

PENDLETON FAMILY

*Marguerite Pendleton Hare*

Dr. Robert H. Pendleton, a practicing dentist in Norman for fifty-six years, was born in Shelby Co., Missouri, April 22, 1865. He died February 4, 1954. His parents were from Virginia and Kentucky.

He came to Norman in 1899 and had an office for forty-one years in the City National Bank Building on the southeast corner of Main Street, Norman, O. T. His wife, Lucinda Alice Chapman, was born February 15, 1873, in Coburn, Indiana. She died November 11, 1944. Her parents were from Virginia and Ohio. Dr. R. H. Pendleton and Lucinda Chapman were married December 28, 1896, in Nevada, Missouri, where they both worked.

Dr. Pendleton set up his office in Billings, Missouri, after graduation from the Kansas City Dental College in 1897. After nearly two years of practice there, he decided Oklahoma Territory would be profitable and exciting, as Norman had only one dentist at that time. So he came ahead of his family to find an office space and a house to live in.

A few weeks later Mother (Mrs. Pendleton) and baby daughter came on the train. She had a long stop in Kansas. Each time a train went through, Mother would gather up her packages, bird cage, and - me (daughter), and start out the station door, only to be told it wasn't her train. The station master finally felt sorry for her and said, "Lady, I'll tell you when your train comes, so you won't have to gather up all that stuff - and that fat kid." Me!

Our first home in Norman was across the street from the Catholic Church. I can still remember the boxes of candy Father Metter, the Catholic priest, brought to me from his trips back to Germany.

In May, 1901, Dad purchased lots 22-28 in Block 3 from Mr. and Mrs. Al Fisher, with C. H. Bessent as notary and Morgan & Cralle as abstractors. Here we have lived since then, at 116 East Daws. The old house was replaced with a larger one in 1930, on the same spot. Four children were born here *Marguerite married Hare* - Kyla Frances (Mrs. Person Woodall), Robert Arthur, Marjory Audry and Ruth Ethelyn (Bobbie)(Yeaman). Robert and Marjory died in infancy.

When Dad came in 1899, Norman was a busy town of 1,800 people, with open saloons, cotton gins, wagon yards and a watering trough in the middle of Main Street. Cowboys from cattle ranches across the South Canadian River often came to water their horses. Then they'd tie them up in front of the saloon across the street from dad's office, and imbibe in refreshing drinks.

One time while I was sitting in the big window of Dad's office, and looking down on the street, a cowboy burst out of the saloon and headed for Dad's stairway. Another cowboy was after him with a blazing gun!

We have exciting times today, but we had exciting times then too!

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