

my father moved across the O.U. Campus on Elm Avenue.

The four sons were interested in all sports, track, tennis, polo, baseball and foot ball. All played on Norman High football teams and all were quarter backs on O.U. teams, with Benny Owens as their coach. Three of the boys enlisted in 1st World War with most of the football team.

After their return, Neil married a "beauty queen", Florence Wagoner, loved by everyone. They had four daughters Elise, Janet, and twins Joan and Jean. Montford married another "beauty queen", Margaret McMillan. They have one son, M. T. Jr. Veta married Carl Giles from a family of old settlers in Norman. They had one daughter, Elizabeth. Ina married Phil Kidd, had two children, Mary Lelia (Holmes) and Philip Jr. Both are still living in Norman. Graham married Genevieve Farrar, a classmate at O.U.. They had two children, Graham B., who was killed in an auto accident after his senior year at O.U., and a daughter, Jerelyn, who married James Agar and they are residents of Norman. Froma married Roy Johnson from Newkirk, Oklahoma, and has two sons, Robert and William. Arline married LeRoy LeFore and has two beautiful children, Mary and Louis. Edward Jr. married Juanita Willis, also from a large family of Chickasaws. They had a son, Edward III who had just graduated from O.U. when he was killed in an airplane accident. Their two daughters are Elaine and Nita.

Most of the children and grandchildren are graduates of O.U. and as of this year, 1970, there are seven of them enrolled at O.U. Monty III, as his grandfather, father and uncles before him, is playing on the "Big Red" football team.

But how different it is today from the first Johnson school days. Most of the children have cars, while we walked or drove horse and buggy to all the functions. But what a happy life we have had through the years with such a large family and we still enjoy the clan getting together for Christmas and all the football games, as we did in our parents' lifetime.

Most of the 121 descendants still claim Oklahoma as their native state.

The 121 include E. B. and Mollie's children, grandchildre, step grand-children, and "out laws", (which I call the in-laws) which they really are not, <sup>because</sup> as they really are very much a part of the Johnson family.

Many of the grandchildren were born in Texas as my father had bought some land in Texas, with Sam Ambrister and Henry Johnson, to give all their sons jobs in the summer time-herding cattle and farm work. It was not long before my father bought ~~out~~ out his partners, whose sons did not care for the ranch life. Three of the Johnson boys continued to live in Texas.

We have been saddened by several deaths; Father, Mother, Veta, Ina, Carl, Phil, Florence, Neil, Graham B, Graham B, Jr. and Leroy LeFlore. and Edward Jr. All had chosen Norman as their resting place.

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Charles B. Johnson born in London, came from a family of musicians, actors and professional people. At the age of nineteen, he and a brother came to see America. Charles joined a show (described as "running off with a show") in Philadelphia for an engagement in the South. His family in London later heard from him. He was in Mississippi and had married Rebekah Courtney of French and Chickasaw descent and owned an Indian trading store.

Charles B. and Rebekah came with the Chickasaws to Indian Territory and had a trading store in Fort Coffey, Indian Territory. Two children were born near Blue River, near Belton Crossing, now Tishomingo. They were Montford Thomas Johnson and Adelaide Johnson (now Mrs. James N. Bond). Montford married Mary Elizabeth Campbell. Seven children were born to them, and after Mary Elizabeth's death, Montford re-married and there were six more children.

Edward Bryant Johnson, my father, was the oldest <sup>child</sup> and in later years was guardian for them all. The book "The Chickasaw Rancher" written by his son, Neil R. Johnson, is the story of the life of his grandfather, Montford Thomas Johnson and early days of Indian Territory. Edward B. married Mary Elizabeth Graham, known as Mollie E., who came with her family in a covered wagon from Chillicothe, Missouri to Indian Country in 1883. They were married near Silver City, now Minco, at Hill Phillips' house, a neighbor's ranch, February 17, 1887.

They had eight children Veta, Ina, Neil, Montford, and Froma who were born on a ranch near Newcastle. Graham was born in Norman while his mother was visiting her parents, the Robert Grahams, and because the Canadian River was overflowing she was unable to return to her ranch home for the birth. Arline and Edward Jr. were born in Norman after their parents moved to town to send the older children to school.

Our home was a farm north of Norman and the eight children walked to Jefferson School. Later, after the older ones were ready for college,