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HISTORICAL COLLECTION FORM
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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field worker's name Linnaeus B. RanckThis report made on (date) August 24 19371. Name of person owning collection Mr. Pearl MaybeeAddress Gage, Oklahoma2. Name (if any) of collection Gage Record (Weekly Newspaper)

3. This collection contains the following types of material _____

4. Amount of material See attached sheets5. Material deals with See attached sheets6. Approximate period (dates) material is for Issued June 22, 19067. Locations of the collection (where it is kept) In owner's home8. Condition of storage place In a fair state of preservationCondition of collection In a fair state of preservation9. What does the owner intend to do with this collection Keep itWould he be willing to part with it? No

10. Any other information about the collection, including its history _____

11. Does this owner know other people who have or might have collections.
Give names & addresses _____

NOTE: In the event that any of the above questions cannot be answered fully in the space allowed, attach blank sheets firmly, and give all available information. Referring to question by number.

Number of sheets attached _____

FIELD WORKER LINNAEUS B. RANCK
Indian-Pioneer History 3-149
August 24, 1937.

INTERVIEW WITH PEARL MAYBEE
Gage, Oklahoma.

EXCERPTS FROM THE "GAGE RECORD"
JUNE 22, 1906. A WEEKLY NEWS-
PAPER PUBLISHED AT GAGE, OKLA-
HOMA TERRITORY. ELMER V. JESSEE,
PUBLISHER & EDITOR.

PROGRAM
Of the

BIG CELEBRATION AT GAGE, OKLAHOMA

In the

WORD'S GROVE NORTHEAST OF TOWN.

9:30 a.m.--Grand Merchant's Parade, led by Gage.
Band: for best display, first prize \$10.00, second prize
\$5.00.

10:45 a. m.--Reading of the Declaration of Ind-
pendence, Honorable C. H. Holmes.

11:00 a. m.-- address, Honorable W.A. Briggs.

12:00 Noon---Free Dinner of Pork and Beans

1:00 p. m.--Potato Race, boys under 16 years of age, first prize \$2.00, second prize \$1.00.

1:30 p. m.-- Sack Race, boys under 14 years of age, first prize \$2.00, second prize \$1.00.

1:45 p. m.-- Triangle walking, free for all, prize \$5.00.

2:00 p. m.--One hundred yard foot race, 1st prize \$10.00, 2nd prize \$5.00.

2:15 -- Egg Race on horseback, 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd prize \$1.00.

2:30 p.m.-- Pony Race, 300 yards, 4 to enter, 3 to start, 1st prize \$15.00, 2nd prize \$7.50.

3:00 p. m.--Free for all race, A quarter of a mile, 4 to enter, 3 to start, 1st prize \$25.00, 2nd prize \$10.00.

3:30 p. m.-- Ball game, 1st prize \$25.00, 2nd prize \$10.00. Entrance to all races to be made with E. Daniels.

Executive Committee--W. E. Ferguson, E. V. Jessee, C. H. Holmes, George Hastings, Eugene Daniels.

Grand Marshal--T. B. Howard.

GRAND DISPLAY OF FIRE WORKS

Plenty of Free Ice Water!

I recall attending this picnic. We drove ten miles in an old wagon--the children sitting or lying in the bottom of the box behind. The Honorable C. H. Holmes was United States Commissioner at Gage at that time and hundreds of settlers made final proof on their claims before him. Mr. Holmes ^{stood} on an improvised platform under a large spreading elm tree in Ward's Grove that day and read the Declaration of Independence. He had red hair and a bristling red mustache. The Honorable W. A. Briggs, who delivered the principal address, was a young practicing attorney from Woodward. He was a capable speaker and in later years he became one of Oklahoma's prominent criminal lawyers. Briggs opened a law office in Woodward during the late '90's.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at Woodward, Oklahoma Territory.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before C. H. Holmes, United States Commissioner, at his office at Gage, Oklahoma Territory on June 24, 1906, viz:

Joseph E. Maybee, Gage, Oklahoma Territory.
For the northwest quarter of seven, township 21 north, range 23 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

George H. Barr, Edward Learnard, John M. Byers, John A. Myers, Gage, Oklahoma Territory.
Dick T. Morgan, Registrar.

Dick T. Morgan was in charge of the Land Office at Woodward for many years. Following Statehood he became the first representative in the House of Representatives from the Second Congressional District of Oklahoma.

The editor of the Record in 1906, Elmer V. Jessee, was a shrewd and intelligent man, too, without an equal down ^{through} the years till the present day; and the Record is still published here at Gage.

