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Stilwell, Oklahoma

FIELD WORKER E. F. DODSON

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C. L. Fletcher attended the common schools of his neighborhood and was educated at the Cherokee National Male Seminary and completed a course in Business College at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In 1907 he joined his father in the hardware business under the name of Fletcher and Son. In 1919 the senior Fletcher retired from business and C. L. Fletcher became the owner of the business, now known as the Fletcher Hardware.

In 1920 C. L. Fletcher was elected County Commissioner and served two years, during which time Adair County built its first Court House, which was later destroyed by fire. The beautiful new Court House we now have is the result of the first building.

Jack and Joe Fletcher, sons of C. L. and Lillian (Blake) Fletcher will soon be able to take up the Hardware business.

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B. G. FLETCHER, deceased.

Mr. Fletcher was born on his father's farm in the Indian Territory, near what is now Stilwell, Oklahoma (Adair County) in the year of 1885, January 25.

Father-- B. G. Fletcher, born in Indian Territory, (Adair County).

Mother--Mary H. Fletcher, Born in Indian Territory, (Adair County).

Benjamin G. Fletcher was born May 13, 1859, in Goingsnake District, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, now Adair County, Oklahoma, and was a son of Robert Harrison and Charlotte (Bigby) Fletcher. Robert Fletcher was born in Central Tennessee and came to the Indian Territory in 1856. He married Charlotte Bigby who was born in the District; she was the daughter of Thomas Bigby who came from North Georgia with the first emigrants to the Indian Territory. The Thomas Bigby homestead now being owned by the family of B. G. Fletcher.

Benjamin G. Fletcher spent his entire life in what is now Adair county. On July 10, 1879 he was married to Mary Harriett Guthrie, daughter of Calvin P. and Sarah (Adair)

Guthrie, the latter of whom is a member of the family for which Adair County was named.

In 1891 B. G. Fletcher was elected District Court Clerk, serving as such two years and in 1898 was elected to the Cherokee Senate, where he served four years, after which he retired from politics and gave his time to farming and mercantile business. In 1906 he started what is known as the Fletcher Hardware at Stilwell, Oklahoma, which has grown from a small business to what is now one of the largest hardware and furniture businesses in the county.

B. G. Fletcher died December 27, 1920, and in his passing, Adair County lost one of its most respected and lovable characters.