

Wilson C. Hodges, 102 1/2 East Dewey, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Born, August 12, 1884, Platte County, Missouri. Parents, father, Collins B. Hodges, born June 22, 1842, Fulton County, Kentucky, Mother, Sarah M. Hodges (Harpole) born April 12, 1852, Obion County, Tennessee. White, (English and German).

MR. HODGES' STORY:

My parents came to Oklahoma March 1st, 1901, to what was then Oklahoma Territory. They owned a farm ten miles west of Oklahoma City on the North Canadian River. "In early days the river was forded and this ford was known as 'Dead Man's Crossing' "

My family came from Platte County, Missouri. Part of the family came by train but my brother, J. S. Hodges and I came in a covered wagon. We were on the road sixteen days and were robbed once while on the way.

"Built the first rural telephone line out of Yukon, Oklahoma, in 1905. Attended the statehood celebration at Guthrie on November 16th, 1907.

"In and around the City of Sapulpa and vicinity there are many historical spots, such as Moccasin Tracks Bluffs, Dalton Bros Cave, early-day spring, old trail to Kelleyville, two old Indian churches and camp grounds, first fair ground of Creek County, few residences built prior to 1900, and the first cemetery site.

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" 'Sapulpa', the Creek Indian for whom the city was named, lived in a cabin at the South-East part of town in Civil War days, and was buried on his land. This grave site has been marked by the D. ... R. but I understand that the grave is very much neglected.

"There is an immense amount of old material such as news papers, pictures etc available here. Also there are a number of older people, both white and indian,...."