

Colt Industries



Firearms Division
150 Huyslope Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06102
203/278-8550

September 16, 1977

Mr. Jack W. Slaughter
120 West Coal
Gallup, New Mexico 87301

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

In response to your request for historical information, we have researched our records and located the following pertinent data:

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

Serial Number:	95521
Caliber:	45
Barrel Length:	7-1/2 inches
Finish:	Silver
Type of Stocks:	Pearl
Factory Engraved:	Yes
Shipped to:	William Nelon
Address:	Unavailable
Date of Shipment:	September 30, 1884
Number of Same Type	
Guns in Shipment:	2

We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

Sincerely,

M. S. Huber
Historian

MSH:sjh

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March 8, 1979

Tom Seymour
805 hillcrest
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Dear Mr. Seymour:

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2-13-79

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MR M.S. HUBER, HISTORIAN
COOT INDUSTRIES
HARTFORD, CONN

~~DEAR~~ MARY : CONFIRMING OUR TALK
ENCLOSED FIND MY \$15⁰⁰ CHECK
+ COPIES OF TWO LETTERS
REGARDING 2 S.A.'S "SHIPPED TO"
WILLIAM NELSON, SEPT '30 1884

W'D LIKE YOUR LETTER CONFIRMING
THOSE GUNS WERE SHIPPED
TOGETHER TO THE SAME MAN.
THEY ARE ORIG. INCISED PEERL
GRIPS WHICH ARE QUITE RARE,
IS THE GRIP DECORATION
MENTIONED IN THE RECORDS?
ONE SIDE HAS A SKETCHY
BUFFALO HEAD & THE OTHER
(OVER)

HUBER, SCW
SAND
1/10/87

A NUDE FEMALE - ATTRACTIVE
BUT OF THE EARLY VICTORIAN
PERIOD!

COULD YOU COMMENT ON WHY
NO ADDRESS IS KNOWN -
POSSIBLY MENTION CIRCUM-
STANCES WHY NOT SOLD
TO A DEALER - (I.E. HE
PICKED THEM UP HIMSELF.)

ALSO DO YOU KNOW THE
RATIO OF SILVER ENGRAVED
S.A.S TO OTHER TYPES.

THANKS MORTY. ILL LOOK
FORWARD TO HEARING
FROM YOU.

SINCERELY TOM SYMCOCK

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Colt's Inc
Small Arms Division

150 Huyshope Avenue
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Tel. 203/278-8550

October 15, 1970

Dr. S.H. Jaynes
South Plains Clinic
105 N. 10th
Slaton, Texas 79364

Dear Dr. Jaynes:

Reference is made to your recent letter requesting historical information on Colt Single Action Army revolver serial # 111471.

Upon researching our records, we located the information listed below which describes this arm as originally shipped from the Colt factory in 1884.

Caliber	45
Barrel length	7 1/2"
Finish	Silver
Type of stocks	Pearl
Factory engraved	Yes
Sold and shipped to	William Nelson
Address	Not listed
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Yours very truly,

R.H. Wagner

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Spare Parts Supervisor

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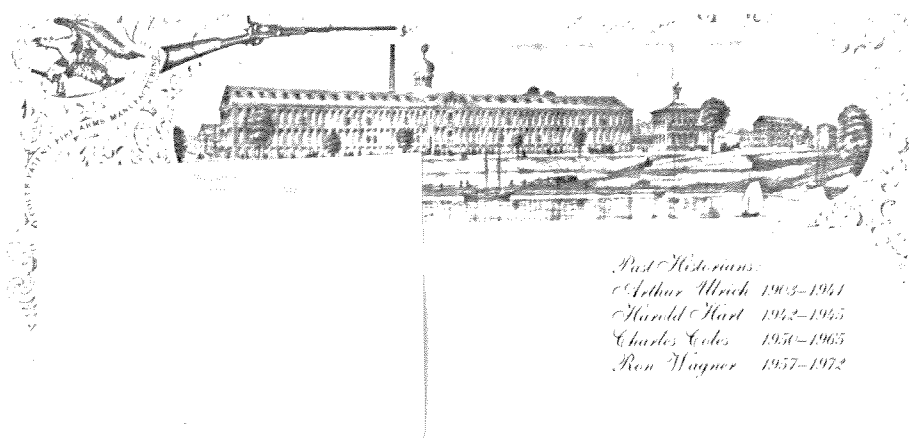
This is to acknowledge receipt of your remittance in the amount of \$15.00.

The information requested will be researched as soon as possible. However, due to a temporary accumulation of incoming mail, there will be a delay of approximately 60 to 90 days before your request can be processed. We sincerely regret any inconvenience and will do everything possible to shorten this delay.

Cordially,
M.S. Huber
Historian

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Past Historians:
Arthur Ulrich 1903-1941
Harold Hart 1942-1945
Charles Cotes 1950-1963
Ron Wagner 1957-1972

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PREVIOUS LETTERS

March 21, 1979

Tom Seymour
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Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Mr. Seymour:

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in 1885. It is the oldest college in Oklahoma. The name of the school was later changed to Bacone College, honoring its founder.

Nazareth Institute was established in 1891 by William Henry Ketcham soon after the organization of Catholic work in Muskogee. It was first a girls' school, but boys were admitted later. Saint Joseph Academy was established in 1903 to meet the educational need of young men.

Evangel Mission, a school for Freedmen boys, began operation sometime in the 1880's. A.H. Mike, Muskogee's centenarian, was principal of the school for several years. It was located in the Union Agency.

The public school system of Muskogee was initiated in 1898 with F.M. Butler as superintendent. The first school board consisted of W.C. Trent, Pleasant Porter, John B. Torrance, William T. Hutchings, and Oscar Beebe. The school was located on the site of the present Central Fire Station on Second Street.

(Pg 40 & 41) Federal Court Comes to Muskogee. An important event took place in the life of Muskogee in 1889, the advent of the federal court. Up to that time justice had been meted out at Fort Smith by Judge Isaac Parker, who took the bench soon after Muskogee came into existence, in 1875.

It had been the duty of the U.S. marshals to take prisoners to Fort Smith, but that was a long, tedious journey. A further complication was that the Fort Smith court did not always consider the laws and traditions of the Indian. The new court in Muskogee really was geared for the protection of the rights of the Indians. Many cases involving whites still were to be tried in Fort Smith.

When it was learned that a new federal court would be established, General Pleasant Porter made a trip to Washington to prevail on the President of the United States to establish it in Muskogee. It did not take a great deal of political pressure, since few towns wanted the honor. But General Porter felt that everyone in general and the Indians in particular would benefit from a federal court being established in Muskogee.

According to the October 14, 1921, issue of the *Times-Democrat*, the first federal court was held in Muskogee on April 1, 1889. *The Old Timer* relates that Judge J.M. Shackleford, Major William Nelson, U.S. Attorney A.Z. Waidron, Tom Needles, D Stewart Elliott, T.M. Foster, W.A. Ledbetter, J.G. Wells, Col. E.C. Boudinot, Judge W.A. Fears, Col G.W. Pease, and W.M. Harrison "alighted from the train in plug hats and frock coats the day before, with everyone present." Local citizens, including J.E. Turner, A.W. Robb, and M.B. Maxey, had a hurried conference with the dignitaries, suggesting that they remove

the plug hats, fearing some cowpuncher might "take a shot at them." Indians were grinning in amusement.

Court opened with prayer, led by Rev J.Y. Bruce, Methodist minister, in the large rooms of the Knights of Pythias. According to Judge M.B. Maxey, the first case was in behalf of a man named Martin to regain a stolen horse. Col. Boudinot was the lawyer. The case drug on until Colonel Boudinot and the horse both died. The jurisdiction of the court was from Missouri to New Mexico. The first writ was issued by Marshal Needles. written on a piece of brown paper.

Picture appeared in the February 16, 1938 issue of the *Times Democrat* with the caption 'Where Judge Shackelford Took Oath.' The location was given as 4 West Okmulgee. It was torn down in 1938.

According to Alice Robertson in her article in the *End of the Century* edition of the *Phoenix*, Pleasant Porter was the 1st juror sworn in, and Captain G.B. Hester, the father-in-law of Robert L. Owen, was the first foreman the jury. Waymon Crow Jackson was one of the first attorneys to appear before the court. He later served as U.S. Marshal, and was the first judge of Muskogee County after statehood.

[Drawing of The Knights of Phythias Hall in 1888, Phoenix special photo and A View of Muskogee in 1881]



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Muskogee County, OK Marriage Records

SURNAMEs: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

ELLIOTT, KERR, WILLEY posted by Ft. Gibson Gateway to the West on Friday, March 7, 1865

Ft. Gibson Gateway to the West; C W "Dub" West; pg 76; The Cherokee Tomahawk
Ft. Gibson CN (Cherokee Nation) Mar 13, 1865: At the residence of the bride's father, on Tuesday, March 7, 1865, by the Rev Mr. WILLEY, Mr. G W ELLIOTT to Miss Ann KERR, all of Ft. Gibson, C.N. No Cards. Another has been taken from the list of "old bachelors" and added to that of "Family men". While we deplore the loss of a friend, we concur in the many unanswerable arguments advanced by him to prove that the change was necessary. "Married folks" have gained a convert, and the writer has lost a bedfellow. May happiness ever attend the pathway of the young couple, and when age shall have dimmed their eyes and enfeebled their footsteps, may their love to each other be as fresh and pure as now. Baltimore papers please copy.

CUNNINGHAM, HOLMES posted by Lisa Morris Coleman on Sunday, July 17, 1892

Marriage Certificate Muskogee Co, Indian Territory John Williams Holmes to Effie Idella Cunningham June 17, 1892 married. Witnessed by William Nelson recored Dec. 29, 1892 Book B Marriage Records page 254

BARTON, MCKISSICK posted by Indian Journal Newspaper on Wednesday, February 15, 1894

Indian Journal, Eufaula, I.T. Feb 15, 1894 issue. Page 1, column 5 - EVERYWHERE column: An unusual marriage was solemnized at Moose I.T., last week. The contracting parties were L B BARTON, aged 80, and Mrs F E MCKISSICK, aged 76. They have known and loved each other for forty years.

