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Field Worker: Ruth Kerbo
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Interview with Mrs. S. B. Hall
 West Lincoln Street
 Mangum, Oklahoma.

Date of Birth April 20, 1869
 White Plains, Georgia.

Parents Father; L. D. Wright
 Georgia
 Mother, Mary Lewis
 Georgia

BIOGRAPHY.

Mrs. S. B. Hall came to Greer County with her husband in 1888, from Brown County, Texas. They settled on a farm four miles west of Mangum townsite, and engaged in wheat growing and stock raising.

Mangum townsite had already been surveyed in 1884, and schools established in 1886. Although Mangum then had the aspect of a frontier community, much of the district now composed of city and suburban homes was simply an open range.

Deer and antelope were plentiful in this section, and fresh meat was not lacking. When the Elm or Salt Fork rivers rose out of their banks, wild turkeys would be found roosting by the hundreds in nearby trees. One charge of buckshot would bring down several fowl.

Mr. Hall owned several hundred head of sheep before leaving Texas, and bought several hundred more from some men who promised to furnish feed for them during the winter, but failed to comply with their contract to feed the sheep and all of them died but 65 head. He got discouraged with the outlook for the future, for him in Texas, so he loaded his family in a wagon and started for Greer County.

Mrs. Hall recalls buying a sack of flour when they came through Vernon, Texas, and only had 50¢ when they arrived at their destination.

Mr. Hall cut down some trees and constructed a log cabin, covered it with a wagon sheet, to serve as their abode until later. The family moved to a dugout home one mile west of Mangum, and the parents were obliged to bail out water to keep their abode from being inundated by the torrential rains on one occasion.

After a particularly devastating drouth, the family moved to Mangum, where Mr. Hall established the first wagon yard. In 1889, he operated the first butcher shop in the community. Mrs. Hall recalls that she took

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care of the business in town while Mr. Hall farmed during the farming season.

At one time Mr. Hall gave a muleteam and wagon for a quarter section of land near Mangum, which he later sold for \$12,500.

Mrs. Hall is a devoted christian and, feeling the need of a church in Mangum, with the help of Mr. Lafayette Carter organized the first Nazarine church in Mangum in 1911. Mr. Carter left after spending one year in Mangum, and, in 1914, an Evangelist, Frank Pritchett came to hold a meeting. After the meeting ended, Mrs. Hall felt it her responsibility to carry on the work of the church, and since there were only ten church members and no building in which to worship, Mrs. Hall went among the church members to secure money with which to buy an old store building she had located to be used for a church, but received only one dollar.

Mrs. Hall did not get discouraged, but asked her son for a bale of cotton, which she received, and with the \$98.00 she received for it and the support of

the business men of Mangum, they were able to pay \$100.00 down and the balance later. Mr. Oscar Weil gave a lot south of the court housesquare for the location of the structure, which was moved there by friends.

Mrs. Hall visited among her neighbors, helped them in time of sickness or need and encouraged them to come to Sunday School and prayer meeting. Eventually new members began coming in until there was a nice Sunday school organized. A pastor, Mr. George Nicholson from Tipton, came to preach once a month.

Mr. S. H. Owens was the Sunday school superintendent at that time and with his help Mrs. Hall secured an exhorter's license and served as pastor and teacher for a long time.

Later the membership of the church began to grow and they were able to secure a regular pastor and erect a nice building in the place of the old one. Mrs. Hall is still very active and happy in her church work.
