

Boss Neff, Texas County, Hooker, Oklahoma. Born, March 5, 1866, Lewisburg, Ohio. Parents, Jacob and Margaret Wampler Neff. White.

MR. NEFF'S STORY:

"I came here to No-man's Land in 1883.

"I recently filed my Autobiography with the Oklahoma Memorial Association, which gives at least a part of my activities here in Okla for the past 55 years.

"I hunted Buffalo the first six weeks, I was here, from about the middle of Feb. to first of April '83 then I was a Cow-puncher for several years until I purchased cattle and started my own brand and ranch in spring of '88, I still own a ranch south of Hooker on the Beaver river, of 2920 A.

"....there never was any Indians that lived here, only a few came through here on hunting expeditions.

"The Fort Dodge-Ft Bascome trail that goes through the Panhandle was established about 1865, the Santa Fe trail was established about 1826. Ft Nichols in the west end of the Panhandle was established about 1865 by Kit Carson, The ruins are visible yet.

"There are several old Indian ruins here called the "Slab house dwellers" on [e] of them was excavated by the State Anthropologists, some three years ago."