





Grand Parents, D. A. Olds,
 Son Alf, grand son Lute
 His great grand son Arthur

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D. A. OLDS. Born in Wisconsin, Year 1826, Died 1906. in Granite, Okla.
 Mrs. D. A. Olds (Sarah Wyatt.) Born in Iowa. ~~Died 1930 at Norman, Okla.~~

Children of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Olds :-

Alfred , John Newel, Edd, and Flora.

Children of Alfred and Wife (Jenny Franklin) :-

Walter, William, Ida, Jay and Jim. Flora and Luty .

Children of Flora;-(Mrs. Frank Singletary.
 Alfred, David, Aleene, Ophelia.
 .children of Luty;-
 Arthur , Ruben,

Children of J N Olds;- Eddie died Aug. 13-1886
 Eddie, born Jan. 22 29-1882. Minnie Queen born March 16-1884.
 John Wesley born August 3-1886. Mary Ethel born Feb. 13- 1890.
 Herbert Howel born Aug. 9 1900. died Aug. 12 1900.

Minnie Q. was married to Anderson Hurd Williams Aug. 22-1906.

started
in January 1956
in Sanford, Fla. while
visiting second daughter,
Patti, who Patti's coop

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Annice O. Olds was born March 16 - 1884 in
Abilene, Texas, in the home of an Aunt, Mrs. C.C. Edwards.
Parents home was in Callahan Co. near Cottonwood, Tex.
Nearest R.R. was Baird, Tex. 25 miles north.
Parents - Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Olds, who was a Cattle Ranchman.
who came to Texas at age of 15 yrs. from Wisconsin, here he met
my mother who was (Sarah Ann McMillon) They were married ^{in Sept 28} 1881.
^{Father born Sept. 1, 1854} married ^{on Jan 11, 1881} Abilene
There were three brothers & one sister. The oldest brother ^{Edgar} had
~~Herbert~~ ^{Edgar} ~~Howell~~ ^{Edgar} Howell Olds was killed at age of 4 yrs. ~~Aug 12 1905~~
when he was kicked in stomach by a horse, as he ran up ^(born Aug 13 - 1899)
behind it with a stick, hit it on heels. Herbert Hamill, died Aug 16
at the age of 4 days. (My mother told me many times)
that I had some serious illness, a fever which ^{when a few weeks old}
seemed to be taking my life. The nearest R.R. was
in Baird. (25 miles). They sent for an elderly lady (whom
many people around used as a doctor) till one could get to them.
Mrs. Tillus came, worked with the baby several hours.
Mother said I was improving, so they did not send
to Baird, I have been living 72 yrs. ~~March~~
Jan 1887 a baby brother was born. ^{John Wesley} Do not remember
much of the time during these youngest childhood days

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until ~~in~~ we were older, about 3^{1/2} and 5^{1/2} to 8 and 6
Brother & I played together around in yard and under a
very large live Oak tree which grew in our west yard
near the house. It still stands and is a large beautiful tree.
At least it was 7 yrs. ago when we visited there.

We also played down on the huge flat rocks ~~down~~
a little way from the house where Father's Corralbs and
cattle shoots were under a group of trees ^{where cattle were branded. Father's Brand was * X with a bar through it} on large flat rocks.

We lived 6 miles east of the Bigou. A large running
stream of water. Many large Pecan trees grew along
its banks. We would go there, meet people of the
Community, fish together ^{pick up} Pecans and have
what they called Fish Fries and how ^{very} good the
fish was. ~~They~~ ^{at that} fried them on open fires.

One summer two prominent Ranchers,
(Mr. Babb & Mr. Young) got into a dispute
over some cattle. Mr. Babb shot & killed
Mr. Young. This happened a short distance
from where we had just finished eating ~~on~~
~~the banks of Bigou~~. The Youngs had ~~one~~ ^{both} one
child a son, Willie. Were prosperous Ranchers

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Our School was between our home and Cottonwood,
about 2 miles. ^(where we got our mail 6 miles from our home) we walked to & from school.

