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Field Worker
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Interview with Fred B. Vaughan
1005 E. Bryan St. Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Father-W. C. Vaughan

Mr. Fred B. Vaughan was born August 28, 1875, in Marion County, Illinois. His father, W. C. Vaughan, and family moved to Linn, Missouri, and Fred Vaughan lived there with his parents until he became a young man. He married and learned the brick and stone mason trade from his father, who was a contractor, building brick and stone buildings. Mr. Vaughan's father moved to Sapulpa, Indian Territory, in 1903, where he started building brick and stone buildings.

Fred Vaughan and his family followed the father to Sapulpa in 1906.

When he first came here the Frisco Depot was located where the Frisco freight office is now located. The stores in Sapulpa then were the H. C. Hall Mercantile Company and the Platers Dry Goods store, which was located about fifty feet north of the present St. James Hotel.

The Chapman hardware store was then located next door north of the present Max Meyer store on the east side of North Main Street.

The Post office was on the corner of Dewey and South Main Streets, where the City drug store is now located.

One of the first lumberyards in Sapulpa was located at the northeast corner of Park and Dewey Streets.

When he first came to Sapulpa, Fred Vaughan lived in a three roomed house owned by preacher Owens.

He first worked on H. C. Hughes' house on East Holson Street, where his father was contractor. He also helped his father build a brick building to house the first printing plant in Sapulpa, in 1907 and where the Sapulpa Herald offices are now located.

Immediately after statehood he voted for Henry Clay King for Sheriff of Creek County, and Mr. King was elected.

The boom was on then and houses were scarce as the Glen pool field had been discovered and oil was 35 cents a barrel. The cheapest labor was two dollars a day and skilled labor was \$5.00 a day.

The first store he traded with in Sapulpa was the Stallard grocery store on East Dewey Street, west of the Frisco track on the north side.

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When the panic came on in 1907 the people did business by cashier's checks. The panic did not bother Sapulpa much.

The main crops here then were cotton and corn. The majority of the people who came here were attracted by the oil field at Glen pool.

He has worked on buildings here and there in Sapulpa since coming here in 1906.