ALLEN, CROCKER, LANDOWN, POTTER posted by Indian Journal Newspaper on Wednesday, February 22, 1894

Indian Journal, Eufaula, I.T. Feb 22, 1894 issue. Page 4, column 1 - Local News: Mr J B CROCKER and Mrs ALLEN were married on Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr H C LANDOWN, near town, Rev J M POTTER officiating. The happy couple have

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OKLAHOMA'S FIRST COURT

By Grant Foreman.

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For many years an anomalous situation existed in the Indian Territory which was productive of a degree of lawlessness probably unparalleled in the country. White people had been pouring into the country of the Five Civilized Tribes and there was no forum in which rights and remedies could be determined and enforced where they were concerned. Many years ago the United States courts in the adjoining states of Kansas, Texas and Arkansas were given jurisdiction to try certain offenses originating in the Indian Territory. However, these courts did not adequately meet the situation and for years the question of establishing a United States court in the Indian Territory had been agitated both in the Territory and in Congress.

The court at Fort Smith was the last district court to exercise a large measure of this jurisdiction. Finally, on March 1, 1889, Congress enacted legislation establishing a court of the Indian Territory. This was accomplished in the face of opposition by Fort Smith, Paris, Texas, and Wichita, Kansas, citizens who contemplated with great reluctance the loss of the business that had accrued to them by the jurisdiction their courts had exercised in the Indian Country. The seat of the new court was fixed at Muskogee, and Monday, April 1, 1889, was the day set for the inauguration of the new court.

This was one of the most eventful days in its history, said a Muskogee paper.¹ For days past a constant stream of strangers had been pouring into the little town. While many of them were lawyers who intended to make Muskogee their future home, not a few came only to be present at the opening of the first white man's court ever held in the Indian Territory.

From the south-bound morning train into Muskogee on that eventful Monday descended the following officials who were to inaugurate a momentous change in the country: James M. Shackelford of Indiana, Judge; Thomas B. Needles of Illinois, United

¹Muskogee Phoenix, April 4, 1889.

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States marshal; Zachary T. Walrond of Kansas, prosecuting attorney; and Maj. William Nelson of Indiana, clerk of the court, all of whom proceeded first to register at McQuarie's dining room.

The air was tense with interest and the significance of the occasion. Flags were floating from the buildings along the streets and the people were greatly elated and excited. There having been no court room provided, the upstairs room over the Muskogee *Phoenix* had been hastily fitted up temporarily for that purpose. At 10:30 o'clock the officials of the court and a large number of citizens and visitors assembled in Phoenix Hall. Judge Shackleford presiding, called the meeting to order, and thereupon prayer was offered by the Rev. J. Y. Bryce, pastor of the M. E. Church South, in Muskogee. The judge thereupon directed Marshal Needles to open court. The citizens then, for the first time in Oklahoma heard the proverbial "Hear ye, Hear ye, etc." and then realized that the first session of the first U. S. Court ever held in the Territory was in progress.

The district attorney then presented to the court the appointments, bonds and other credentials of the officers of the court; the judge accepted and ordered them spread upon the records and then adjourned court to meet the next morning.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock Judge Shackleford convened court and announced the first business of the court would be the promulgation of the rules defining the qualifications required of the attorneys applying for admission to practice in the court. The following were the rules so ordained:

1. Every male citizen of the age of twenty-one years of good moral character and who possesses the requisite qualifications of learning and ability, may, in the manner hereinafter provided, be admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in the United States Court for the Indian Territory.
2. Every applicant, except as provided in Rule Three, shall be examined by a committee of attorneys to be appointed by the Judge, which examination shall be held in open court, unless otherwise directed by the Judge, and such applicant shall, before admission, produce to the Court by sworn petition, satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications, and shall also take an oath

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to support the constitution and laws of the United States, and faithfully to discharge the duties of the office on which he is about to enter.

3. Every attorney and counselor at law who has been admitted to practice in either the

Supreme or any one of the Circuit or District Courts of the United States, or who has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of any state thereof, producing to this Court his certificate, or satisfactory proof of his admission to practice as last aforesaid, upon taking the requisite oath, shall be admitted to practice in this Court.

4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court to keep a Register in which he shall register and enroll every attorney or counselor at law admitted to practice in the Court, and the Clerk shall issue and deliver to each a license in due form to practice in this court, for which the Clerk may charge and collect the sum of Two Dollars.

Mr. Walrond, the district attorney, then moved for his own admission to practice in the court. The Judge allowed the motion and made the necessary order, after which the following attorneys were admitted to practice in said court upon presentation of proper certificates or other valid proofs of being attorneys in good standing: D. Stewart Elliot of Kansas, Y. N. Foster of Illinois, Napoleon B. Maxey of Illinois, Walter A. Ledbetter of Texas, E. C. Boudinot, of Arkansas, Robert L. Owen,² of Indian Territory, J. H. Crichton, of Kansas, L. E. Jackson, of Indiana, Ridge Paschal, of Indian Territory, Sampson D. Hinds, of Kansas, Preston Lester, of Tennessee, Joseph G. Ralls, of Arkansas, W. D. Crawford, of Arkansas, G. W. Pasco, of Texas, L. S. Fears, of Texas, J. H. Akin, of Indian Territory. The court thereupon adjourned until afternoon at two o'clock, when adjournment was again taken until the next day.

On Wednesday, April 3, at nine o'clock court was again convened by Judge Shackleford and on the motion of Mr. Walrond W. C. Jackson of Fort Smith was admitted to the bar. Judge Shackleford then appointed as jury commissioners for the June

²Former United States Senator Owen is probably the only lawyer in that list now living.

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term P. J. Byrne of Muskogee, O. P. Brewer of Canadian District in the Cherokee Nation, and D. M. Hodge of the Creek Nation. The three commissioners were then sworn and instructed as to their duties, after which the marshal conducted them to a private room where they prepared a jury list.

The court thereupon appointed W. N. Martin, A. McCoy and Charley LeFlore jury commissioners for the September term of court, and they were likewise instructed and then shown to a private room to prepare a jury list. The court then adjourned until two o'clock. At the afternoon session the jury commissioners handed in the jury lists and after being complimented by the court for the prompt discharge of their duties the court adjourned until the following day.

On Thursday Judge Shackleford opened court at the appointed hour. Motion was made for admission to the bar of the following lawyers, all of whom, on presentation of certificates and proofs were duly admitted and sworn as attorneys: James Brizzolara

of Arkansas, Leroy Neal, W. N. Patterson and Thomas George, all of Kansas. The Court thereupon appointed Maj. William Nelson the Court Clerk, as United States commissioner for the Indian Territory, Benjamin Dye deputy clerk, and William W. Ansley deputy marshal. Upon the opening of the afternoon session of the court Andrew Roeburg applied for naturalization papers. Indian policemen William Foreman and G. Barnum were then sworn in as United States deputy marshals. There being no further business before the court it adjourned until the first Monday in June, 1889, pursuant to the following order:

Whereas, Pursuant to an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a United States Court for the Indian Territory and other purposes" approved March 1, 1889, the above named Court met at Muscogee, in the Indian Territory, on the first Monday of April, 1889, in the regular April term; and

Whereas, There was no venire for a jury returnable to said regular term, and no rule of said court at its organization designating the return day for precepts, writs, summonses, etc., issued out of the clerk's office for said court, and the court subsequently at said term has adopted a rule governing the proceedings of the same; and

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Whereas, The undersigned Judge of said court is fully advised of the necessity of a special session of this court for the transaction of pressing business at an early and convenient date under the provisions of the said Act.

Now therefore, The undersigned James M. Shackleford, Judge of the said court does on this Fifth day of April, A. D., 1889, call a special session of the United States court for the Indian Territory, to begin and be holden at Muscogee, in said Territory, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock a. m., on the first Monday of June, 1889, and it is by these presents announced that said term of said court will continue from day to day for the transaction of all business lawfully within its cognizance under the existing rules and regulations of said court until the adjournment of the said session.

Done at Muscogee, in the Indian Territory, on the Fifth day of April, A. D., 1889.

James M. Shackleford, Judge of said Court.

On Wednesday, April 3, at two o'clock p. m., the attorneys theretofore admitted to practice in this court met for the purpose of organizing a bar association. Judge Shackleford was called to the chair and Prosecuting Attorney Walrond was appointed secretary.

On motion of Mr. Elliot, of Kansas, the names of the following members were enrolled, viz: D. Stewart Elliott, of Kansas; Y. N. Foster, of Illinois; Napoleon B. Maxey, of Illinois; Walter A. Ledbetter, of Texas; S. E. Jackson, of Indiana; Ridge Pascal, of the Cherokee Nation, I T.; Sampson O. Hinds, of Kansas; Preston S. Lester, of Tennessee; J. G. Ralls, of Ohio; Robert L. Owen, of the Cherokee Nation, I. T.; W. D.

Crawford, of Missouri; G. W. Pasco, of Texas; L. S. Fears, of the Cherokee Nation; J. H. Akin, Indian Territory.

A committee composed of Messers. Elliott, Pascal and Foster was appointed to select permanent officers for the Association. They nominated Judge J. M. Shackleford president, Z. T. Walrond vice-president, Col. R. L. Owen secretary, and N. B. Maxey treasurer, and their report was adopted.

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On motion of Mr. Ledbetter of Texas the chair appointed Messers. Ledbetter, Elliott, Pascal, Jackson and Ralls as a committee on Constitution and By-laws. The committee was directed to report at the next meeting of the Association. Remarks relating to the objects of the Bar Association were then made by Judge Shackleford, Messrs. Walrond, Elliott, Foster and Hinds. The Association then adjourned to meet again in the court room the first Monday of the next term of this Court.

