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Biography of Mr. Ed. Miller
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

Born In 1873 in Texas

I came to the Indian Territory in 1886, with my mother and step-father. Bill People, my own father, died when I was about two years old. We settled at Davis, Indian Territory, my step-father farmed there, the first wheat we raised there sure did make good, we had ten acres in wheat, and when cutting time came, my step-father cradled it. We used wagon sheets to thrash it out on. After we thrashed it out he took it to Denison, Texas, and traded it for flour. He got enough flour to last us three years, I was about 13 years old at that time. A bunch of men went over near Ada, Indian Territory to kill some deer, they let me go along to look after the teams. They killed 33 deers, and about 40 or 50 turkeys. I was at Tecumseh, Indian Territory, when they made the run in 1889. The largest crowd of people that I have ever seen in anyone place. I was at Carnegie, when they made the Cheyenne run. And at the Comanche run, at Wynnewood, Indian Territory, I did not take part in any of these runs. I was at Perry, when they made the strip run. I used to work on the Trout Ranch it was located on Big Blue about four miles south of Roff, Oklahoma. I did general work on this ranch, that is where I learned the Blacksmith trade. I was working when the United States Marshal shot George Trout. I never did learn what he had done. One night the marshal rode up to the bunk house, he asked some of the boys if George was there, they told him they had not seen him but this did not satisfy the marshal, he began to look for him. He found George

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Trout down by the corral asleep. When he walked up on George, George started to run, and the marshal shot him in the leg. George Trout was taken to the hospital in Wichita, Kansas. And he died there in the hospital. I saw the gunfight between Scarface Jim, who was an outlaw and Buck Garrett who was a Deputy U. S. marshall. One of the deputies who was with Buck Garrett, got his hat shot off of his head, but no one got hurt. This was at Sulphur Springs. Scarface Jim was a badman. About a year after this fight, he got killed in the Choctaw Nation in a gun battle with someone. I used to haul corn from Beef Creek to Pauls Valley, with three yoke of steers on two trail wagons, I would pile it on the ground at the elevator, I believe there was more corn in that pile than there was raised in Garvin county last year.

A Mr. Brock gave me \$85.00 dollars to haul his tent store and stock of groceries from Pauls Valley to Cloudchief, townsite, I used three yoke of steers and two wagons, it took me 16 days, to make the trip, now with their fast autos one can drive it in two hours. I knew Bob Moore, who was an outlaw. He was killed by two U. S. Marshals. I was acquainted with James Dulin, he told me that he was present at the noted Pease River fight, where the famous Cynthia Ann Parker was recovered by her friends after twenty years of captivity. She was the mother of Quanah Parker, chief of the Indians that was why he got the name of Parker. I was acquainted with Chief Big Tree's death, Quanah Parker was made Chief of the Comanches.

I have never been married.

Mr. Ed Miller now operates a blacksmith shop at Pauls Valley. (1937)

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