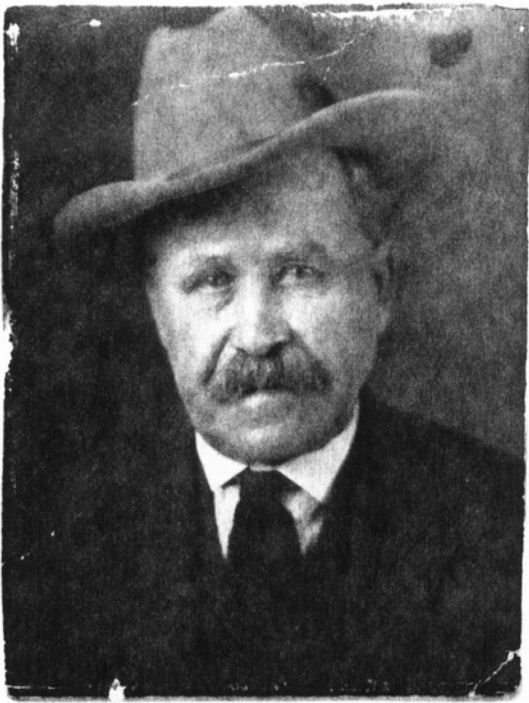
My Uncle Alf Olds lived on that road to ~~the~~
Our ^{lot} teacher ~~who lived~~ Mr. Underwood
had a room and boarded in Father's home.

He was an elderly man, wore a long Beard.

This was the first two years of my school, ~~the~~
My last teacher in Texas was Miss Effie Hicks.
My Brother (Wesley) & I played a short distance ^{200 ft} from
our home on a small hill where Father kept
his Horse Power Threshing Machine standing
under a very large live Oak tree. We loved
playing on and around it during summer days.

Father had ~~an~~ beautiful team of black
Horses which were his "Buggy team", large and
always fat. ^(Dick & Rondo were their names) We used the Buggy when going
to Baird, Cottonwood & to Fish Fries. This was
the extent of our going's.

When Cousins visited us we would go to the
Barn and into ^{the} Buggy shed, play like we
were going to Baird in the Buggy to buy Candy.



J. N. Olds

Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Olds (John & Sarah Ann)
on their Wedding Day, Jan. 11, 1881
Abilene, Texas



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We used the dry mud which had splattered on ^{for Sandy} ~~near the~~ buggy top or rode which held the top & ^{set it} not much tho.

Our trips to Baird were far between.

Our nearest neighbors were 1 1/2 miles away. One day a man came to our house, ~~ran~~ near onto the front porch. Mother happened to be near the door, also Aunt Josie who was visiting us (before she was married). The man ask for a drink of water but before he finished drinking he ran off toward the east and down a hill, about the time he was out of sight. two men (officers) came,

running up on their horses looking for the man. They told mother he had escaped from some place. ^{Prison or} I do not remember all about it ~~and~~ if they caught him or not.

So know mother & Aunt Josie were frightened. Father was always away riding Pastures when not Branding or getting ready to ship Cattle.

At ^{the} close of our ~~last~~ third year of school in Tex. We had a school Picnic at the School house. My mother made a pink Chambray dress ^{for me to wear at the picnic.} with white ruffles trim, a sailor ~~style~~ style.



Sarah Ann (McMillon) Olds

style. I remember how very happy I was when I wore it. This is the only gathering I remember the school had during those first three years. ^{we had shelling matches on Fridays}

I was 6 yrs. old. my sister (Ethel 3 and Brother 6 yrs) when we left Texas, coming to Okla ⁱⁿ 1892 then (the Indian Territory)

We, Mother, ~~my~~ sister + I went home with Aunt Lizzie, to Abilene, Tex. to stay till Father could drive ^{with} ~~the~~ cattle - and get a place ready for us. He had previously been up ~~the~~ and homesteaded (filed on his land) (later he leased ^{more} land ~~more~~ ^{acres})

Father leased many acres of land from ^{the} Government. We were in Abilene about 14 days when Grand Father + ^{Olds} Mother started to Okla. taking us in their Hack and a covered wagon.

Aunt Lizzie helped mother to get a lot of sewing done while there. We children did a lot of playing with friends + Cousins.

My Aunt ^{Uncle} ~~Uncle~~ ^{Prillie} Gilliland a Rancher. had recently built a fine home in South suburbs of Abilene

When father & mother went in to Baird, to shop. They left we children with the ~~London~~^{Coppings} family in Baird, some times in a Hotel lobby for a little while. Mr. & Mrs. Coppings owned the Hotel.

Once when we went in town there had just been an accident in their family.

There were two grown daughters one son about 12. The son Carl had that morning been accidentally shot by a boy friend, were out on the creek hunting. He had died instantly.

Our home was on a hill. We could easily see the small mountain hills from our front porch. The little towns of Bell Plain + Cross Plains were located between these Hills or Mts.

Near, Coleman + Brownwood, Texas

Brownwood was in a thick timber + sandy land. On the hill where our home was seemed to be a dividing mark between sandy + Mesquite and mostly short grass + Prickly Pear on west. to the Bayou, where we had our Fish Fries + Picnics.

We always walked to School with our Teacher
Father was always on the School Board.

We had a family who lived in Cottonwood
He owned a General Store, (Mr. Maize).

The Hudsons lived on the way to School.

My father's older brother (Uncle Alf Olds) lived
2 miles east of our home. A family of four
sons, two daughters. He was a Carpenter &
farmed some.

The oldest daughter was a year older than I,
(Cousin Flora Olds). This Cousin has lived
in California many years. Their oldest son
was a prominent Lawyer. in OKla.

The two daughters ^{now} live in Okla. city.

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It was a very large house, six large rooms
down stairs, five up stairs large Porches up
and down stairs with fancy Banisters, all white
^{top & suttlers were green} beautifully finished & decorated & furnished, ~~green~~
There were 3 girls & one boy in their family.
Blanch, John, Clara & Willie,

Clara & I were about same age, How we did
enjoy that home also Aunt Lizzie's home
There were ~~two~~ two Boys & two girls in
Aunt Lizzie's & Uncle Lum ^{Edward's} family Roy, Pearl,
Haynie & Ruby. Pearl the oldest ~~to~~ died
a few months before this time at age of 10 yrs.
She had a large wax doll and a nice Buggy
for it a little set of dishes.

My greatest delight while there was when
Auntie would pull the Piano out for enough
that I might look at them. She always kept
them behind the Piano. One time I had the
privilage of holding the doll a few minutes.

Uncle Lum was a Rancher also was my
Uncle Jim Billiland who lived at Comstock, ^{Tex.}

Uncle Billie Gilliland had a play house
 built for his daughter Blanch, ^{furnished with} real cook ^(~~wood~~ ^{duck})
 stove small enough for children, Hall beds
 dishes, chairs curtains rugs, with Board walks
 leading from house to the play house, chicken
 house and all other ^{out} buildings which were many.
 How we did enjoy cooking out there.

This home was built about ~~the~~ years before
 our trip to Okla at this time.

Uncle Billie was very ill during our
 stay in Abilene, a nurse was with them all the
 time, died soon after we arrived in Okla.

Aunt Lizzie & Uncle Lenn Edwards
 (my mothers oldest sister) also had a large
 two story home in north Abilene.

Grand father's grand mother's ^{Older's} home was
 in ⁿ east Abilene near the Cemetary.

They had built & owned the first Hotel there,
 after selling ^{the Hotel} it Grand mother baked
 light bread & sold to the Hotel, also
 made the best butter ever for the Hotel.

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Most people rode in wagons, but my father always had a Buggy or Surrey some called them Phectons.

We all rode in Buggys, Hacks & Phectons or Surreys in those days.

Uncle Lunn kept his buggy horse (a huge one) out east of Abilene on the creek & hill where now is Abilene Christian College

When we wanted to go to town or for a ride we walked over to the pasture caught the horse let him back, harnessed & hitched him to the rubber tired buggy Surrey then went to town which was only 8 blocks, to ^{P.M.} ^{Gen.} ~~Dot.~~ Ben Ben

Uncle Billie Gilliland was mothers oldest half brother, He died soon after we left.

Blanch was 16, Johnnie 12, Clara & Duellie 2 yrs

Aunt Jennie lived on in the big home a few years, when she sold it bought a small home in town, Her daughter Clara died in ~~1909 or 1910~~ 1911.

Uncle Jim Gilliland another half brother to mother was killed when his cow horse fell on him while running cattle out in Mitchel Co. near Colorado City, Texas, Both brothers were Cattle Ranchers.



J.N. Olds.
Our Great Grand father



Minnie + Wesley Olds

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A cousin of my father's lived one block south from Aunt Giggie & Uncle Lunn's home. We children played there so much. The Russels had a large family ~~and yard~~. They kept the long dining table (in the large dining) room set with white cloth and food on it from one meal to the next, not a full meal but something to eat. Always a Pitcher of cold water. They had a large yard fenced with a pretty iron or wire fence. Swings & Croquet inside yard.

My grand Father's mother Olds lived 4 blocks east of Aunt Giggie on lot. st. west of the Cemetery. A. mother made butter & sold much of it.

They built the first Hotel in Abilene. A. mother also baked light bread (the best I have ever eaten)

My Cousin ^{Blanch Hilliard} was a very pretty girl and at this time she was about 16 yrs. old. Played & sang well. One of her favorite songs was "Daisies won't tell among many others. were very pretty or

(Sleepy, so to me them.)

This the entertainment young people had then. During our stay in Abilene. Mother's youngest

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sister (Mrs C.A. O'Keefe) Aunt Josie came from their Ranch near Comcho Tex. She and Uncle Guess had only been married a short time.

They later built a home in Colorado City Texas.

In 1890 we started on our journey to Indian Territory, Mother drove the Hack, Grand father the cover wagon. The rain started falling on us between Benjiman and Seymour. We had to stop and camp in a school house.

we were there a few days, so much rain!

Mother made up some Soda Biscuits, took them to a farm house near ^{to make} made them out and baked them. How we did appreciate them!

A flour ^{10 lb.} sack full ~~it~~ it seemed to us.

While there a little Lamb came to the door, in the rain. We took it in. after the rain stopped. we couldn't find a home for it
so brought it to our new home in Okla Terr.

we kept and raised it, quite a nice Pet!

My brother was coming with father and the Coe boys, bringing the Cattle and chuck wagon

When they arrived at Red River it was up
so much, they swam across, ^{on horses} and Cattle
~~and~~, all seemed to be good swimmers.

~~The~~ The horses which pulled the ~~the~~ wagon
swam across pulling ^{the wagon} the deep water was not
very wide at that point. Brother that it all
quite a thrill. He was only 6 1/2 yrs old.

We started on our way, after the Roads dried some
as we began to see mountains we wondered how
near we were to our home.

We stopped in Vernon, Tex. Visited with
my father's sister and family, Uncle Gene
Hedley. He was a jewelry-man there
at Christmas times we usually went back to Uncle
Gene's for a few days. Father & other settlers did
all their hauling of lumber and main buying at Vernon
as that was the nearest Rail Road.

One winter as we were coming home from Uncle's
The rain started soon after we left Vernon.

By the time we arrived at a little place called
Eldorado, in Okla. it was almost night and

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We stopped at a ^{farm} home on the bank of a creek.
(Their names were Walcott) to rest our
horses, (Brick & Rondo) after pulling us in
the Hack all day thru mud and Rain, they were
very tired and hungry, but ^{we} were well fed there.
The Walcotts were very hospitable, insisting
that we spend the night. Served ~~us~~ a good
supper of Turkey and all the usual foods,
and a good night's rest.

All was clear next morning.
We started on our homeward journey:
arriving about 4 P.M. ~~at our~~ Homestead was
2 1/2 mi. N.E. of the town Granite, which was
built ~~by~~ ~~after~~ ~~we~~ ~~arrived~~, later.

Our ^{1st} house was a two room frame, on the 160 acre
tract which was to be our new home in Indian
Territory, (now Okla. state)

We started to school in the Fall after arriving
in Spring of 1892.

Walked 2 1/2 miles to Center Point, a one
room school house.

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our teacher was Miss Heflin. Father soon built another room, and a barn where his hired man slept. Our nearest neighbors ^{were} the Joe Armstrongs ^{who} lived between our home & school.

There were six children, a daughter (Lizzie) (my age) + 2 had same birthday, ^{March 16, 1864} she a year younger than I. They lived in two large Dugouts in the banks of a little creek ~~between~~

We all walked together, to school. They had two Donkeys, which we enjoyed riding, so much, after school and during the Summers.

Our first time to see a Christmas tree was in this school house. I helped to decorate it, with colored paper chains we made & Pop corn strings, candles, small ones.

One summer day during this first year we were at home alone, Father was out "riding the fence" (as they called it) which was riding on horseback up & down fence to see if it needed repair or if any cattle were out.

a big Indian came riding right up to our door, seeming ^{to} in a rush.

Mother was frightened and could not understand his language nor could he. ^{here} finally mother

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Kept shaking her head "no", supposing
he was asking about the men folk.

He soon quickly turned his paint Pony
and galloped off as fast as he had come.

This was our only experience ^{with Indians} but my
father had several Looper Wolves to try to
attract him while riding his horse in Pastures.

They would chase him, ~~and~~ one grabbed
the saddle stirrup but couldn't hold to it
nor catch him again.

Most everyone lived in dugouts and half
dugouts in that country, very comfortable too.
The mountain Home School Building was built
during the year ~~1891-95~~ 1895

~~1901, 1902, 1903~~
During about ~~1891~~ ^(1890, 1897, 1898) a Professor T. E. Jones
came thru the western part of the country working
toward a summer of Singing and Elocution
& (Public speaking) it is called now.

These schools were held in June ¹⁸⁹⁶ July ¹⁸⁹⁷ & Aug. ¹⁸⁹⁸
3 weeks ^{each} ~~per~~ My father was one of the board

members, and very much interested, ~~and~~
when Mr. Jones, taught at Martha Okla. and
Cheyenne he wanted to send me, with some
other girls from our neighborhood. We all went.

At the close of the schools, ~~we had a~~ ^{our days} day
filled with singing choruses, Operettas and
speaking Contests. Prizes were given to 1st. & 2nd
^{3rd.} best ^{4th.} a silver medal 1st. prize. a gold one, a
grand gold and a diamond Medal for ~~the~~ ^{2nd. prize} best.

It was all very nice & profitable both in
mental and physical knowledge & health. ~~Two~~ ³ of them.

We took Physical exercises, 30 min. every
mom. and with all the singing, speaking
and exercise out in the open all day was
wonderful for us all. I won a Silver, Gold & Grand Gold
medals.

On our trip to Cheyenne, I ate my first
ice cream, at the Picnic on our last day there
~~and contests~~. Our families all came for
the closing of all schools each year at

various places: every day to school in the Park
We all took our lunches, etc. in the Park at the
Head ^{quarter} Mountain near ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Mountain~~ ^{Honey} school.



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—GREER COUNTY,—

At Headquarter Mts.,

Aug. 4, 5 & 6. '98.



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"Onward and Upward."

Singing Class.

—
HEADQUARTER
MOUNTAINS'

—
T. E. JONES, Teacher.

—
June 3., 4. and 5. '97.

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Compliments of
J. N. OLDS.



Where the town of Granite was built later in 1900

Our teachers at Mt. Home School were
Prof. K. C. Cot, + wife Prof. Putman (an elderly man)

In the year 1900, the Rock Island R. Road was
laid and the town of Granite was started
on July 19, 1900. Prof. Hubbard, son Henry, May, Ordway

The 160 acres on which the business portion
of Granite now stands, was traded to an
early day settler for a span of mules,
later purchased by the late K. C. Cot ^{for \$300.00}, a
grand father of Mr. K. C. Tinsley now of
Mangum, Okla. ^{for \$300.00}

In the early days, the White Sulphur Springs
became a resort for ailing people and its
water was believed to be a sure remedy for
Rheumatism and skin diseases.

The erection of the ^{Hotel at} Quartz Mountain Park,
The loud speaker system on the mountain,
is only one in U.S. which bounces
messages off the mountain is still a
curiosity to peoples.

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One Sunday morning Mother Ethel, Brother + I were on our way to church in Granite, as we were going down & up a little hill.

The stubborn gray horse had one of his spells of running. I was driving as usual.

I held on to the Reins till the horses broke loose from the Surry, pulled me out over the right front wheel. Old Gray was also pulling the other horse along, he was so mad at the top of the Hill he stopped a little way from the Surry. No one was hurt.

We were in front of a small home. Went in I was quite dusty. The lady of the home helped me to get cleaned up.

Mother + Ethel + Brother were still sitting in Surry. The man brought the team of horses back fixed things so we could go on to church but were a little late.

The gray horse was as calm + helped to take us on into town.

He had spells sometimes when we were riding him too. Just his nature.

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Our riding horses were Pet a black one whose only Gaits were walking and pacing, just like rocking in a R. Chair to ride Pet. but he had faults too. Many times he just didn't want to take us to school, just stand and kick up his heels. We stayed on (two of us) and use a switch till he finally started off in a fast Pace. till we arrived at school (2 miles.)

My own horse was one Father bought especially for me. She was a dark bay with black mane + tail, very pretty and a very good ~~at~~ disposition. Her Gait was For trotting as easy riding as a Pace. Name was Solly. She also was a good Buggy horse always ready to go.

These were the days after the large School house was built 1 mile west of our first School in OKla. at foot of the Mountains.