to know
that

"Not thus his nobler part
shall dwell
A prisoner in this narrow
cell;
But he whom now we hide
from men
In this dark ground, shall
live again—
Shall break these clods,
a form of light,
With nobler mein and
purer sight,
And in the eternal glory
stand
Highest and nearest God's
right hand."

RESOLUTIONS

By Okemah Lodge, No. 139, F. & A. M.,
on the Death of A. B. Allen.

To the Officers and Members of
Okemah Lodge No. 139, F. &
A. M., Okemah, I. T.:

We are again reminded of the
uncertainties of life in the death
of our brother, A. B. Allen, who
departed this life at his home in
Okemah on October 28th, 1906.

In the death of our brother our
lodge has lost one of its most
faithful members, the commu-
nity has suffered the loss of an
upright, honest, law-abiding cit-
izen, therefore

Be it Resolved that we deplore
the loss sustained by the Mason-
ic fraternity and the community
at large and we hereby extend to
the members of Brother Allen's
family our heart-felt sympathy
for the loss by them sustained;

Be it Resolved further, that
our altar be draped in mourning
for thirty days, that the mem-
bers wear the usual badge of
mourning, that a page of our
records be set apart and dedicat-
ed to his memory, that a copy
of these resolutions under the
seal of the lodge, be furnished to
the members of his family, and
that a copy of same be furnished
the OKEMAH INDEPENDENT for
publication.

Respectfully submitted,
L. P. CALDWELL.
JOHN L. NORMAN.
THOS. L. FULLER.

**NOTE: I included this
information about Laura's
first husband, because
Mother was aware of how
he had died accidentally
and how folks need to be
careful when taking
medicine at night.**

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, County of Craig ss. COUNTY IN COUNTY COURT.

I, Benton Lovelady, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to
Mr. Benton Lovelady white-colored aged 24 years, and by occupation a M.D.,
whose residence is Okemah State of Oklahoma Married before one times, and who was widowed divorced, and
as Jess M. Miller white-colored, aged 20 years, and by occupation a _____, whose residence
is Okemah State of Oklahoma Married before one times, and who was widowed divorced, and
for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of
residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into
the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 24 years of age, and reside
at Okemah County of Okfuska State of Oklahoma

HUSBAND'S PARENTS WIFE'S PARENTS
Name Residence Name Residence

Benton Lovelady Applicant.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24
day of May 1911
Jas. F. McCullough Clerk County Court.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Craig County. IN COUNTY COURT.

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Benton Lovelady of Okemah County of Okfuska
State of Oklahoma aged 24 years and Mrs. Jess M. Miller of Okemah
County of Okfuska State of Oklahoma aged 20 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.
WITNESS my hand and official seal at _____ in said County this 24 day of May A. D. 1911

By _____ Judge County Court.

Recorded this _____ day of _____ 19____
Jas. F. McCullough
Clerk County Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Craig COUNTY, ss.

I, Jess M. Miller Minister of Gospel Christian
Name Official Designation Court or Congregation

of Vinita in Craig County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby
certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 24 day of May
A. D. 1911, at Vinita in Craig County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Rev. T. F. Winder
of Vinita Okla. and Mrs. T. F. Winder of Vinita, Okla.

Jess M. Miller
Minister Christian Church.

LAURA'S SECOND
MARRIAGE TO
DR. LOVELADY.

LOVELADY-ALLEN WEDDING

Dr. Benton Lovelady and Mrs. Lura M. Allen, both well known residents of this city, were married at the home of relatives of Mrs. Allen's at Vinita, Ok., Wednesday. Dr. and Mrs. Lovelady left today (Thursday), for a month's trip through the east.

