

The following "Sketches from the life of Rev. Dr. D. W. Scott" came in answer to a questionnaire sent to Miss Mary Scott of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"Rev. Dr. David Wesley Scott was born April 1st, 1833, to one of the First Families of Virginia, at Locust Grove Plantation, Brooke County (W) Virginia. He began life with a heritage of sturdy pioneer blood from his ancestors of Scottish Nobility; dating back to the days of Asbury and the Wesleys.

"He was educated at Allegheny College, and the Ohio Wesleyan University. In Washington, Ohio, February 27th, 1856, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Jane Martin, the talented and charming, eldest daughter of Rev. Joshua and Hannah Martin. Nine children were born to this union. They soon went west to make their home in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

"In 1857 Mr. Scott began his preparation for his chosen profession at Rush Medical University, Chicago, Ill. From Iowa, he moved to Shawnee, Kansas, where his professional life began. He made many warm friends wherever he lived, attracted by his happy, genial, poetic nature both youth and age were drawn to him. Dr. and Mrs Scott were members and loyal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church by their means; services and presence.

"Dr. Scott---A Pioneer.

"Although born in the east, Dr. Scott was by sympathy and life a pioneer. He longed to push farther and farther toward the setting sun, over beyond the Great Plains, where the mountains are. Such an adventure captivated him so that he decided to take his family and go see, investigate, and explore the alluring Golden West, with its wonderful mountains, rivers and valleys, for himself. In 1865 he joined a caravan of pioneers, who were starting west from Kansas City, Mo., on such a journey. This caravan was made up of sixty wagons loaded with eager travelers-men, women and children - so filled with the spirit and desire to discover new lands, where they could settle down, build new homes; and establish a new civilization that they were willing to endure the trials and dangers before them.

"An Episode on the Way

"This thrilling episode, which occurred on their long perilous journey to the frontier, was always remembered by Dr. Scott and his fellow travelers. Dr. Scott had been made the chief of the expedition, with full authority over all. Beside the pioneers, there were numbers of cowboys and drivers with them. When they had journeyed far to the westward, very early one morning, before the break of day,

the sleeping campers, were aroused from sleep, by the sound of galloping horses hoofs, wild loud cries, and warwhoops.

Instantly horror and fear spread through the camp, for it sounded like they were about to be attacked by a band of fierce, wild Indians, and they knew what that would mean. Hastily and fearlessly, Dr. Scott formed the sixty wagons into a corral and placed the helpless women and children in the center where they would be safest from attack; while the men got their weapons and prepared to fight the oncoming Indians. By this time day was dawning, and in the new light, as the Indians came nearer, it was discovered that the

'Indians' were white men and that the onslaught was a false alarm, the 'Indians', being the cowboys and the drivers belonging to the caravan, just staging a practical joke [sic.]. The Dr. soon convinced them that it was not a joke, but a thoughtless, cruel prank causing much suffering to the emigrants especially to the women and children. This was never to be repeated.

"At the end of the journey our pioneer was found, in 1865, on our frontier, pastor of the M. E. Church, at Golden City, Colorado, then the capital of Colorado Territory, at the age of 32. Marks of his early achievements still abide there.

"Rev. Dr. Scott---A Minister.

"From Golden City Dr. Scott moved to Cheyenne, the capital of Wyoming. He organized the first church there; built the first

church building; and gathered the children into the first Sunday school; all of which he did as a pastor, while practicing medicine to support his family. He was devoted to the spiritual interests of the church as well as considerate of its material advancement.

"During these strenuous years of his ministry, his loyal, faithful wife stood by his side, aiding his work with her music and social ministrations. Music was the soul and joy of her life. Although a constant sufferer from ill health; Dr. Scott was faithful in the discharge of all his duties.

"Rev. Dr. Scott---A Physician

"As a physician he was admired and trusted by the profession, and was strong in the confidence of the people.

"While a resident of Nebraska, he served as the President of the board of trustees, and also as the Superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Lincoln.

"He filled many positions of trust and honor in this state and the church there, with fidelity. Dr. Scott possessed a keen intellect and was a versatile writer. His pen and voice were devoted to the advocacy of reforms, and the defense of the oppressed. He was powerful as a minister, and the effects of his ministrations will be felt for many years to come.

"Rev Dr. D. W. Scott---An 89er.

"When April 22nd, 1889 was declared to be the date that the wonderful land of Oklahoma Territory would be opened for settlement, Dr. Scott was delighted and decided to cast his lot in this beautiful country, to become an 89er, and to spend the remainder of his life in Oklahoma.

"One week after the opening he arrived in Oklahoma City, with a stock of drugs and established the first drug store in Oklahoma City, in a frame shack, on Main Street and named it 'The City Drug Store' this after became 'The Scott Drug Co.'"

"Soon after his arrival he found there had been no provision for his beloved church. He got busy and selected the two corner lots, facing south, at Fourth and Robinson. For these he made the first down payment in cash, and arrangements to hold them until the church could take them over. He was one of the chief organizers of the church, and Sunday School of which he was elected Superintendent. He helped to build the first M. E. Church - a small frame building, which some years later was moved off these lots and replaced by the present spacious, handsome church.

"Dr. Scott lived in Oklahoma and loved it, looking forward to the time when he would be able to bring his wife

and family to make their home in Oklahoma City. While Mrs. Scott was filled with happy anticipations and plans for her new home in Oklahoma City, she was never permitted to realize her dreams, as she was overtaken by a lingering illness and on February 11th, 1891 at the home of her parents in Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Scott went to join the invisible choir, in her heavenly home.

Dr. Scott spent more than ten busy, happy and successful years of life in Oklahoma City. He was sick only a few days, when he silently passed through the Gates to the 'New Jerusalem', at his home Feb. 26, 1901.

"He went to his reward, so justly earned: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant-, enter into the joys of thy Lord.'

"Five surviving children: Mary Virginia Scott, Carrie Pamala Scott, Mrs. Jessie Bell Fleming, Robert Martin Scott, Ralph David Wesley Scott are all residents of Oklahoma City now.

"Dr. Scott, who was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of Oklahoma, was buried from the M. E. Church under the auspices of the Masons. His remains were interred in beautiful Fairlawn Cemetery, [sic.] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."