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LATTIE DAVIS OGDEN (White)
Texanna, Oklahoma.
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Indian-Pioneer History
Jas. S. Buchanan, Field Worker.

I (L. D. Ogden) was born September 11, 1881 at Clarksville, Arkansas. I was reared and educated in that state and came to the Indian territory in 1902 and joined my brother, David B. Ogden, who had come to the territory in 1896 and engaged in the mercantile business at Texanna.

Texanna, at that time, was a thriving little inland town of about three hundred population, located on the old Ft. Smith and Guthrie trail, at that time the only northwest-southeast road through this part of the territory.

In 1902 the firm of Forsyth & Ogden did more than \$100,000 worth of business. The firm also owned the only cotton gin at Texanna, and that year ginned more than 2,000 bales of cotton.

In 1903 the firm established their second mercantile store in Checotah and continued to operate both stores until 1906 when the firm discontinued business.

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In 1906 I was married to Miss Lola Allinson, daughter of William and Wilda Allinson of Missouri. I met my wife shortly after she came to the Indian Territory as a teacher in the Cherokee schools, and incidentally the first white teacher employed in the Cherokee schools.

The extent of my political activities in the state has been two terms in the state legislature as representative from McIntosh County, 1925 to 1928. In 1931 I was appointed to fill an unexpired term as county commissioner of this same county.

For the last several years I have engaged in farming and continued to make Texanna my home.