A local paper introduced the new court officials to its readers in the following language:³

"Judge James B. Shackleford is a gentleman some fifty odd years of age who has been on the bench a number of times in the state courts of Indiana. He is pleasant and courteous in the extreme, and his decisions, though firm, are delivered in a good natured and friendly manner. His popularity with our people is assured.⁴

"The attorney, Mr. Z. T. Walrond, was a member of the last Kansas legislature, is a man who is held in the highest esteem by the people of his Kansas home and makes friends of all whom he meets. He has made an especial study of criminal law and practice, and we hazard nothing in asserting that he will perform his duties to the letter, as well as to the satisfaction of all.⁵

"Thomas B. Needles, the marshal, is a banker by profession and we should not be surprised if he soon wearies of the arduous duties imposed by his office. He is fat, good natured, and has about him an air at once attractive and pleasing, and which will do not a little to make the court popular.⁶

"The gentleman selected by Judge Shackleford as clerk of the court is Maj. William Nelson, of Evansville, Indiana. Major Nelson is a retired officer and served not many years ago in this immediate country and also in Arizona. He is abundantly equipped

³*Ibid.*

⁴Judge Shackelford who captured Morgan the Raider, had a distinguished career in the Civil War, an account of which by Carolyn Thomas Foreman is to be seen in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* XII p. 103.

⁵Mr. Walrond lived and practiced law in Muskogee until his death.

⁶Colonel Needles afterward served as a member of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in Muskogee.

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with the good, hard sense necessary to the successful administration of the duties which his office imposes.

"In the selection of the gentlemen who make up this court, there is a point which might prove of value to certain parties. Not one of them solicited the appointment and the first intimation they received of what was to occur was a telegraphic enquiry whether they would accept.

"For the purpose of getting acquainted with the officials of the Western District of Arkansas, as well as to confer and arrive at an understanding regarding the jurisdiction of the two tribunals, the Muskogee officers went to Fort Smith this week, and will thence proceed to their homes to place their personal affairs in shape for leaving. The clerk will, of course, remain at his post, or have a deputy there to attend to the filing of suits, and a deputy marshal will also be on hand. In this connection it might be well enough to state that several civil suits were begun before adjournment Tuesday noon.

"The jury commissioners selected were P. J. Byrne, and Perry Brewer, of Muskogee, and Capt. J. T. Standley, of Atoka; but the latter could not serve and another was named. They received instructions and entered upon their duties Wednesday morning.

The first session of this court at which the actual business of trying cases was inaugurated was held in Phoenix Hall on Monday morning, June 3, 1889, at ten o'clock. The hall was crowded with lawyers, officers, jurors, witnesses and visitors. Judge Shackelford appointed a committee composed of Hinds, Owen, Ledbetter and Wisdom to examine applicants for admission to the bar and directed them to act at once.

A jury was empaneled and the court called the first case, but as the witnesses were not present court adjourned until afternoon.

When court convened at two o'clock Judge Hinds, chairman of the committee on admission, reported favorably the names of 26 attorneys. He also stated that a number of applicants had filed who did not qualify under the rules of the court. Following this motions were presented to quash summons and dismiss attachments.

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The court then called the first case, a criminal proceeding against A. Husted, charged with intimidating and assaulting settlers in Oklahoma. After the jury panel was sworn Prosecuting Attorney Walrond read the section of the law providing that United States citizens could be tried only before a jury composed of United States citizens. Thereupon it was learned that of the 36 jurors summoned all but three were Indian citizens and were therefore not competent to sit in the case on trial. Another jury was then called composed wholly of United States citizens and the trial proceeded. Court adjourned at six o'clock without having finished the trial of this case.

On the opening of court on Tuesday, June 4, after the presentation of a number of motions, a grand jury composed of 16 men was sworn and instructed by Judge Shackelford to act upon cases in which the accused had been held by the United States Commissioner and such as were presented by the prosecuting attorney.

The grand jury was composed of the following: J. A. Patterson, foreman; D. N. Robb, C. W. Turner, J. L. Thomas, Rev. Sugar George, Ned Robins, James Sandford, Wm. Harsha, O. P. Brewer, S. B. Callahan, J. C. Davison, T. F. Meagher, Wm. A. Madden, Jno. O. Cobb, R. A. Evans, and J. M. Rucker.

The court then proceeded with the trial of the United States against Husted. Congressman Silas Hare, of Sherman, Texas, who represented the defendant, challenged the jurisdiction of the court over the Oklahoma country. Reserving decision on the question, the court proceeded with the trial and the case was submitted to the jury at three o'clock in the afternoon.

On Wednesday morning, the jury having deliberated all night, brought in a verdict finding A. Husted guilty as charged and the other defendants not guilty. Four more attorneys were admitted to practice and the court then announced rules for the guidance of the bar: motions and demurrers to be disposed of before an answer could be filed; the different Indian Nations were to be treated as counties for the purpose of verification; the marshal could not be required to make returns on processes until the costs were paid.

After hearing a number of motions on the question of jurisdiction the grand jury brought in its report, finding one indict-

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ment against William Barrett and Harry Clinton charged with larceny.

The next morning was occupied with the hearing of motions, only a few of which were passed upon. Default was taken in more than 50 cases and in a few, execution was ordered.

"Among the many who have been in attendance at the U. S. Court this week were noticed the following:

"Ex-Governor McCurtain, of the Choctaw Nation; Col. N. B. Ainsworth, of McAlester;

Hon. Wash Grayson, of Eufaula; Captain Jackson, of Gibson; James Crabtree, of Eufaula; Congressman Hare, of Texas; Will Mellette, Esq., of Ft. Smith; Judge G. W. Stidham, of Eufaula; M. Fraree, of Vinita; James Akin, of Vinita; John Bullette, of Tahlequah; E. N. Rasmus, of Tahlequah; John Schrimsher of the Cherokee Nation; Lee Sandels, of Ft. Smith, Garner, of Stringtown; James Forrester, of Ft. Smith; W. W. Ainsley, of Oklahoma; Judge W. H. Tibbles, of Coffeyville, Kansas; Thomas B. Avers, of Coffeyville, Kansas; D. H. Dodge, of Creek Nation; Frank Boudinot; Ben T. Duval, of Ft. Smith; Wm. H. Cravens, of Ft. Smith; and Hon. Stand Gray of Illinois District.

"Deputy-marshal Tyson, of Ft. Smith; J. O'Toole and R. D. Burton, of South Canadian; E. C. Boudinot, of Ft. Smith; Ex-Governor Burney, of Chickasaw Nation; J. S. Standley, of Atoka; Ex-Treasurer Sam Brown, of Creek Nation; Sen. Joe Mingo, of Creek Nation; Chief Justice J. M. Keys, of Choteau; W. T. Whittaker, of Pryor Creek; Dorsey Fife, of Econtuchka; A. Mills, Chetopa, Kansas; R. N. Bynum, Tulsa; B. C. Burney, Woodville, I. T.; A. McCay, McAlester; Richard McLish, Ardmore; J. S. Nale, South Canadian; J. S. Wilson, Gibson Station; J. J. Baird, Tulsa; G. H. Lewis, Choteau; J. C. Pettigrew, Ft. Smith; Wm. V. Carey, Alluwe, I. T.; Connell Rogers, Fort Gibson; R. L. Palmer, Atoka; C. L. Jackson, Guthrie; C. N. Ratcliff, J. O. Hall and W. Ward, of Vinita; Chas. Starr, Cherokee Nation.

"C. O. Frye, Cherokee Nation; Zach Gardner, Pauls Valley; W. L. Payne, McAlester; Wm. McCombs, W. A. Palmer and R. J. Gentry, of Eufaula; Sam Brown, Creek Nation; Thos. Marcum, Ft. Smith; G. B. Hester, Boggy Depot; W. N. Foster, of Illinois; Mr. Rhea, of Texas; C. L. Potter, Gainesville, Texas; Frank P. Blair,

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Kansas City; Hon. Ridge Paschal, Vinita; Judge Boss, Girard, Kansas; Judge LeRoy Neal, Chetopa, Kansas; Mr. Wolfenberger, Ft. Smith; Stephen Bluejacket, Bluejacket, I. T.; J. M. Perryman, Eufaula; Sam Grayson, Eufaula; Judge Humphreys, Ft. Smith; L. Guthrie, Oklahoma City; O. P. Brewer, Webbers Falls; William Johnson, Tahlequah; G. H. Lewis, Choteau; and Professor Smith, Tahlequah."

Monday, June 24, was given over to the celebration of the beginning of the new court house. A large assemblage of strangers came to Muskogee to witness the laying of the corner stone by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Indian Territory. The *Muskogee Phoenix* of June 27 described the proceedings on that important occasion.

"A RED LETTER DAY

"On Monday last Muskogee once again evidenced the claim that for getting up good celebrations on short notice she bears the palm. Notwithstanding the fact that the festive occasion was but little advertised, Monday last witnessed quite an assemblage of strangers in our city, to either look on or take part in the ceremonies consequent upon the laying of the corner stone of the new U. S. Court Building by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Indian Territory.

"Sunday afternoon the celebrated Parsons Cour de Leon Band arrived, and Monday morning trains brought in a large number of persons from both above and below, and when about nine o'clock the band began to play, Main Street in Muskogee resembled, (we imagine) on a small scale, Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington on Inauguration Day.

"The Masons assembled in their hall over the post office about 10 o'clock, and after quite a little delay the procession, headed by the band, marched to the grounds where, with appropriate ceremonies, the laying of the corner stone took place, after which the large audience present were entertained by able addresses from Robt. W. Hill, D. D., and Hon. Z. T. Walrond.

"After the ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner stone were over, barbecued meat of various kinds was served to all who wanted it in quantities to suit, and if a single individual went

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hungry on Monday last it was his own fault, as there was enough prepared to feed every individual man, woman and child in the entire assemblage.

