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Personal interview with
Clarence Stanberry, 335
SE 43d., St., Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma, son of
George Stanberry, Pioneer.

George Stanberry left Kentucky when he
was 19 years old and came to Oklahoma in
1889. He had intended to make the "run" and
stake out some land but decided that he did not
have the grit to go up against the men who
were lined up to make the "run" so after watch-
ing from the side lines, he went back to Ken-
tucky and stayed until 1894, when he came to
Davis, Oklahoma, and settled six miles west of
town.

He bought a small place that had a crude
log house on it and he lived in this place about
4 years and then hauled lumber from Ardmore to
build a small frame house.

Clarence Stanberry said his father had a
very hard time when he first moved into this
country.

George Stanberry knew how to dye cloth but
never made use of the knowledge. He tanned
hides by cleaning all of the meat off the hide,

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then by rolling the hide up in wood ashes, and
leaving for a few days.

Mr. Stanberry also had a recipe for chills--
crushed parsley seed. Eat one teaspoonful,
three times each day.

Mr. Stanberry said his father lived on
corn meal and home killed meat in his early
farming, and on garden stuff. His crops, which
were mostly feed, were raised with one horse and
a hoe. When planting, the corn would be dropped
by hand and covered with the hoe. Plowing was
done with a double shovel.

Water was carried from a creek and they
had a big fireplace in the log house that would
take a log 4 feet long.

There were lots of cattle and a farmer,
who did not have a cow, could go out and take
a milk cow off range and milk her if he would
take care of the calf and not starve it. Most
any rancher would let a man milk a cow for tak-
ing care of them and the calves would usually
run in the field and be kept herded out of corn.

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Wild plums and wild blackberries were
plentiful and the Stanberry's canned lots
of berries for winter use.