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BIOGRAPHY OF   J. J. Pettigrew, (White)
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

BORN           Texas
               January 4, 1861

PARENTS        Father, L. A. Pettigrew, Missouri
               Mother, Missouri Whiteside, Missouri

Story told by, Mr. J. J. Pettigrew, born January 4, 1861, on John Wallace plantation, 12 miles west of Corsciana, Texas.

After my father L. A. Pettigrew came out of the Civil war we moved to Hempsted, Texas. My father and mother died in Texas. I came to Indian Territory in 1885. I only stayed a short time, I was a young man, and wanted to see some of the country. I stayed one night at Cherokee Town, Indian Territory, there were a few houses and two or three stores, a stage barn and a hotel. Cherokee Town was located about five miles north of where Wynnewood, Oklahoma is now. I went back to Texas and married. In 1890 I came back to the Indian Territory bringing my wife and children, we came through in a wagon with four mules pulling it. This time I stopped at Wynnewood after they put the Railroad through. Cherokee Town, moved to what is now called Wynnewood.

I went to farming on what is known as the, Harmon farm, we sent our children to a small log school house, called Roady school we had church services at this log school house. We had a Union Sunday school, John L. Roady and myself were the trustees of the Sunday

I only moved twice, my chief occupation was farming.
I raised lots of cotton, from 120 to 125 bales a year. I have sold
corn as low as ten cents a bushel, oats for fifteen cents a bushel,
and wheat for forty cents a bushel.

My wife died in 1918, After the break up of my family,
I went into business at Wynnewood, operating a wagon yard and boarding
house, during the oil boom at Pernell. In Apache, Oklahoma I owned
the Blackwell Hotel, after leaving there I run the City Cafe at Minco,
Oklahoma. Sold out there and bought the Rainbow Hotel and Cafe at
Sulphur, Oklahoma. Sold out there and came to Pauls Valley where I
now live on Hi-way 77 south of this city.

Mr. J. J. Pettigrew is the father of 12 children and
has lived to see them all married.

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