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An Interview with Mr. James Duffy,
Mangum, Oklahoma.

James Duffy, banker and Mangum resident, crossed the Atlantic to become eventually a pioneer of old Greer County.

On a cold winter day in 1881, James Duffy told his parents goodbye in Ireland and journeyed to Liverpool, England, to embark for the United States.

After arriving in this country, he journeyed to Dodge City, Kansas, arriving at his destination December 6, 1881. Later, he emigrated from Dodge City to Mobeetie, Texas.

The trip was made by stage coach. Mr. Duffy recalls there were few farms and practically no fences. Practically no roads existed, the only avenues of travel being the cow trails worn by ox wagons and herds of cattle.

Ox teams and wagons were a picturesque sight traveling over the prairie. As many as fifteen oxen were hitched to three wagons. Travel in this manner was slow but the destination was usually reached in some manner.

Few settlers were in Greer County at the time of Mr. Duffy's first visit. There were only four farms in Wheeler

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county, Texas. Mr. Duffy emigrated to this section in 1886.

Mr. Duffy has been identified with all movements leading to community progress throughout his residence here in Greer County.