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Interview with Margaret Silina Clark
314 North 11 St., Durant, Oklahoma.

Born in Perry County, Alabama, April 17, 1861. Came with parents to Indian Territory in 1878. Was married to William A. Clark, M. D., who came to Indian Territory from Georgia in 1879. Four children were born, two now living, Mrs. Cicero McAlester, Durant, and Asberry Bates Clark, Durant.

Coming to Durant from Armstrong Academy, Choctaw Nation, in 1881, Dr. Clark was the first practicing physician in Durant. He and Dr. Stacks witnessed the hanging of Silas Peters, age 22, in 1881, the only Choctaw ever hung in his own country. The crime was horsetheft, on second conviction.

Dr. Clark operated a general merchandise store and lumber yard, along with his medical profession. He was one of the leaders in Durant, worked to get the K.O. & G, and the Frisco Railroad through Durant. He lived in a log house where the Webb Hotel now stands.

Reverend Moses Clark, his father, organized the First

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Baptist Church in Durant and was the first pastor. The church was organized with a called meeting under Lee Gray's hay shed where Hale Halsell Wholesale Grocery now stands.

Dr. Clark has been dead several years. His widow lives with her daughter, Mrs. Cicero McAlester.