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Interviewer.
July 20, 1937

Interview With W. F. Jones,
225½ North Rosedale, Tulsa, Okla.
Deputy United States Marshal 1897-1917.

EX-DEPUTY U. S. MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION.

Attached is a roster of the Ex-Deputy United States Marshals of Indian Territory whose association held its last meeting in the Federal Building, in Tulsa, November 19, 1930. W. F. Jones (225½ N. Rosedale, Tulsa) was chairman of the Committee to investigate federal records and compile a roster of living ex-deputy United States Marshals who had served in the Indian Territory before statehood. According to Mr. Jones there were only two copies of this roster made, one is in his possession and a copy that was given to Congressman Wesley L. Disney.

The object of the meeting of the association in 1930, was to discuss means of getting some pressure back of the following pension bill first introduced in the House of Representatives, June 10, 1921, by Alice Robertson:

H. R. 7035.

A BILL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to all regularly commissioned United States deputy marshals, now living, who served under the United States District Court for the Western District

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of Arkansas, including the Indian Territory, now the State of Oklahoma, prior to the admission of the State of Oklahoma into the Union, and to the widows of the said United States deputy marshals who were killed in the line of duty, who were their wives at the time of their service, and to their children under the sixteen years of age, shall be paid a pension in the sum of \$30.00 per month.

It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed. The hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary took place April 11, 1922. Very interesting pleas were made by Alice Robertson, Oklahoma, and Otis Wingo, Arkansas, personal statements made by John M. Taylor, oldest living commissioned officer (out of Fort Smith) commissioned 1882.

Mr. Tillman again introduced the bill, H. R. 3974, in the House of Representatives, December 7, 1925. The only change from former reading was the proposed amount of pension raised from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per

month. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor introduced the pension bill, H. R. 2968, May 15, 1929, a copy of, H. R. 3974. It met the same fate.

At the meeting of the Ex-Deputy United States Marshals' Association of Indian Territory, the committee chosen designated that its chairman, W. F. Jones, present

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its case before the Judiciary Committee at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jones says in his present interview (July 20, 1937) that sufficient money was not raised by the Association to pay his expenses to Washington. He took up the matter personally with Congressman W. E. Disney, giving him a roster of the membership at that time.

Mr. Jones checked the roster at my request bringing it down to date, indicating those who were alive, where they live and what they are doing at the present time (according to his information). Mr. Jones also indicates the older and younger group.

There seems to be almost a fifty percent death toll since 1930.

Muskogee, Oklahoma.
November 19, 1930.

To Mr. R. A. Thompson, President,
Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshals' Association of Indian Territory--

S I R :

We, the Committee appointed by you to make an investigation into the records concerning the ex-Deputy United States Marshals who served in the Indian Territory before Statehood, make the following report:

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In the records available we find the following names recorded; there may, however, possibly be (not exceeding ten) more names found elsewhere but at this time we are unable to make a report on these men.

All the following are men who served as Commissioned Deputy United States Marshals in the different districts composing the Indian Territory, and all are now living except as indicated:

R O S T E R

Original Appointment

Fees

R. C. Lee -O-	McAlester, Okla.	July 24, 1891	"
(Farmer)			
W. F. Jones -O-	Tulsa	Feb. 1, 1897	"
(Night watch)			
* J. S. O'Brien -O-	Wagoner	April 24, 1895	"
Mark R. Moore -O-	Jones	April 24, 1895	"
(Farmer)			
* J. F. Ledbetter -O-	Muskogee	June 25, 1895	"
* G. W. Tucker -O-	Marlow	(Not known)	
* Gabe Beck -O-	Greenville, Texas.	May 25, 1895	"
* J. F. Long -O-	Tahlequah, Okla.	June 23, 1898	"
A. J. Trail -O-	Claremore	June 24, 1898	"
(Tulsa Tribune distributor).			
* L. P. Isabell -O-	Vinita	June 25, 1898	"
* John Cordell -O-	Holdenville	June 26, 1898	"
G. P. Lawson -O-	Coweta	June 28, 1898	"
(Jailor at Muskogee)			
* Clark B. Wasson -O-	Muskogee	June 28, 1902	"
* W. W. Freshour -O-	Bristow	June 30, 1898	"

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			Original Appointment.	Fees
H. A. Thompson	-O-	Oklahoma City, Okla.	June 30, 1898	"
(Police Dept. Finger print).				
*J. S. Tilley	-O-	Dustin	" Jan. 1, 1902	"
G. W. Cochran	-O-	Catoosa	"	(Commissioned out of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Court-Western Dist.)
*Eugene Miller	-O-	Tulsa	" "	"
*T. W. Prather	-O-	Vinita	" "	"
*O. J. Booth	-O-	Tulsa	" "	"
*J. B. Heady	-O-	Noxie	" "	"
*W. C. Smith	-O-	Muskogee	" "	"
*C. B. Rhodes	-O-	Muskogee	"	(Appt. "Not Known").
J. W. Rubls	-O-	Okmulgee	" "	"
(Farmer at Wagoner, Okla.)				
Paul C. Williams	-N-	Muskogee	June 1898	
(Lawyer,				
T. Wyman Thompson	*N-	Salina	" 1898	
John H. Quarry	-O-	Tulsa	June 1898	
*S. O. Harris	-O-	Shawnee	"	(Appt. not known)
C. R. Wilson	-O-	Tulsa	June 1898	
(Muskogee Carpenter)				
A. J. Smith	-N- (?)	Vinita	"	(Commissioned out of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Court-Western Dist.)
*H. R. Ridenhour	-O-	Vinita	"	(Not known)
C. E. McLeas	-N-	Muskogee	June 1898	
(Lawyer)				
G. W. Bond	-N- (?)	Miami	"	(Appt. not known)
Noah Frank	-N-	Broken Arrow	"	(Appt. not known)
C. P. Smith	-N-	Oceano, California	"	(Commissioned out of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Court-Western Dist.)

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			Appointment	Fees.
Red Lucas	-O-	Wagoner, Okla.	(Commissioned out of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Court-Western District).	
S. W. Fooy	-N-	Bartlesville "	June 1898	"
*Hiram Stevens	-O-	Claremore "	June 1898	"
James Brazil (Oil business)	-O- (?)	Oklahoma City"	1898	"
A. R. Cottle (Chief Deputy United States Marshal)	-O-	Tulsa, "	(Sal) July 1, 1903	"
E. H. Hubbard (Chief Deputy United States Marshal)	-O-	Muskogee "	(Sal) July 1, 1900	"
*W. H. Cunningham	-O-	Muskogee "	(Sal)	

except as indicated

As far as is known the above are all living, and the above list of names is as nearly correct as it is possible to ascertain. The Committee also designated W. F. Jones to present our case before the Judiciary Committee at Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. F. Jones Chairman.

(Signed) E. H. Hubbard Secretary.

(Signed) R. C. Lee

(Signed) J. S. O'Brien

LEGEND.

* deceased.

O old in service.

N new in service.

(?) present status not known.