

James William Green, 915 Creek Street, Dewey, Oklahoma. Born, August 3, 1888, Broken Bow, Nebraska. Parents, James Knox and Amanda Green, White.

MR. GREEN'S STORY:

My parents came to Oklahoma in March, 1899, from Missouri.

"My mother, an older brother and a younger sister and I came on train. Father and two of my older brothers came in covered wagons.

"We came to Dewey before there was a town. I saw it grow from nothing to its present stage.

"The Dewey Cemetery was started by a man being found buried in a shallow grave in a corn field near Post Oak Creek. Dogs had partly uncovered him. He had been killed by a blow on the head. He was taken to the present site of the cemetery and buried. No one knew who he was or who killed him. Other persons were buried near him and a few years later the ground was purchased by Joe A. Bartles who allowed anyone to bury their dead there who wanted to. Mr. Bartles later gave title to the Odd Fellow lodge of Dewey and then the Odd Fellows deeded it to the city of Dewey.

"My father was an extensive farmer at first then moved to the town of Dewey and took an active part in its developement. He ran a meat and ice business for a few years and then went into the real estate and insurance business. He helped to raise money by subscription to build the first school building. It was a subscription supported school. He served on school board, on the town council, has been Mayor. and justice of the peace.

"I attended the Dewey school the first day there was a school. I was the first student to finish the 8th grade in Dewey (was the only one in the class at the end of the school year). Attended University Preparatory school at Tonkawa, Okla. Have taken an active part in civic affairs of Dewey. Have served as City Clerk, Treasurer of the Board of Education and a year as Mayor of the city. I am a(t) present employed by the Dewey Portland Cement Co. as Chief Clerk. I have worked for this Company since 12/7/11"