

JAMES MONROE SOUTHERN

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Mr. James Monroe Southern and his bride moved from Paradise, Texas, to Cleveland County in a covered wagon in 1890. They first lived in a sod house near Maguire. Later they built a home here. Mr. Southern built the

first school house at Rocky Point.

In 1897 they moved to Norman and built a home at 609 East Symmes. Mr. Southern was chief of police in Norman 1909-1912. He later worked at the Norman Water Works. In 1913 he started working at the Oklahoma University Physical Plant where he worked for 26 years. At the time of his death he was retired.

The Southernns were parents of two children: Evelyn married Harl D. Mansur and lived in Elk City until her death. Grace Southern Stone, the younger daughter, worked at the First National Bank in Oklahoma City until she retired in 1966.