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BIOGRAPHY OF Marshall N. Clark (White)  
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Duncan, Oklahoma

BORN Union Church, Mississippi  
October 19, 1848

PARENTS Father, Absalom Marshall, New York  
Father was a tanner by trade.  
Mother, Henryetta Bathoff, New York  
Mother was German descent

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I came from Stonewall, Texas. After I crossed Red River I thought I was in one of the Wildest Countries I ever saw, that was in 1899. It was slow going as I was loaded and had two teams and wagons. I was looking for a high plain country. I drove into this place in May.

I saw that this was a good place to stop, so I drove up to the place next door and built, or had my brother-in-law to build, the house in 1899, which is still standing now. I bought from a Mr. Biggs who ran a furniture store there. The wind blew so hard I had to pull part of the house back for a barn to keep it from burning up.

I rented a farm from Walter Gamblin and batched out there in an old leg house made of raw hide, and cottonwood. The house had lapped boards for a top.

This old house stood out about six or seven miles on the Leco trail between two pioneer towns.

Leco was started from a bunch of cowboys settling along negro prong and pipe creeks. I asked why these creeks had such names.

They told me a bunch of negroes settled up and down the creek. Something happened and the cowboys took seven of these negroes and hanged them all to a limb of one tree.

A bunch of cowboys were camped on a creek one night. They were all laughing and talking. Two began wrestling and one was flipped into the water. Just as he started to crawl out of the water he noticed some thing in the water. When he picked it up he found it to be an Indian Peace Pipe so the cowboys named this Creek Pipe creek.

Hunting was good in those days, many wild turkeys roamed this country. Grass was from knee high to as high as a man's shoulders and him on a horse.

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