"By the kindness of Grand Secretary J. S. Murrow, we are permitted to give the official report of the day:

" 'EMERGENT COMMUNICATION OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

" 'A special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was held in the hall of Muskogee Lodge, Muskogee Nation, June 24, 1889, A. L. 5889, 11 o'clock A. M. A special dispensation was read from the M. W. Grand Master, John Rennie, authorizing and empowering the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Leo. E. Bennett, to assemble the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory in special convention at Muskogee this day for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the United States Court Building.

"First, Officers. R. W. Leo E. Bennett, Deputy Grand Master, as M. W. Grand Master.

"R. W. P. J. Byrne, Past Grand Master, as Deputy Grand Master. R. W. Robt. W. Hill, Grand Senior Warden. R. W. W. N. Martin as Grand Junior Warden. R. W. G. W. Stidham, as Grand Treasurer. R. W. Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary. Rev. L. S. Byrd, Grand Chaplain. R. W. Robt. W. Hill, as Grand Orator. Bro. T. F. Brewer, as Grand Lecturer. Bro. R. L. Owen, as Grand Marshal. Bro. F. B. Severs, Grand Senior Deacon. Bro. Clarence Turner, Grand Junior Deacon. Bro. J. A. Scott, Grand Senior Steward. Bro. Robert Hamilton, Grand Junior Steward. Bro. H. C. Hall and Bro. P. Porter, Stewards. Bro. Z. T. Walrond, Grand Pursuivant. Bro. H. Edmonson, Grand Tiler.

VISITING BRETHREN

"*Eufaula No. 1.* Geo. W. Stidham, P. M., Chas. Gibbons, W. M., Rev. R. C. McGee, Henry Sixkiller, Geo. Downing, S. W. Gray, H. C. Fisher, J. M. Perryman, G. W. Stidham, Jr., S. J. Brashear, P. R. Ewing. *Caddo No. 3.* Wm. Ward, W. M., W. T. Clark. *Oklahoma No. 4.* J. S. Murrow. *McAlester No. 9.* J. Y. Bryce, S. A. Jackson, M. A. Smith, D. M. Hailey, E. H. Doyle, P. G. M.,

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Wm. Essex, W. M., Francis Burnett, John Simpson, Joseph Gardner, N. B. Sloan. *Alpha No. 13.* Wm. Jackson, H. C. Lowry, W. A. Barker, H. R. Gill, Joshua Ross. *Webber Falls No. 14.* Ward Turner. *Savanna No. 20.* E. Poe Harris. *South Canadian No. 22.* R. D. Burton, Harmons Burk, Wm. Millican. *Muskogee No. 28.* P. J. Byrne, W. M., J. A. Scott, S. W., W. N. Martin, J. W., R. W. Hamilton. Secy., F. B. Severs, S. D., C. W. Turner, J. D., H. H. Edmonson, Tiler. Leo. E. Bennett, D. G. M., R. W. Hill, D. S. G. M., W. A. Maddin, C. W. Moore, P. Porter, Otto Zufall, J. B. Cobb, R. L. Oliver, T. F. Meagher, O. Fuller, August Bolander, A. Roeburg, W. O. Fisk, N. B. Moore, A. W. Robb, J. H. McQuarie, R. Bailey. *Bruton, U. D., L. S. Byrd, W. M., C. W. Bruton, J. W. Whitefield, U. D., J. J. Thurman. Parsons 117, Kansas.* S. B. Newton, Frank Bever, E. A. Santer, G. W. Gabriel, J. O. McKee, C. W. Hawks, C. Rockhold, E. B. Stevens, C. W. Fletcher, D. N. Barrows.

"Also, the following brethren from other jurisdictions: Jas. Starrow Scotland, M. M. Edmiston, H. C. Hall, Z. T. Walrond, H. S. Bunting, O. K. White, S. Beecher, all of Kansas. John H. Stevens and W. Z. Linsey, of Texas; A. P. Peel, J. S. Southerland, John Williscraft, of Arkansas; C. A. Norman of Tennessee; J. H. Shock of Missouri; N. B. Maxey of Illinois.

"The M.W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form in the E. A. Degree. The Grand Secretary read the warrant of authority from M. W. John Rennie, Grand Master, appointing R. W. Leo E. Benz, as Grand Master for the purpose of this convention.

"Eufaula Lodge No. One was admitted and welcomed as a Lodge, and received with Grand honors.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form on the E. A. which was formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal and marched to the site of the U. S. Court building where the corner stone was laid with the usual impressive ceremonies of Masonry, after which R. W. Robert, W. Hill, D. D., the Sr. Grand Warden, and Bro. Z. T. Walrond, Past Master of Sequi Lodge No. 160, Kansas, then delivered eloquent addresses refreshing the intellectual, and these were followed by an intermission and refreshments for the physical man. The procession was then reformed and

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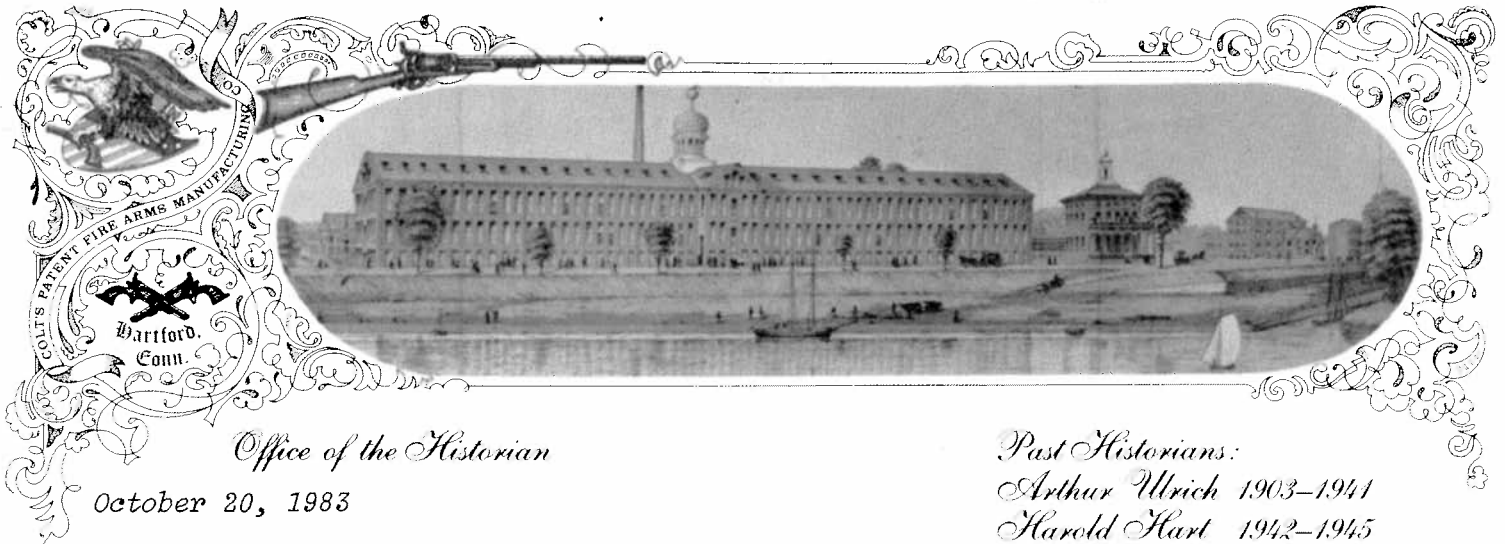
marched back to the hall where the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample form."

Leo. E. Bennett, as M. W. Grand M.

J. S. Murrow, Secretary.' "

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Dear Mr. Seymour:

In response to your request for historical information, we have researched our records and located the following pertinent data:

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

Serial Number:	95521 111471
Caliber:	.45/c
Barrel Length:	7½"
Finish:	Silver
Type of Stocks:	Pearl
Shipped To:	William Nelson
Address:	Not Available
Factory Engraved:	Yes
Date of Shipment:	September 30, 1884
Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:	2

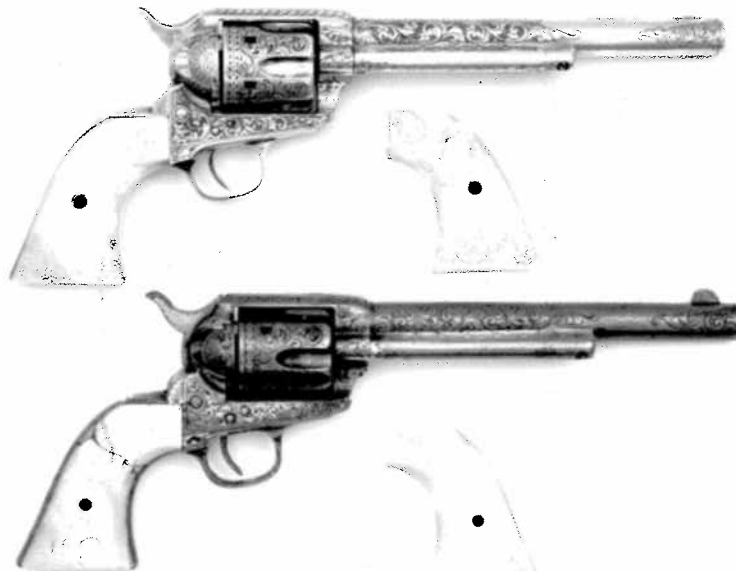
We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

