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Interview with Mr. Perry Lanham.
Wynnewood.

Born in 1865, Texas.

Father-P. G. Lanham

Mother-Manda Anderson

I was born in Texas in 1865. I came from Texas to the Indian Territory in 1882, and settled at Tishomingo in the Chickasaw Nation. I went to work for Mr. Fisher; he owned a supply house, where he sold nearly everything you wanted to buy or trade for. I worked and saved my money so that I could start a ranch and in 1888, I had saved up enough money, I thought, to start a small ranch, so I went over on Spring Brook Creek to a place called Cross Roads. There was no store there at that time. I built a log house, and by the last of 1889 I owned about three hundred head of cattle, and a few horses.

A Mr. McGee put in a gin there in 1889, and later built a store and named it McGee. I helped Mr. McGee establish a post office and by 1893 we had everything

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going along fine. I had at that time six sections of land fenced, and about three thousand head of cattle. Of course, I had been selling a few along to make money to buy others with, and also to make money enough to live on. I would buy every cow I could get money enough to pay for, and in this way I raised most of my cattle. There were lots of wild horses on Rock Creek below where Sulphur now stands.

I have paid two to three dollars a head for those wild horses which were broken to lead. There were several men who made a living by catching wild horses and breaking them to lead. I have bought ^{several} horses for five dollars a head and they were broken in to ride, this way I got my horses very cheap. I would break them to work to a wagon or plow.

Before I sold my lease and cattle, I had twenty men working for me. I sold out in 1899 and moved to Wynnewood, where I have lived since.