

J. Sam Leforce, 824 West Clyde, Vinita, Oklahoma. Born, January 22, 1863, Kentucky. Parents, John and Amanda Blankenship Leforee. White and French.

MR. LEFORCE'S STORY:

My parents came to Oklahoma from Kansas in 1883.

They were "Originally from Ky. They moved into Indiana - then to Ill., on to Mo, then to Kansas and on to Okla.

"The family has been actively engaged since coming to the State - Sam is one of the outstanding cattlemen and farmer

"Two of the Leforce brothers married Sisters, Daughters of Monroe Keys and Lucia Hoyt Keys. - Both members of The Cherokee Tribe of Indians

"The Keys family came into what is now Okla, prior to the coming of the 'Old Settlers',

"Keys, and Irish imigrant had, married a Cherokee Woman. The unsettled conditions in the 'Old Nation' induced him to seek a more quiet location. Leaving his home in the care of a man, Roach by name. The family with household possessions - tools - work animals, feed and food for the fam[il]y were brought by boat to Fort Gibson, and from there were taken overland to a place on Ill.

River near the mouth of Barren Fork This was one of the first Ferries;

"Keys and two of his daughter(s) died the first winter.

"Lucy Hoyt - grand-daughter of Maj. Geo Lowery - was married to Monroe Keys in 1856,

"Monroe Keys Served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Engaged in several battles the last being that of Cabin Creek

"Sam Leforce was married to Sara A. Keys
James A. Leforce " Fannie M. Keys."