Sincerely,

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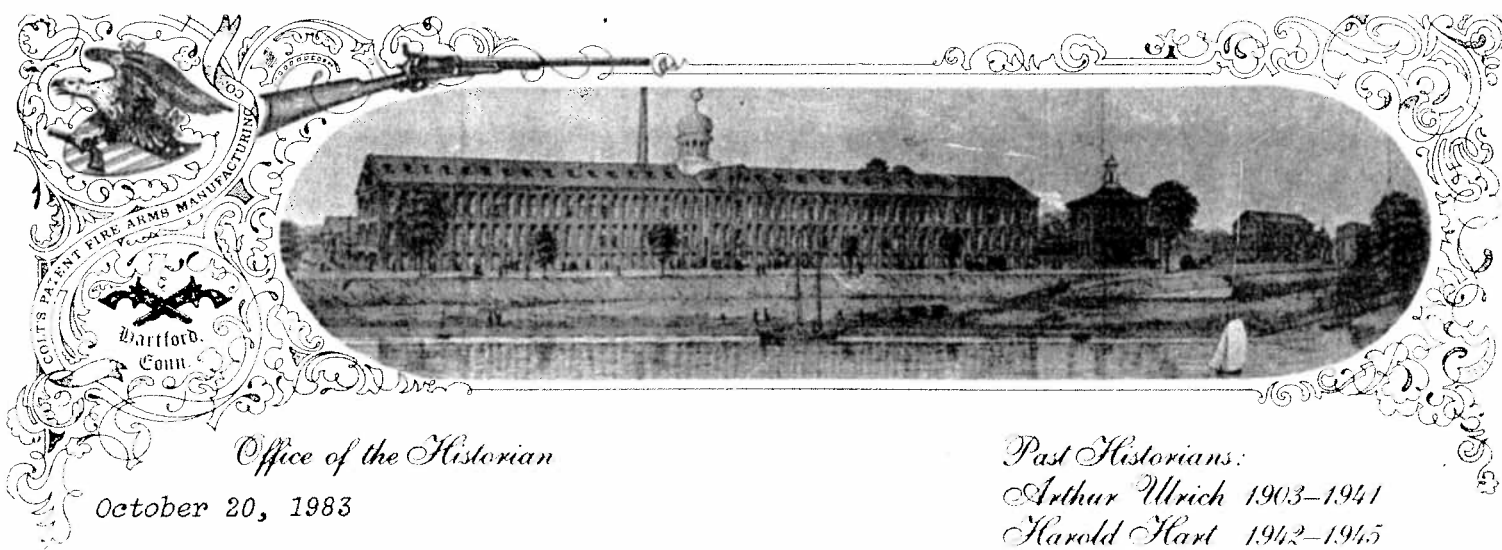




F. LARGE CARTRIDGE .44 & .45 CAL. REVOLVERS

1. Colt, M1871-72 "open top", #2327, .44 cal. R. F. x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl, 99% orig. nickel plate remains over profuse engraving of all metal parts, mellowed ivory grips of Army size. (Illus. Hable Book, pages 165, 166; Colt Heritage Book, page 159).
2. Colt, S.A.A. #114, .45 cal., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl early "pinch frame" type, early Nimschke style engraving all parts, smooth metal, no finish, old checkered ivory grips. Factory letter verifies shipping date of May 30, 1874 to Spies, Kissam & Co., New York. This is the earliest known deluxe engraved Colt S.A. (Illus. Hable/Wilson Book, pages 173, 174; Arms Col. of Col. Colt/Wilson, page 127; The Colt Heritage Book/Wilson, pages 174, 179; The Book of Colt Engraving/Wilson, page 186).
3. Colt, S.A.A., #1891, .44 cal. R. F., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl, early Nimschke style engraving all parts, smooth brown metal that shows much wear with traces of original nickel finish remaining, old carved "Mexican eagle & snake", ivory grips. Factory letter verifies it was shipped March 20, 1880 to Hartley & Graham, New York. One of a very few that has survived engraved with carved grips in 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl length. (ex Lang Spraggins, Jack Slaughter Collection).
4. Colt, S.A.A., #23642, .45 cal., 5" bbl, factory engraved, brown metal, carved "Mexican eagle & snake", ivory grips complete with old belt & holster rig. Shipped in 1876 to Walter Hodsekings & Co., New York. (ex. Jim Luby Col.).
5. Colt, S.A.A., #29427, .45 cal., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl, factory engraved, 98% orig. nickel finish, carved "steerhead", ivory grips, shipped in 1876 to Spies Kissam & Co., New York. All original and very showy.
6. Colt, S.A.A., #95521, .45 cal., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl, deluxe factory engraved, most original silver plating remains on all parts, incised pearl grips decorated with shaggy buffalo head on L. side & curvy nude female holding a flower with mountain scene behind her on R. side. Factory letter states this gun & #111471 (F7 below) were shipped as a pair on Sept. 30, 1884 to a William Nelson. (ex. Jack Slaughter, Lang Spraggins Col.).
7. Colt, S.A.A., #111471, .45 cal., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bbl, deluxe factory engraved, 30% original silver plating remains on all parts, incised pearl grips decorated with shaggy buffalo head on R. side (grip scale is cracked thru shows wear) and curvy nude female holding a flower with mountain scene behind her on L. side. Factory letter states this gun & #95521 (F6 above) were shipped as a pair on Sept. 30, 1884 to a William Nelson. (ex. Larry Sherrin, Jack Slaughter, Lang Spraggins Col.).

NOTE: #95521 & #111471 were apparently a special order with custom engraving made up for Wm. Nelson who probably obtained them direct at the factory, since shipping file did not refer to a dealer as was the case with the large majority of the orders. #111471 shows holster wear at muzzle and wear on grips and most finish is gone which indicates it saw much use while #95521 shows no wear indicating it probably remained stored.



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Finish:	Silver	
Type of Stocks:	Pearl	
Shipped To:	William Nelson	
Address:	Not Available	
Factory Engraved:	Yes	
Date of Shipment:	September 30, 1884	
Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:	2	

We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

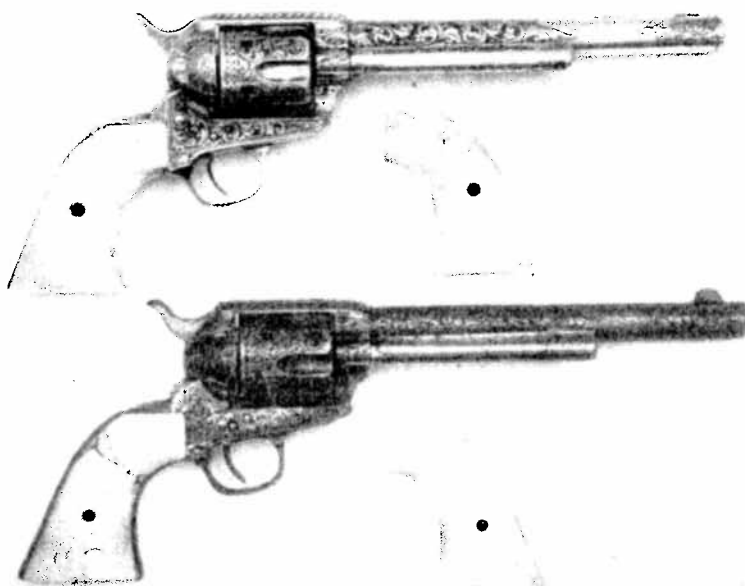
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NOTES ON MARKINGS OF
COLT S.A. X 7 1/2", 45 CAL
FAC. ENGINE, SILVER PLATE
INCISED PEARL GRIPS

S/N 111471

95521

WORN

NEAR MINT

99% ORIG SILVER PL 95521
15+% ✓ ✓ ✓ 111471BARREL - ORIG 7 1/2" LENGTH -

95521 BOT. FOREWARD OF T.G. EDGE - DITTO 111471

49 @ OT UNDER TG (ON 95521) - "4" @ ON ✓

"S" RT REAR VERT. FRAME FLAT "S" ON L. ✓

"H" ABOVE FIRING PIN OF 6 / HOLLOW SLIT DITTO ✓

TVP 3 LINE PAT DATE - FRONT L. FRAME SIDE ✓

✓ BEL MKE - BLOCK LETTERS ✓

LOADING GATE VISIBLE "OT" "4" VISIBLE ✓

SGL PIN C.F. FIRING PIN ✓

"C" & "S" BOT BEL UNDER FOREWARD DITTO "S" ONLY ✓
END OF EJECTR HOUSING

NOTE NO CAL. OR S/N ON BOT. REAR BEL ✓

ENGROUING - ELABORATE HIGH QUALITY FULL
SCROLL & BORDER WORK - FINEST IVE SEEN
FOR AN 1884 SNIPPED S.A. ✓✓ EGT WORN
SOMEWHATTRIGGER GUARD - IRON, 99% ORIG SILVER REMAINS 95521
111471


.45 CAL FR. L. TG. BOW 65% ✓ ✓ ✓ DITTO 111471

95521 BEHIND FRONT SCREW HOLE DITTO ✓

NO LETTERS NOTED

ENGRAVING - FRONT OF FRONT SCREW, BOT. OF TG, REAR RT BOW
FACECYLINDER NO # ; 99% ORIG SILVER 95521, TRACES 111471

"H" ON REAR FACE DITTO 111471

ENGRAVING FULL FLORAL ENGRAVING BETWEEN & AROUND FLUTES
"BRADED ROPE" DESIGN AROUND PERIMETER AT REAR
WITH * IN EACH BRIDE EJECTOR HOUSING - NO # OR LETTER 100% SILVER - 95521
60% ✓ 111471

LATER TYPE KNOB

ENGRAVING SERPENTINE/DOT/FLORAL ON BOT & CONCAVE SIDEBACK STRAP 95 100% ORIG SILVER 111 20% SILVER
521 471ENGROUING MUCH AT TOP, COME IN SERPENTINE/FLORAL
AT BACK STRAP & BUTTGRIPS PEARL IN V. FINE COND 95521
WORN ✓ 111471 (RT GRIP CRACKED THRU)ENCISING DECORATION SWIRL LINES AROUND TOP/BOTTOM

