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BIOGRAPHY OF W. R. Cypert
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 Ardmore, Oklahoma

BORN March 1, 1857
 Arkansas

Father: Jim Cypert Mother: Ellen McMilliam

R. W. Cypert was born in Searcy county, Arkansas, 79 years ago but has been a resident of Ardmore and vicinity for the last 53 years.

When he came to this section it was Picken county, Indian Territory, and he worked for numerous farmers about the old 700 Ranch before Ardmore came into being, and just before he moved to the vicinity of the future city of Ardmore, hitched a team to a covered wagon at the old town of Burneyville, crossed Red river into Wise county, Texas, and married Miss Sarah E. Darby. While he was in the vicinity of Burneyville he farmed for Ganaway and Long, who leased land from Ed Bussey.

One of the most exciting experiences he witnessed while living at Burneyville was when Fillmore Ball, John Ball, and Bill Loutwell killed Fillmore Ball's father-in-law, an old man by the name of Box. They were all at a dance, and the old man started home about twelve o'clock. The men followed and shot him as he was passing through a corn field. They claimed they killed him to get his pipe, although the neighbors believed they did it so that Bill Loutwell could get his property. Heck Thomas, United States Marshall came and arrested them. He proved them guilty by their shoe tracks. Thomas drove a mile team and wagon to haul prisoners.

In 1901 Cypert moved to Newport.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Cypert live quietly in this comfortable home in the southeastern part of the city. A farmer all his life,

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he still carries on when he desires.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cypert had ten children, nine of whom are living at the present time.

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