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William B. Frame

Name Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Post Office Address 210 Stanley Boulevard,

Residence address (or location) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 24 Year 1859

Place of birth _____

Name of Father ^{JAMES} ~~Thomas M.~~ Frame Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about father _____

Name of Mother ^{TRIPP} ~~Susan Delinda~~ Tripp Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached _____.

An Interview with Mr. W. B. Frame, Ardmore, Oklahoma.
By - Jennie Selfridge - Field Worker.
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W. B. Frame was born in Franklin County, Tennessee,
January 24, 1859.

In 1888, he left ^{DEXTER,} ~~Denison~~, Texas, and came to Ardmore,
Indian Territory. Here he bought out the William Green
Drug Company, and was later a partner with Green for fif-
teen years.

Mrs. Frame came to Ardmore in a spring wagon from
^{DEXTER,} ~~Denison~~. She should have crossed Red River at Tuck's
Ferry, but saw a bunch of drunks just before she reached
the river and had her driver to cross just below the
ferry.

King School was one of the first schools founded in
Ardmore. It was a subscription school called King's Col-
lege. All of the churches in town used this building,
which was a one room affair. Professor King was the first
teacher.

Mrs. Will Robertson had a school for the younger
children. She taught at her home, and had twenty-five or
thirty pupils.

Sue Frame Smith, daughter of W. B. Frame, started to school when Hargrove College was established at the old Methodist Church in Ardmore. This was before the dormitory was finished at the college, which was located in the north part of Ardmore. The first graduating class at Hargrove was June 7, 1900. The graduating class consisted of Bess Johnson, Myrtle Frensley, Sue Frame, and a Ferguson girl. Each pupil had to write an essay before graduating. Boys could not graduate from the school that year. The diplomas carried the title, "Mistress of English Literature". They were signed by, Dr. A. J. Wolverton, President of the Board of Trustees, Minta Lanus, Teacher, J. M. Gross, President, and A. L. Day, Secretary of the Faculty.

Mrs. W. C. Baker, who still resides in Ardmore, taught at the school, and Mrs. J. B. Ball taught music there.

Sue Frame also received a degree in Bachelor of Oratory. This school was controlled by the Methodist Church and for several years was the leading institution of higher learning in Ardmore.

Mr. Frame bought his drugs from St. Louis, Gainesville,

and Kansas City.

At night Mr. Frame would take his money out of the safe and put it in cigar boxes in the front part of the store. In that way if the safe was robbed the money would not be found, also it could be obtained very easily in case of fire.

During the fire of 1895, Sue Frame carried all of the dolls from her father's store. Mrs. Frame was caught trying to carry water in two buckets that did not have bottoms in them. The day of the fire Mr. Frame bought the first and only carload of paint ever sold in Ardmore. This paint burned up in a wall paper and paint shop, which Frame operated in connection with his drug store. He also sold school books. During the fire Mrs. Frame carried \$500.00 home and threw it under the bed.

Sallie Young had the best furniture in Ardmore, but most of this furniture was destroyed during the fire. Her mother was an invalid, and during the fire Mrs. Frame put her in a buggy, and a man pulled the buggy out to the Frame home. A year later the Frame home was destroyed by fire. The Frame family has lived at this location since 1888, and Mr. Frame has served as County Clerk since Statehood.