SNEGGY BUFFALO HEAD ON L. SIDE | LAMP BLACK FILLS

. FULL NUDE FEMALE OTHER SIDE | PART OF INCISING

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COLT S&W X 7 1/2", 45 CAL
FAC. ENGRAVED, SILVER PLATE
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"H" ABOVE FIRING PIN OFF / HAMMER SLOT DITTO ✓

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END OF EJECTR HOUSING

NOTE NO CAL. OR S/N ON BOT, REAR BEL ✓

ENGRAVING - ELABORATE HIGH QUALITY FULL

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65% ✓ ✓ ✓ 111471

.45 CAL FA. L. TG. BOW DITTO 111471


95521 BEHIND FRONT SCREW HOLE DITTO ✓

NO LETTERS NOTED

ENGRAVING - FRONT OF FRONT SCREEN, BOT. OF TG, REAR RT BOW
FACE

CYLINDER NO #, 99% ORIG SILVER 95521, TRACES 111471

"H" ON REAR FACE DITTO 111471

ENGRAVING FULL FLORAL ENGRAVING BETWEEN & AROUND FLUTES
"BRAIDED ROPE" DESIGN AROUND PERIMETER AT REAR
WITH * IN EACH BRACE 

EJECTOR HOUSING - NO # OR LETTER 100% SILVER - 95521
60% ✓ 111471

LATER TYPE KNOB



ENGRAVING SERPENTINE/DET/FLORAL ON BOT & CONCAVE SIDE

BACKSTRAP 95 100% ORIG SILVER 111 20% SILVER
521 471

ENGRAVING MUGG AT TOP, COMB IN SERPENTINE/FLORAL
AT BACK STRAP & BUTT

GRIPS PEARL IN V. FINE COND 95521
WORN ✓ 111471 (RT GRIP CRACKED THAN)

ENCISING DECORATION SWIRL LINES AROUND TOP/BOTTOM
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FULL NUDE FEMALE OTHER R. SIDE | PART OF INCISING

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stee	69	5
orado	88	17
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TALS	1882	1584

Responsible for registration of alumni were Mrs. Judy Messenger, Mrs. Robbie Holder, Mrs. Lillie Cary, and Mrs. Peggy Kirchoff. The parade began at 2:30 p.m. with the following floats winning: First, class of 1948, "Still Clowning Around". Second, class of 1938, "Picnic Memories". Third, class of 1980, "School

Hollis senior Paul Firth was presented a \$500 scholarship from the Hollis Alumni Association and Hollis Alumni Foundation.

A mixer was held immediately following the banquet at the Civic Center.

The alumni dance was held in the Hollis Civic Center with the Crystal Creek Band providing music for the dance.

ains memorial to American cowboy

establish a kinship with the spirit of this one particular cowboy.

Having dealt and traded in western gear for so many years, Bartlett collected examples of early craft from the territories of Oklahoma, Wyoming, Montana, and Arizona.

The states of Texas, Nevada, Colorado, and California are represented by his artifacts also. Two of the items in his collection are a half-saddle by Ellis and Kellner of Worth, Tex., and a pair of 1870 Galatin chaps from Wyoming history. The only other known pair of Galatin-made chaps are on display in a museum in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Bartlett's name is familiar to many enthusiasts of cowboy working gear. He has shipped saddles to buyers in many states in the United States including Alaska, and to collectors in England, Canada, and Mexico. The Gene Autry Museum in Los Angeles, California purchased a saddle from him for showing there.

Western artists use Bartlett's saddles to bring the stamp of authenticity to their work. Fred Fellows of Big Fork, Montana, Grant Speed of Utah, Don Stivers of Wilton, Conn., and sculptor Clay Dahlberg of Hunt, Tex., breathe a sense of life into these inanimate pieces of history.

How does Bartlett spend his days

now that he is retired from farming and ranching? He displays his treasures in shows and museums, winning awards and recognition for the excellence of his collection or contacting prospective traders. There is always some item he'd like to have or a particular piece he's striving to locate. Once obtained, the many hours of restoration work begin.

Other times you can find him giving programs about western heritage or promoting the Harmon County Museum.

Thanks to devoted men like Kenneth Bartlett, the American cowboy is as real as John Wayne always made him seem to be.



KENNETH BARTLETT displays an 1890's Gallup & Frazier saddle. (Courtesy photo)



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Guthrie's Old Blue Belle Saloon Back in Business

By Ellie Sutter
Staff Writer

GUTHRIE — The old Blue Belle Saloon at the corner of South Second and Harrison Street is back in business, thanks to the Coyote Corp.

The Coyote Corp., composed of the families of Dr. Dan Tubbs, A.R. Powell Jr., Ed French and Oris Taylor, purchased the building and is restoring it.

Guthrie history notes the first Blue Belle was established in a tent, 12 feet by 14 feet, on April 23, 1889, by John Sampsel. The story goes that Sampsel arrived in Guthrie about 1:30 p.m. on April 22, the day of the Land Run, and when he couldn't find a lot in downtown Guthrie not already staked, he bought the Blue Belle lot from Maj. William Nelson for \$30.

The next day he put up the tent and opened for business as a restaurant, also selling cigars and tobacco.

Before long, a two-story frame building replaced the tent. It burned and was replaced by the present building in 1903.

During the ongoing restoration, bits and pieces of the building's history are coming to light. Old

bottles, a rusty pistol frame and a few coins have been found.

Also, a leather key case, discovered behind a loose board, held a key which still opens the lock on room No. 2 upstairs, A.R. Powell said.

Folded inside the case he found a canceled \$12 check written on Guthrie's Capitol National Bank on Jan. 1, 1903. It was made out to Thomas E. Mix, bar-

tender. Another check also made out to Mix turned up. It was written on Jan. 31, 1904, for \$10.

Mix, who later became a cowboy movie star, was a part-time bartender at the Blue Belle for about two years. During this time, his wife, Grace, taught English to Guthrie students.

Jane Thomas of the Logan County Historical Society said the Blue Belle

building is divided into four parts, three business bays on the ground floor and the upstairs. The three lower bays housed a variety of businesses over the years.

The saloon has been restored and leased to Mark and Dawes Cochran, who operate the nearby Sand Plum Restaurant. The bar is open and soon they will open a grill for family din-

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Sooner Parade Later

If you head for Guthrie's '89er Day Parade at the usual time today, you'll be a true Sooner.

The parade, which traditionally began at 10 a.m., won't start this year until noon, according to a Chamber of Commerce spokesman.

But don't fret about arriving early if your plans are already made. While waiting for the parade to start, you can browse the Indian Fine Art Show in the Lintz Building or visit the '89er Carnival in the downtown area.

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XX The information you requested is enclosed.

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OKLAHOMA'S FIRST COURT

By Grant Foreman.

For many years an anomalous situation existed in the Indian Territory which was productive of a degree of lawlessness probably unparalleled in the country. White people had been pouring into the country of the Five Civilized Tribes and there was no forum in which rights and remedies could be determined and enforced where they were concerned. Many years ago the United States courts in the adjoining states of Kansas, Texas and Arkansas were given jurisdiction to try certain offenses originating in the Indian Territory. However, these courts did not adequately meet the situation and for years the question of establishing a United States court in the Indian Territory had been agitated both in the Territory and in Congress.

The court at Fort Smith was the last district court to exercise a large measure of this jurisdiction. Finally, on March 1, 1889, Congress enacted legislation establishing a court of the Indian Territory. This was accomplished in the face of opposition by Fort Smith, Paris, Texas, and Wichita, Kansas, citizens who contemplated with great reluctance the loss of the business that had accrued to them by the jurisdiction their courts had exercised in the Indian Country. The seat of the new court was fixed at Muskogee, and Monday, April 1, 1889, was the day set for the inauguration of the new court.

This was one of the most eventful days in its history, said a Muskogee paper. For days past a constant stream of strangers had been pouring into the little town. While many of them were lawyers who intended to make Muskogee their future home, not a few came only to be present at the opening of the first white man's court ever held in the Indian Territory.

From the south-bound morning train into Muskogee on that eventful Monday descended the following officials who were to inaugurate a momentous change in the country: James M. Shackelford of Indiana, Judge; Thomas B. Needles of Illinois, United

¹Muskogee Phoenix, April 4, 1889.

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States marshal; Zachary T. Walrond of Kansas, prosecuting attorney; and Maj. William Nelson of Indiana, clerk of the court, all of whom proceeded first to register at McQuarie's dining room.

The air was tense with interest and the significance of the occasion. Flags were floating from the buildings along the streets and the people were greatly elated and excited. There having been no court room provided, the upstairs room over the Muskogee *Phoenix* had been hastily fitted up temporarily for that purpose. At 10:30 o'clock the officials of the court and a large number of citizens and visitors assembled in Phoenix Hall. Judge Shackleford presiding, called the meeting to order, and thereupon prayer was offered by the Rev. J. Y. Bryce, pastor of the M. E. Church South, in Muskogee. The judge thereupon directed Marshal Needles to open court. The citizens then, for the first time in Oklahoma heard the proverbial "Hear ye, Hear ye, etc." and then realized that the first session of the first U. S. Court ever held in the Territory was in progress.

The district attorney then presented to the court the appointments, bonds and other credentials of the officers of the court; the judge accepted and ordered them spread upon the records and then adjourned court to meet the next morning.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock Judge Shackleford convened court and announced the first business of the court would be the promulgation of the rules defining the qualifications required of the attorneys applying for admission to practice in the court. The following were the rules so ordained:

1. Every male citizen of the age of twenty-one years of good moral character and who possesses the requisite qualifications of learning and ability, may, in the manner hereinafter provided, be admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in the United States Court for the Indian Territory.

