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BIOGRAPHY OF J. E. Hass
Duncan, Oklahoma

Born In Montgomery, Arkansas
August 27, 1861

Father: Dentis Hass Mother: Lindy Hass

"I grew up on Montgomery, Arkansas. I was a farmer all my life. I first split rails, as many as six hundred a day. We farmed there with oxen and I broke a bunch of steers.

" I came out to Oklahoma or Indian Territory and settled near Stigler in that county. They farmed there very different than in Arkansas. Then I went to Poteau and got the marshallship and was marshall there for six years. I didn't have any trouble with anyone. I was always friendly with the men I arrested and they always went with me without trouble. I went back to Tamahac and when I farmed I raised 13 bales of cotton, Couldn't raise corn and my wife raised turkeys. This was all on halves.

"I worked for Charlie Rafae, who run for sheriff and got beat. He was a dry farmer. I moved to Hayesville and made a crop with an Indian named Moncrief, a Choctaw. That year a flood came and I was surrounded by water. It took boats to get me out. That year I sold out and went back to Tamahac on Bob Forch's place. Here I had cotton and corn, but made seventeen hundred bushels of corn and he fed my team. I liked to have got in'o it as I killed a lot of cattle and some hogs that broke into my field. There was no fence down the river and these cattle belonged to old man Shoemake. I guess I killed over a \$1000 worth of stock that year.

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"Tom Laddie helped me finish gathering corn and the last crop was with Bob Harrison an Indian."

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