

E. Ben Goff, 627 South 6th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Born, December 9, 1888, Throckmorton, Texas. Parents, James M. and Susan C. Goff. White.

MR. GOFF'S STORY:

My parents came to Oklahoma from Texas, December 6, 1896.

We came in three wagons loaded with pigs, chickens, plow tools and house-hold goods. We drove 100 head of horses and 100 head of cattle.

"We moved to what is the Cheyenne Nation, it had been open for settlement about three years, but the prairie lands had not been taken up, we did not know at that time that the land would be given to us by filing and paying a \$15. filing fee, but through the efforts of Dennis Lynn our representative in Cnongress [sic.] we were given our homes which constituted 160 to the head of the family. Dennis Lynn was defeated the next race after he secured free homes (check on this last statement) but I am almost sure the people he served so well turned him down the next year.

"When we came to Oklahoma there was what we called a panic in the United States, and president Cleveland about that time was talking of relief such as we now

have from the Government, infact the bill was passed for a small sum and he vetoed the bill.

"We located on Boggy creek which empties into North Fork of the Red River about 22 miles north of Mangum, and at or near the mouth of Boggy creek is a salt bed, and was then being worked, and which made good salt, those salt springs are still there but not being worked for commercial purposes."