2. Every applicant, except as provided in Rule Three, shall be examined by a committee of attorneys to be appointed by the Judge, which examination shall be held in open court, unless otherwise directed by the Judge, and such applicant shall, before admission, produce to the Court by sworn petition, satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications, and shall also take an oath

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term P. J. Byrne of Muskogee, O. P. Brewer of Canadian District in the Cherokee Nation, and D. M. Hodge of the Creek Nation. The three commissioners were then sworn and instructed as to their duties, after which the marshal conducted them to a private room where they prepared a jury list.

The court thereupon appointed W. N. Martin, A. McCoy and Charley LeFlore jury commissioners for the September term of court, and they were likewise instructed and then shown to a private room to prepare a jury list. The court then adjourned until two o'clock. At the afternoon session the jury commissioners handed in the jury lists and after being complimented by the court for the prompt discharge of their duties the court adjourned until the following day.

On Thursday Judge Shackelford opened court at the appointed hour. Motion was made for admission to the bar of the following lawyers, all of whom, on presentation of certificates and proofs were duly admitted and sworn as attorneys: James Brizzolara of Arkansas, Leroy Neal, W. N. Patterson and Thomas George, all of Kansas. The Court thereupon appointed Maj. William Nelson the Court Clerk, as United States commissioner for the Indian Territory, Benjamin Dye deputy clerk, and William W. Ansley deputy marshal. Upon the opening of the afternoon session of the court Andrew Roeburg applied for naturalization papers. Indian policemen William Foreman and G. Barnum were then sworn in as United States deputy marshals. There being no further business before the court it adjourned until the first Monday in June, 1889, pursuant to the following order:

Whereas, Pursuant to an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a United States Court for the Indian Territory and other purposes" approved March 1, 1889, the above named Court met at Muskogee, in the Indian Territory, on the first Monday of April, 1889, in the regular April term; and

Whereas, There was no venire for a jury returnable to said regular term, and no rule of said court at its organization designating the return day for precepts, writs, summonses, etc., issued out of the clerk's office for said court, and the court subsequently at said term has adopted a rule governing the proceedings of the same; and

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On motion of Mr. Ledbetter of Texas the chair appointed Messrs. Ledbetter, Elliott, Pascal, Jackson and Ralls as a committee on Constitution and By-laws. The committee was directed to report at the next meeting of the Association. Remarks relating to the objects of the Bar Association were then made by Judge Shackleford, Messrs. Walrond, Elliott, Foster and Hinds. The Association then adjourned to meet again in the court room the first Monday of the next term of this Court.

A local paper introduced the new court officials to its readers in the following language:³

"Judge James B. Shackleford is a gentleman some fifty odd years of age who has been on the bench a number of times in the state courts of Indiana. He is pleasant and courteous in the extreme, and his decisions, though firm, are delivered in a good natured and friendly manner. His popularity with our people is assured."⁴

"The attorney, Mr. Z. T. Walrond, was a member of the last Kansas legislature, is a man who is held in the highest esteem by the people of his Kansas home and makes friends of all whom he meets. He has made an especial study of criminal law and practice, and we hazard nothing in asserting that he will perform his duties to the letter, as well as to the satisfaction of all."⁵

"Thomas B. Needles, the marshal, is a banker by profession and we should not be surprised if he soon wearies of the arduous duties imposed by his office. He is fat, good natured, and has about him an air at once attractive and pleasing, and which will do not a little to make the court popular."⁶

"The gentleman selected by Judge Shackleford as clerk of the court is Maj. William Nelson, of Evansville, Indiana. Major Nelson is a retired officer and served not many years ago in this immediate country and also in Arizona. He is abundantly equipped

³*Ibid.*

⁴Judge Shackleford who captured Morgan the Raider, had a distinguished career in the Civil War, an account of which by Carolyn Thomas Foreman is to be seen in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* XII p. 103.

⁵Mr. Walrond lived and practiced law in Muskogee until his death.

⁶Colonel Needles afterward served as a member of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in Muskogee.

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The court then called the first case, a criminal proceeding against A. Husted, charged with intimidating and assaulting settlers in Oklahoma. After the jury panel was sworn Prosecuting Attorney Walrond read the section of the law providing that United States citizens could be tried only before a jury composed of United States citizens. Thereupon it was learned that of the 36 jurors summoned all but three were Indian citizens and were therefore not competent to sit in the case on trial. Another jury was then called composed wholly of United States citizens and the trial proceeded. Court adjourned at six o'clock without having finished the trial of this case.

On the opening of court on Tuesday, June 4, after the presentation of a number of motions, a grand jury composed of 16 men was sworn and instructed by Judge Shackelford to act upon cases in which the accused had been held by the United States Commissioner and such as were presented by the prosecuting attorney.

The grand jury was composed of the following: J. A. Patterson, foreman; D. N. Robb, C. W. Turner, J. L. Thomas, Rev. Sugar George, Ned Robins, James Sandford, Wm. Harsha, O. P. Brewer, S. B. Callahan, J. C. Davison, T. F. Meagher, Wm. A. Madden, Jno. O. Cobb, R. A. Evans, and J. M. Rucker.

The court then proceeded with the trial of the United States against Husted. Congressman Silas Hare, of Sherman, Texas, who represented the defendant, challenged the jurisdiction of the court over the Oklahoma country. Reserving decision on the question, the court proceeded with the trial and the case was submitted to the jury at three o'clock in the afternoon.

On Wednesday morning, the jury having deliberated all night, brought in a verdict finding A. Husted guilty as charged and the other defendants not guilty. Four more attorneys were admitted to practice and the court then announced rules for the guidance of the bar: motions and demurrers to be disposed of before an answer could be filed; the different Indian Nations were to be treated as counties for the purpose of verification; the marshal could not be required to make returns on processes until the costs were paid.

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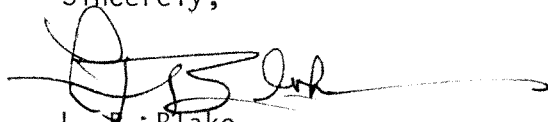
Gentlemen:

Would you please search your census records or whatever is available on this party for me? I understand he was in Guthrie on the day of the Land Run - April 22, 1889, apparantly in a military capacity to oversee the run? Later, I understand, he was stationed at Muskogee in a military capacity as the clerk at the military installation there?

This is all of the information I have on this fellow and I do not know how accurate it is.

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NELSON, WILLIAM

3. BRANCH OF SERVICE IN WHICH HE SERVED

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6. IF SERVICE WAS CIVIL WAR

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4. STATE FROM WHICH HE SERVED

INDIANA

5. WAR IN WHICH, OR DATES BETWEEN WHICH, HE SERVED

CIVIL AND INDIAN

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7. UNIT IN WHICH HE SERVED (Name of regiment or number, company, etc., name of ship)

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If other, specify:

9. KIND OF SERVICE

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CIVIL AND INDIAN 1889

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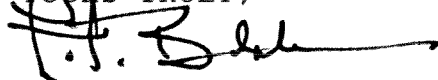
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Re: Major William Nelson

Dear Mr. Blake:

Thank you for your interest in the Five Civilized Tribes Museum. Unfortunately, we do not have a research department and I am not aware of the museum having information on Major Nelson. Unless he is a member of one of the Five Civilized Tribes, we would not have a record of him.

I have forwarded your letter to Nadine Harnage, District Court Clerk, Muskogee County. After speaking with the Federal Court Clerk, I feel this will be your best chance for gaining information.

Thank you and I hope your search is successful.

Sincerely Yours,



Debra G. Synar
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ATTENTION: Peggy Denton or Historian

RE: Major William Nelson

Gentlemen:

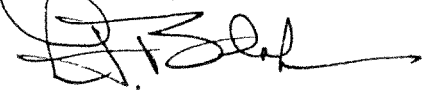
I am trying to develop information on the above individual, including articles in newspapers, etc., pictures of him if available.

Should you be able to help me please advise the cost and I will mail a check for same promptly.

Please mail to: L. F. Blake
Box 1278
Amarillo, Tx 79105

P.S. Major William Nelson was the clerk of the court set up in Muskogee in 1889, I believe.

Thanks very much,



L. F. Blake

15 June '89

Mr. F. F. Blake
Box 1578
Amarillo, TX
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Aus'd.....

Dear Sir:

I have not been ignoring your inquiry about a. Mayor Nelson but I have not been able to find any record of his stay in Guthrie.

He is not on the Census rolls here, nor registration books for voting. We have no military records here. I'm sorry I can't be of more help, but I will continue to look

Sincerely,
Don Olson

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May 18, 1989

Mr. Don Odom
222 Jon St.
Guthrie, OK 73044

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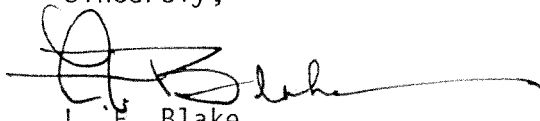
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This is all of the information I have on this fellow and I do not know how accurate it is.

Many thanks for your help in this matter and if there is a charge please let me know and I will send a check by return mail.

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May 30, 1989

Ms. Helen F. Holmes
520 E. Mansur St.
Guthrie, OK 73044

Dear Ms. Holmes:

Thank you so very much for your letter of May 27 concerning one "Major" William Nelson. I appreciate you taking the time and trouble to let me know your thoughts on this individual.

I am sorry to hear of your misfortune but hope by this time you are recovering nicely and will have it behind you shortly and be back to normal.

Should I be able to identify this gentleman I will let you know.

Many, many thanks


L. F. Blake

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MAY 30 1989

Ans'd.....

520 East Mansur
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044
27 May 1989

Dear Mr. Blake:

I do not find any Major Nelson in my city directories for 1889 and 1890, nor is he on the list (admittedly partial) of the Army personnel here during the period.

Because the commanders of the two military units here in 1889 were captains, I rather doubt that Major Nelson was here on active duty. It was a commonplace for men here in the earliest days to style themselves with former ranks in the Army, so it is entirely possible that the rank was a courtesy one. (And, I might add, sometimes the rank self-styled was higher than actual. One man called a colonel was actually a lieutenant on active duty.)

