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INTERVIEW WITH D. M. MONTGOMERY
Marlow, Oklahoma
Born 1878, Mississippi.

PHYSICIAN DOCTOR

I came to Marlow, Oklahoma in 1898, as a doctor, when Marlow was all a board town.

The country wasn't settled at all. My practice took me nearly to Lawton townsite.

There were no roads so we traveled by horseback or by buggy. At that time they built a lookout tower at the north east corner of the school building grounds and placed a tent over it.

There is a monument (and it still stands) in memory of the Meridian, 3/4 mile west of town.

I was going out east one time when I met a man in a covered wagon. The wagon cover was flopping and he yelled at me and asked if the wind blew this way all the time. I told him it didn't. It blew hard sometimes.

At that time all medical practice was done at the homes. There were no hospitals; if we had to send a patient to one it had to be at Ft. Worth, Texas. Oklahoma City had just started and was only a tent town.

Cowboys were rough. They got drunk at times and shot up the town but they were good at heart. They would feed you at the chuck wagon or at the ranch.

I rode horseback most of the time. I could get places easier and quicker. There were no bridges between here and Fort Sill.

The Marlow boys had their cabin north of here and there was a store near them. Soon the Wade boys came and bought the Marlow boys out. Bill and Tom live in Marlow yet but Bill won't talk.