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Interview with Marshall Norwood
 Durant, Oklahoma.

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My mother, Elizabeth Hosmer Norwood, was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, July 28, 1861, and died Dec. 28, 1928. She was the daughter of Silas and Esther Ann Hosmer.

During the Spanish-American War Mrs. Norwood was very active in the welfare of the American soldiers. She made many "House Wives" and sent them to Theodore Roosevelt to be given to the needy soldiers. She has numerous letters of thanks from the soldiers and several letters from Roosevelt himself.

Mrs. Norwood was left a widow and reared to manhood her two boys Thomas J. and Marshall C.

Letter of Theodore Roosevelt to Mrs. Norwood:

Santiago, Cuba.
 Aug. 2nd 1898.

Mrs. Bettie Norwood,
 Atoka, I. T.

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My dear Madam:

I have just received your very welcome gifts. One of the "House Wives" I gave to Adams as you directed, the others I distributed among the other boys who seemed to need them the most. 'Twas most kind of you to send them and I deeply appreciate them and so will the fortunate ones who get your gifts.

With great regards

Theodore Roosevelt

The following are the names of a few of the Oklahoma boys who were Roosevelt's Rough Riders and who received the "House Wives" sent by Mrs. Norwood.

C. E. Hunter

S. M. Cunningham

Edgar S. Adams

W. B. Willard

H. P. Bardham

These boys wrote letters of appreciation to Mrs. Norwood from Santiago.