Your reference to his having been at Muskogee later poses two questions. The nearest Army installation was at Ft. Gibson, near there. Also, the man could have been as a civilian attached to the United States court at Muskogee. It had been recently established and was in INdian Territory. Indeed, that possibility raises the point that may be an answer. If he were a civilian, using his courtesy title, it is possible that he was a deputy marshal from the MUSkogee court sent to Guthrie to help insure order at the time of the Run.

Both the Muskogee Marshal and the Marshal from the Kansas court sent numerous deputies to Guthrie at the time of the Run. It was common knowledge that these "legal sooners" used their presence in the area to stake claims for themselves at noon April 22, well in advance of those making the Run from the borders. Hence the probability that Major Nelson was so ready to turn his claim for cash on the Blue Bell lot.

I am sorry that I do not have a complete listing of the deputies who were appointed by the Marshals. I can only suggest that you query the National Archives in Washington, D. C. for possible Army service records of Major Nelson and/or the listing of deputies appointed by the Marshal of the United States court at Muskogee.

This probably is of no help to you, but it is the best I can come up with. I am sorry to have delayed in answering; I broke my hip and the result is that everything has slowed down for me. Good luck on your search.

Sincerely,



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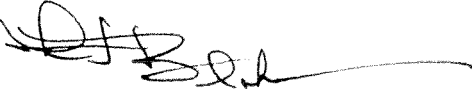
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Yours very truly,



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*Joe no longer lives at 520 E
Washington. I am sorry that I cannot
recall our conversation - but I would try
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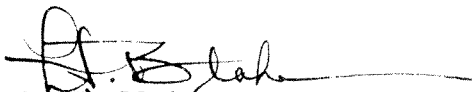
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Nancy (Tibbitts) Nelson

Joseph A. Nelson

Joseph Andrew Nelson was born Nov. 0, 1948, son of William Edgar and Zelma Austin Nelson. He graduated from Guthrie HS in 1967 and attended Oklahoma State and Central State Universities. He entered the U.S. Army Reserves, 95th Div. Headquarters, Oklahoma City, in 1967 and served 6 years. He is currently in partnership with his father operating Nelson Sporting Goods, 107 S. Second, Guthrie.

Sept. 1, 1967 Joseph was married to Jenny Lee English, b. 2 July 1948, daughter of Kenneth Lee and Beatrice (Lentz) English. He also graduated from Guthrie HS and attended Oklahoma State and Central State Universities.

The couple are parents of three children: Christine, b. Dec. 17, 1969, a student at St. Mary's school; Julie Elizabeth, b. Nov. 9, 1973; and Christopher Austin, b. March 28, 1978.

The family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Guthrie, and they reside 520 East Washington, Guthrie

By Mrs. J. A. Nelson



Joseph Nelson Family

William Edgar Nelson

William Edgar Nelson was born in Guthrie, May 31, 1910, son of Edgar A. and Alta G. Nelson. He graduated from Guthrie High School in 1929 and was married to Zelma Mae Austin (b. June 2, 1910 near Camp Russell) Sept. 19, 1931 at Guthrie.

Their family consists of six children: John Edgar, b. Nov. 30, 1935 (he died Aug. 25, 1942); Nancy Lou, b. Dec. 8, 1939; William Paul, b. July 30, 1942; Virginia Sue, b. Oct. 19, 1946; Joseph Andrew, b. Nov. 30, 1948; and Sandra Maree, b. Oct. 1, 1951.

He established a sporting goods business in Guthrie, March 1, 1937 during the worst of the dust bowl days. He recalls that the dust was so thick the day the store opened you could barely see the Post Office across the street.

He was forced to close the store to enter the armed forces in April 1943 and served in the Air Force until the end of the war in 1945. The store was completely remodeled on his return and opened again for business in February 1946 and is now in the 41st year of operation at the same location.

By W. E. Nelson



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Nelson

Neuhaus

Edwin F. Neuhaus was born on 6-18-04 at Worden, Ill. and came to Oklahoma to visit his cousin, Rev. F. L. Schiebe of the Pleasant Valley community along with his brother, Rudolph, and cousin, Martin Finke. He returned to Illinois later in the year and then returned again to Oklahoma in 1927 to make his home. He lived for a short time in Cushing, then moved to the Pleasant Valley area.

On 6-2-29 he married Hilda D. Koehn of the Pleasant Valley community. Hilda D. (b. 11-11-01) was the youngest daughter of Frederick and Wilhemina (Minnie or Mina) Koehn. To this union were born three children: Lawrence F. (b. 6-1-30), Gordon L. (b. 3-8-35) and Roberta A. (b. 4-18-39). Gordon expired in June 1935 from whooping cough. Mr. and Mrs. Neuhaus made their home on the Frederick Koehn farm (SW 1/4 9-17N-1W). Mrs. Neuhaus has lived on this farm since January 1903.

They were members of the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) until the congregation joined with Zion Lutheran Church of Guthrie where memberships were transferred. Mr. Neuhaus was active in community activities and served several terms on the board of directors for Central Rural Electric Cooperative of Stillwater. Mr. Neuhaus was a farmer as well as a carpenter.

Lawrence attended Victory School for grades 1 through 8 and then attended Guthrie High School. He was active in Future Farmers of America and livestock projects. Roberta also attended Victory School and graduated from Coyle High School. Roberta was the first member of both families to obtain a college education, attending Oklahoma State University and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education. Roberta also served as 89'er Celebration Queen in 1956 as well as being named the Outstanding 4-H Girl in Logan County in 1957.

Lawrence F. Neuhaus married Ann Marie Galvin of the Navina community 7-30-63 and they have two children: Juanita and John Edwin.

Roberta married Donald W. Burns of Reydon, on 11-18-61 at Guthrie. (which see).

Edwin F. Neuhaus expired on 4-24-74 and was laid to rest in Summit View Cemetery, near his infant son, Gordon.

By Roberta Burns

Robert Newman

Robert Newman was born April 4, 1867, at Leipzig, Germany. At age 14 he and his sister came to America to live with an uncle at Fredonia, Kan. He continued his education until he was 20. Then he went to Pratt, Kan., and worked as a farm hand until April 22, 1889, when he made the run, staking a claim six miles southeast of Marshall.

He married Viola York July 28, 1894, at Guthrie. She was born Feb. 3, 1865, Urbana, Ill., the first of 13 children of Nathan D. and Sarah Ann (Lewis) York. They settled near Marshall. Viola died June 22, 1918. Robert died May 13, 1949. The following children were born to Robert and Viola Newman: Frank Newman, b. Aug. 15, 1895, died August 6, 1926; Clara Newman, b. August 26, 1897; Daisy Newman Richardson, b. July 9, 1899, d. Feb. 11, 1967; Earl Newman, b. Jan. 18, 1902, d. May 23, 1903; and Otto Newman, b. June 30, 1905.

Clara Newman and Benjamin H. Waggoner (b. Oct. 29, 1892, d. May 30, 1959, Mulhall) married July 17, 1917. Their children are: Zenna Waggoner, b. March 24, 1918; Bernice Waggoner, b. Sept. 17, 1919; Cleta Fay Waggoner and Cecil Ray Waggoner, b. July 25, 1921; and Claribel Waggoner, b. Nov. 20, 1922.

Otto Newman married Anna Johnson. Their children are: Nathan Gene Newman, b. June 2, 1931, and d. Sept. 21, 1952; Joyce Newman; Verlin Newman; and Delores Newman.

By Clara Waggoner





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January 10, 1992

I am sorry I did not interpret your letter correctly. When you said he retired to Evansville, I presumed he lived here until he died. His retirement seems to have been a hiatus rather than a permanent sort of thing.

Anyway, you were right and I was wrong. He came here probably in 1883 and lived here until 1889. I am sending the first appearance in the city directory. In future listings, he drops the U.S. Army description and moves to another house. In fact, in each listing, he is living in another house--always in the same neighborhood and five or six blocks away.

These city directory listings are the only indication he was ever here. He was too late for the 1880 census, and he appears to have done nothing of historical interest.

Yours truly,



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Nelson John L, drayman, res 502 Upper 11th

Nelson Joseph, machinist, bds 103 Lower 1st

Nelson Maggie, domestic 1020 Upper Water

Nelson Ruth, res 707 Mulberry

Nelson Wm, laborer, res 306 Line

Nelson Wm, U. S. Army, res 814 Upper Water

Nemskern Eva, domestic 1110 Canal

Nester Geo, groceries and saloon, 800 Harriet, res same

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Neu Henry, laborer, res 218 W Columbia

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Newman John L, laborer, res 800 John

Newman Jonathan, res 224 Lower 2d

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January 3, 1991

Dear Mr. Chandler:

In going through my files, I came across your letter regarding the above. I just noticed your search was from 1890 on. Actually, he left Evansville in 1889 and came to Oklahoma to act as the Clerk for the Court, set up in Muskogee Indian Territory which was the first Court in this area. It had originally been under the jurisdiction of Ft. Smith, Arkansas of Judge Parker's (Hanging Judge).

Any information you can get me would certainly be appreciated.

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August 8, 1990

I am trying to get information on an U.S. Army Officer that retired to Evansville, Indiana by the name of William Nelson, a Major.

He served in the West at various times as an Army Officer. The last report on him is as a retired officer he was appointed as the Clerk of an Army Court set up in Eastern Oklahoma at Okmulgee, Oklahoma Territory, in the year 1889.

Any help you can give us on this gentlemen will be greatly appreciated.

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I checked our city directories from 1890 until 1905 and do not find a listing for a William Nelson that would seem to be the one you want. There are some William Nelsons listed, but they are common laborers, miners, and porters, which do not seem to be the sort of career pursued by a retired officer.

Neither do I find Major Nelson listed as having died in this county.

If you have further information that might help me in this research, please let me know.

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28 June 1990

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Sincerely,



Joan C. Marchand
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