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Pioneer life--Oklahoma Territory

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Interview with Mrs. T. S. Hurst
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Mrs. T. S. Hurst was born in Missouri in 1860,
and came to Oklahoma in the spring of 1894.

Mr. Hurst came to Pawnee in the spring of 1894
and bought a farm about six miles north of Pawnee.
He freighted lumber to build a house and built the
first frame house in that neighborhood. We moved
out there but soon found that the house had been
built on the dividing line of the farm and had to
be moved. We moved the house about a hundred yards
for we had our well drilled and did not want to get
too far from it.

One time when Mr. Hurst was coming from Tulsa
he saw some Guineas and bought some. They were the first
Guineas anywhere around there so we had no trouble in
disposing of the eggs. We also brought a pair of Pea-
fowls with us when we came to Oklahoma. The Hurst
family had raised Peafowl for years and insisted on
our bringing them to Oklahoma with us. They attracted
a number of people and we were able to sell quite a
number of them. They do not multiply very fast how-
ever. They lay only twice a year and then only six

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or seven eggs.

The first year that we put out a crop we planted a great deal of wheat. It had been beaten out with a flail and I would go to the field and sift the chaff out of it while Mr. Hurst sowed it.

COMMENTS

Mrs Hurst said she was unable to remember many of the events of their pioneer times and I was unable to see Mr. Hurst at the time I went there. It is possible that I can get more information from them later.