An editorial by Elmer V. Jessee, Editor of the "Gage Record." This editorial appeared in the "Gage Record" in 1906.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The long hoped for has occurred. The Statehood Bill has passed and the President has signed it. Whenever we prepare and adopt a constitution and elect our state officers we will be admitted to the Union and have all the powers and privileges of the other states.

The bill was finally passed last Thursday evening. There was not a single vote against it, either Republican or Democratic.

The Bill as passed provides that the election for delegates to a Constitutional Convention shall be held within six months and that the convention

shall meet on the second Tuesday after the election is held. The Governor, Secretary and Supreme Judge of Oklahoma constitute a committee to divide Oklahoma and Indian Territory each into fifty-six districts and one constitutional delegate will be chosen from each district, making one hundred and twenty-four delegates to the convention. It is thought that fully six months will be used by the committee in districting the two territories, as they will need a great deal of time and study in order to gerrymander the districts so the majority will be Republican. (Mr. Jesse was a staunch Democrat).

The capitol of the new state will have to be at Guthrie until 1913, says the bill. It also provides that no liquor shall be sold on any Indian lands for ten years-- in other words, there will be Indian prohibition for ten years.

It will, in all probability, be one year before our state government will be in force. It might be

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summed up as follows: Six months to district and gerrymander the territory; two more to hold the convention and prepare the constitution; two more for the people to examine and adopt the constitution, and two more for the president to accept the constitution and issue a proclamation declaring the territory has been admitted as a state.

if the Governor and Committee would district the territory within the next sixty days we could hold the Constitutional Convention in November at the time for holding the regular election, and could become a state in the Spring, but in that case the constitutional convention would most likely be Democratic, a very laudable thing which the territorial Republican ring is almost scared to death about.

There will be no fall election for county and territorial officers. The old ones will hold over until the state officers take their seats.

The next year we'll know some of the hottest political campaigning ever seen in Oklahoma. The

next year is one of the most important ever to be a part of Oklahoma history. Our greatest drawback as a territory has been our poor laws. Our legislatures have too often been used to fill men's pockets instead of making good laws. Let us be careful in selecting our next representatives to choose men of ability and integrity, men whose hearts are with the people." I am quite positive that Elmer v. Jesse was our first representative in the state legislature after statehood. I know he served a term or two from Ellis County and I am sure he was our first from the new county of Ellis.

On another page of this old paper appears the following under the caption of "Politics--Non--Partisan."

Oklahoma has been calling for Statehood for nine years. There has always been a strong organization in Congress keeping us out. We have at last grown too large for them. Too many forces were

brought to bear, and even Old Joe Cannon and his mighty ring of Republican leaders had to knock under.

What's the matter with the Comanche County Fair Association securing Bird McGuire and Dennis Flynn for a special attraction? Put the two of them together in a twenty-four foot ring, stripped to the waist and wearing skin tight gloves, with Tom Ferguson and Bill Grimes in Flynn's corner, Cash Cade and Everett Purcell in Bird's corner, Governor Frantz as timekeeper, and for referee--but there's the rub. Where in Oklahoma could you find a Republican that would give each one of the combatants a square deal. When we started on this article we thought we had a great scheme, but it is no go. We realize the impossibility of securing an unbiased referee.--Lawton Democrat.

Dennis Flynn is about the only one of the Oklahoma politicians of that period who is still living.

Here is an advertisement that would be peculiar to these times (1937):

IF YOU WANT A COUNTRY RIG GO TO
GEORGE HATINGS' LIVERY BARN
Gage, Oklahoma Territory.

J. I. Lovell, Prop.

And another one:

LOVELL HOTEL.
Good rooms, Good Meals,
most convenient to all
Stage lines.

J. I. Lovell, Prop.

Under a Washington D. C. date line of June 16, 1906, in this old paper appears a long article on the enabling act and statehood for Oklahoma. I quote a portion of two paragraphs:

The signing of the measure was made an occasion of an interesting ceremony, Senator Albert J. Beveridge and Representative Edward L. Hamilton, chairman of the Senate and the House Committees on Territories, who have worked long and hard for the measure were present, as also were Delegate McGuire of Oklahoma and a number of residents of Oklahoma:.....

The president used two pens in signing the measure, writing the first name, "Theodore," with a solid gold pen, presented by the people of Arizona, and his family name, "Roosevelt," with an eagle's quill taken from an American eagle in Oklahoma.