

After moving to Norman, Papa began hauling freight between Norman and Oklahoma City. He made three trips a week, each trip taking two days.

In 1910 Papa started in the construction business, with his two sons, Delbert and Claude, helping him. They hauled all the materials for the construction of nine OU buildings, including the first permanent structure, the Administration Building. He also transported all the marble and stone for the McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church in 1921; also all of the material and steel arches for the old South Canadian River Bridge (now replaced). The steel arches were hauled on house dollies pulled by horses. He hauled the material for four of the Central State Hospital structures.

After giving up Contracting, Papa and Delbert ran the O'Haver dairy until Papa retired.

Descendants of William T. and Dollie O'Haver:

Delbert O'Haver married Bessie Hodges Lawrence

their children - Mildred, Malcolm, Claudia, Homer, Paul, Helen, Colleen,
Betty, Howard, three step children - Earnest, Verna,
and Elizabeth Lawrence.

Rosa O'Haver Greger (Mrs. Charles)

children - Bill, Virginia, Violet, Charlene, Clarice, Leldon.

Claude O'Haver married Viola Miller

children - Loretta, Maxine, Claude, Jr.

Waneta O'Haver Greene (Mrs. Walter)

child - Marie

Aneta O'Haver Madden (Mrs. Lawrence)

children - LaNeta, Larry, Jr.

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Zyness O'Haver married Salley Warren

child - Lewis Gene

Geneva O'Haver Ringer (Mrs.)

children - Bill, Gene

Oleva Betty O'Haver Harbour (Mrs. Jim)

children - Bob, Uthonia, Carl, Danny, Louise, Caroline.

William T. O'Haver died 11 August 1955

Dollie May O'Haver died 2 March 1962

A picture of William T. O'Haver and his oxen is hanging in the Cowboy Hall of Fame and also in the Oklahoma Historical Building.

Mrs. Louisa May Mills, mother of Dollie O'Haver, moved from Texas in the fall of 1890 to a farm south of Denver, Oklahoma. She died 24 January 1904, and is buried east of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Story of William Thornton O'Haver

by

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William Thornton O'Haver, born 16, February 1867, Rolla, Phelps County, Missouri. Son of James Allen and Sara Rebecca (Huffman) O'Haver. The grandson of Francis O'Haver, a native of Pennsylvania, going to Buckingham County Virginia and in 1789 removing to Missouri.

William T. O'Haver was the oldest of 11 children. When about 18 years of age he left Missouri going to Montague County, Texas, where he went to work on the Mills ranch. He fell in love with Dollie May Mills and they were married 17 October 1887 in Montague County Texas.

She was the daughter of Alfonzia Mills and Louisa May (Clark) Mills a one quarter Cherokee Indian.

William T. O'Haver (my papa) made the run into Oklahoma on April 22, 1889, homesteading at Denver, Okla., East of Norman in Cleveland County. After making numerous trips back and forth to Belvieu, Texas, Papa moved Mama and baby son, Delbert, to their new home in the spring of 1890. Mama drove the covered wagon; Papa drove the cattle and 12 head of oxen. The oxen, all 12 of them, were needed to plow the unturned fields. Three or four oxen just couldn't do the job. The method of plowing called for one man to walk in front, directing the oxen, and another to man the plow.

In 1899 Papa sold most of the stock and moved to Norman on a tract of land northeast of Norman. The location is now 713 East Robinson Street.