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Interview with Mrs. Minnie Marshall Wade,  
Route 5, Box 344, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

I was born March 4, 1884, in Eldorado Springs, Missouri, the youngest child of Dr. Henderson Marshall and Minnie Barfield Marshall.

I was reared and educated in Missouri and in the year 1900 I visited Mrs. William Ross who had become an acquaintance and friend of my mother during her trips to the Territory with my father. During this visit Dr. McCall of Fort Gibson, who was a friend of my father, induced me to remain in Fort Gibson and teach a private school composed of children of families who preferred a private school instead of the Cherokee public schools as they were at that time. I had taught this little school only a short time when I became acquainted with Mr. Meigs Wade, who at that time was an assistant to Mr. Hubbard Ross who was postmaster at Fort Gibson. This acquaintance proved to be the finish of my little private school as Mr. Wade and I were married in the early part

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of 1901 in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Immediately after our marriage we moved to a place southeast of Muskogee, which was a part of the old Budd Kell ranch, and that was an adventure in my life which I shall never forget. The house was an old ranch house or shanty, a one-room box house with a fireplace at one end. It had been vacant for a great length of time, or it had that appearance from the number of cobwebs and wasp nests that I had to clean out of it before I could bear the idea of making it a place of abode.

Mr. Wade engaged in farming and stock business at that place and later became interested in the breeding of thoroughbred stock, horses, cattle and hogs. He, in that manner, acquired a stable of good race horses which he handled for several years. We eventually acquired possession of this place and when the allotments were made, it became our allotment and I have never known any other home since my marriage. When we first took the place W. R. Robertson and H. B.

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Spaulding owned a large cattle pasture adjoining us on the west.

Mr. Wade was born and reared in Fort Gibson; he was the son of Stephen F. and Bernice Coleman Wade. Stephen Wade was a Canadian, born and reared in Montreal. Bernice Coleman Wade was a native Cherokee.

My husband was always active in the promotion of sports in his community and in Muskogee in his early life. He was a member of the first baseball team ever organized in Muskogee. He also assisted in the promotion of the first brass band of Muskogee and was a member of the band.

Meigs Wade died January 22, 1922.