**Okemah
newspaper,
MAY 1911**

**FORMER OKFUSKEE COUNTY
DOCTOR DIES AT GUTHRIE**

Dr. Benton Lovelady, of Guthrie, Okla., died at his home Tuesday of last week, after an illness covering several months duration. Dr. Lovelady never fully recovered his health from a severe attack of the flu, and some months ago a tumor developed upon the brain. He had been at Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minn., for relief, but after examination it was found that no relief could be given. Some months ago Dr. Lovelady returned to his home at Guthrie accompanied by Tom Lovelady of this county, and the Doctor gradually grew worse until death resulted.

Dr. Lovelady located in Okfuskee county several months before statehood and practiced at Bearden, and later moved to Okemah, and after a successful practice purchased a hospital at Guthrie, and was in charge until his health failed. Dr. Lovelady was one of the three members of the first Board of County Commissioners to serve in Okfuskee county, being appointed by the constitutional convention. Dr. Lovelady was a member of the Masonic lodge and other orders.

The interment was made at Guthrie the last of last week. Dr. Lovelady was universally liked and respected by all who knew him in this county and all regret to hear of his death.

Laura's second husband died from flu.

When Benton Lovelady was born in July 1877 in Dade, Missouri, his father, James, was 28 and his mother, Mary, was 29. He married Lara M. Allen on May 24, 1911, in Craig, Oklahoma. He died on August 30, 1921, at the age of 44, and was buried in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

WELL KNOWN PHYSICIAN DIES.

Dr. Benton Lovelady, well known Guthrie physician died Tuesday after a long illness the result of a severe attack of "flu" while serving in the medical corps during the war. The direct cause of death was a clot on the brain but his condition had been serious for many months and he was stricken totally blind while at Rochester, Minn., some time ago.

Dr. Lovelady was born near Greenfield, Missouri and was 44 years, one month and twenty-one days of age at the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held at Masonic Temple at midnight Thursday. Blue Lodge Masons will have charge of the ceremony at the graveside Friday morning when interment will be made at 10 o'clock at Summit View cemetery.

He was one of Oklahoma's leading surgeons, a man loved and respected and many friends mourn his death and extend their sympathy to the bereaved mother, brothers and sisters. When the United States entered the great world war Dr. Lovelady volunteered his services and was assigned to one of the principal army posts and served until the armistice was declared.





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Okemah Teacher Resigns, Will Go To School

Katharine Anne Read Saturday announced she had resigned as a member of the Okemah faculty and would attend the Southwest Baptist seminary at Fort Worth.

She had been a member of the Okemah faculty for the past two years, teaching in the high school.

While at the seminary, she will do Baptist student work on the campus. Her home is in Norman.

AUGUST 18, 1940

Miss Katharine Anne Read, student in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, is spending the President's Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Read at 304 South University boulevard. She expects to return to Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lunce and

NOVEMBER 22, 1940

Autumn Wedding Plans Revealed By Norman Parents

Katharine Anne Read
To Marry Minister In
Norman September 3

REV. AND MRS. JOHN LEIGHTON, READ, Norman, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Katharine Anne Read, to Rev. Frank Hughes jr., Lynnhaven, Va., which will take place September 3 in the First Baptist church, Norman.

Nuptial vows will be read by the bride-elect's father, assisted by Rev. E. F. Hallock, pastor of the church.

Attendants to the bride will be her sisters, Mrs. David H. Saunders, Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Miss Eleanor Frances Read, Norman.

Best man will be Rev. W. J. Wimpee, Kaufman, Texas. Mrs. Wimpee will play the organ, and Miss Ardelle Hallock and Miss Mary Hughes, both of Norman, will sing.

The bride will be given in marriage

by her brother, John Leighton Read jr., Claremore.

MISS READ WAS GRADUATED from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and taught three years in the school of Watonga and Okemah. This spring she received her master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

Mr. Hughes attended Wake Forest college, Wake Forest, N. C., and has done two years of graduate work in theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. He has been supplying the pulpit of the First Baptist church, Virginia Beach, Va., this summer.

After September 8, the couple will be at home at Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas.