

When the unassigned lands in the Indian Territory were opened to white settlement, April 22, 1889, Ransom J. Jackson and his father-in-law, Charles Hull, made the "run" by train and each staked a claim a few miles east of the town of Noble, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory.

The two men remained in Oklahoma Territory long enough for each man to build a one room log house on each farm. Then R. J. and Charles went back to Illinois and brought their families and household goods to Noble by train.

At first the Jackson family lived in the one room log house with a lean-to, but by 1895 Mr. Jackson had built a large two story log house for his family.

Here the Jackson family settled down and soon became a part of the community. The children went to the nearest rural school. Among their friends and neighbors were the Isaac Grahams, the Robert Grahams, the Alpheus Hayes, the A. R. Trammels, the L. Mauldins, the Chastains, the John Muehlens and the Juelch family whose daughter (Kate Juelch Sandle) was a life-long friend of Matilda Jackson. Many of these families and their descendants remained in Cleveland County, some in Noble and some in Norman.

After Matilda (Tillie) Jackson had finished the local school, she entered the Normal School, which was conducted by the University of Oklahoma in its summer sessions, and earned a teaching certificate. She taught at Rocky Point School for several years. As teacher, part of her duty was to sweep the floor and build a fire in the stove when needed.

Mr. M. C. Runyan and his wife, Ella McClure Runyan, and three children had moved from Danville, Arkansas, in 1889, to a farm nine miles east of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory. Late in 1891, the Runyan family moved into Norman and lived at 200 North Peters Avenue, in a house

Mr. Runyan had built.

In May of 1894 Mrs. M. C. (Ella McClure) Runyan died. She was survived by her husband, M. C. Runyan, and four small children: Denver, Roy, Foy and baby Myrtle.

On November 26, 1896, Matilda Jackson and Marcus Crado Runyan were married in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jackson, of the Noble Community.

M. C. and Matilda Runyan established a home at 203 East Daws Street. They were the parents of two children; Alfred, who died in infancy and Nadine, born in the Runyan home, 702 East Gray Street, January 31, 1899.

The Runyan home, at this time, was directly across the street, south, from Jefferson (East Side) School building. The W. Bellemy family, the J. D. Grigby family, and the B. F. Williams family were their neighbors.

Matilda Jackson Runyan was a member of the South Methodist Church. She was an ardent member and worker in the Church's missionary society, the W.C.T.U., and the Order of the Eastern Star, where she held different offices.

On May 13, 1908, Matilda Runyan died. She was survived by her husband, M. C. Runyan, and five children: Denver, Roy, Foy, Myrtle and Nadine. She was buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Norman, Oklahoma. Her husband, M. C. Runyan, died November 13, 1925.

Three of the other R. J. Jackson children married in Cleveland County and established homes there.

Charles M. Jackson married Maud White, December 21, 1899. They later moved to Watonga, Blaine County, Oklahoma Territory. There five children were born to them. Of the five, only two, Pauline and Esther, are still living.

Mary E. Jackson married Arthur Trammell December 19, 1900. They were the parents of four boys: Russell, now lives in California, Lamoin lives in

Jefferson City, Missouri. Neither of these boys has any children. Jack died in early childhood and Harold lives in Del City, Oklahoma, and has one daughter. Many of Arthur's relatives still live near Noble. Mary Trammell died in 1970, Arthur had preceded her in death. Both are buried in the Maguire Cemetery east of Noble, Oklahoma.

Mae (Dolly) Jackson married Edward E. Greenhaw February 9, 1902, in Norman. They had one daughter, Lillian (Mrs. G. C. Young of Lawton, Oklahoma). The Youngs have one son Stanton, who lives in Colorado. After E. E. Greenhaw died in 1912, Dolly Greenhaw and daughter, Lillian, moved to Watonga to live with the R. J. Jacksons. In 1944 Dolly married Herman Mittendorf of Cyril, Oklahoma. Dolly died August 15, 1967, and Herman died in 1971. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Norman.

John R. Jackson married Margaret Swicher in Watonga, Oklahoma. There were no children born to this marriage. Both John and Margaret Jackson died in Houston, Texas, and were buried there.

Rosemond Jackson married Clarence W. Trippy, May 26, 1903. Three daughters were born to this couple: Ruth is Mrs. John Milar; they have one son, Jack Carston; Vivian, married Glen Roof and two daughters were born to this union, Sue and Carol. Sue married Gene Hensley and they have a daughter, Becca, and a son, Mathew. Carol married C. Roy Teague and Carol has three children: Kelly, Lisa and Tracy. Betty Jean married Al Flandi of California. Three daughters were born to them. Linda, Claudia and Judy. Judy died in 1971. Both C. W. and Rosemond Trippy have died and are buried in Geary, Oklahoma, which was their home.

In 1902 Ransom J. Jackson, his wife and two youngest children, Rosemond Fern and John R. moved to Watonga, Blaine County, Oklahoma. Here

Mr. Jackson owned and operated a bakery. He served several terms as Blaine County Commissioner. It was during this time that the first macadamized road in the state was constructed between the Canadian River bridge and the city of Watonga.

Mrs. R. J. Jackson, nee Elizabeth Hull, died July 21, 1921; her husband, Ransom J. Jackson, died at the age of 91 in a hospital in Norman on October 23, 1959. Both are buried in the Norman I.O.O.F. Cemetery.