

filed on their claim.

By this time all of the claims had been taken so Mr. Smalley and his family returned to Norman to live. Here Mr. Smalley found a job as a section hand for the Santa Fe Railroad, and his family made their home in the section house, where they lived for the next three years. Their third child, James Alfred, was born here January 1, 1892. He was the first of the Smalley's children to be born in Oklahoma.

The officials of the Santa Fe learned that some of their railway ties were missing in the Moore area. They promoted Mr. Smalley to the job of detective and sent him to find the ties.

One day Mr. Smalley was out in the open country hunting for the stolen ties when a storm appeared. Spotting a dugout near by, Mr. Smalley went there to seek shelter from the storm. The family living in the dugout welcomed Mr. Smalley and invited him into the one room dugout. Inside, Mr. Smalley saw the missing railroad ties supporting the dirt roof.

After the storm Mr. Smalley returned to Norman and promptly resigned his detective job. He failed to mention that he had found the stolen ties.

Mr. Smalley then turned to farming. The family moved to a farm near Little River on the old Highway #77. Here the fourth child of the Smalleys was born, Martha Ella, January 18, 1894.

In 1895 Mr. Smalley bought a ten acre farm from Mr. Kinkade. The farm was on Rock Creek Road, a half mile east of I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Here Charles Freeman Smalley was born December 7, 1895, and Edwin Walker Smalley on November 3, 1897. These two boys made six children in the family, and as Edwin said, "the family income on a farm of that size in that day, was sometimes no more than \$100," the Smalleys were forced to find a larger farm in order to take care of a larger family.

Mr. Smalley rented a quarter section from Mr. George L. Abbot. This land was across the road north of the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Later the Smalley family moved to the Pahlman farm. The quarter section they rented contained the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

By 1910 the James F. Smalley family had been increased by the births of Artie Lula, February 11, 1901, Sadie Ruth, May 30, 1904, twins J. Raymond and Roy, May 5, 1906 (Roy died at birth), and Ruby, February 21, 1910.

Of the eleven children born to James F. and Rachel Smalley two died in infancy and nine lived to maturity. Two of the children were born in Kansas and nine were born in Oklahoma.

Joseph Willem, the oldest child, died in Norman, O. T., February 11, 1892.

Mamie Gertrude is now living in Lubbock, Texas. She married Grover Fulkerson, and later married Ben Ballard.

James Alfred married Genieva Golding. They were the parents of the late Senator Joe Smalley, and the grandparents of Senator Phil Smalley. James Alfred died in Oklahoma City in 1962.

Martha Ella married Key Boyd of Norman. They were the parents of three children: Key, Jr., Betty, and James (Jim). Ella Smalley Boyd died in Norman in 1960, and Key Boyd a year later.

Charles Freeman married Nora Hart. They moved to Texas and Charles F. died there in 1969.

Edwin Walker lives at 921 Kansas Street, Norman. He married Evelyn Roane; later he married Erma Mayhew.

Artie Lula married Bill Greenway and they live in Norman.

Sadie married Minor Webb. They had one son. Sadie is now married to Ray Vaughn and lives in Norman.

J. Raymond married and lives in Oklahoma City.

Ruby married Carl Moore and lives in Oklahoma City.

When reminiscing with old friends Edwin W. Smalley recalls seeing Cole Younger, the outlaw, he remembers riding to school on a spade pulled by his father through the snow, and seeing his first horseless carriage: "My brothers and I were walking on old Highway #77 when we heard a terrible racket. We looked toward the noise and saw the horseless carriage. We ran and jumped over a fence to make sure we were safe and out of the way of the car."

Edwin also remembers when Norman had wooden side walks, a horse drawn fire wagon and when O.U. had only two buildings on the campus. He has seen many changes in Norman in the last fifty years. His own life demonstrates these drastic changes—running from the first horseless carriage he ever saw, feeling important in 1916 because he was a cowboy (the aim of most boys at that time) and in 1962 Edwin was a foreman for the company that installed the missiles at the Altus Air Base. From plow shears to missiles is the story of the pioneers of Oklahoma.

After the Smalley children were grown and away from home Mr. and Mrs. James F. Smalley moved to Norman and took life easy. Their home was at 308 East Johnson Street. They lived here the rest of their life. Mrs. Rachel Smalley died September 2, 1944, and James F. Smalley died December 30, 1944. Both are buried in the Norman I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Both Mr. and Mrs. James F. Smalley were respected citizens, a law abiding and religious couple. They worked hard and were conscientious parents and they had the pleasure of seeing their children grown and settled in their own homes.

James Freeman Smalley & Wife Rachel Lula Smalley & two children made the run into Oklahoma when the Cherokee strip opened up, they staked out a claim near Chandler & came to Norman for supplies on their return some one had jumped their claim & filed on it. They returned to Norman & dad got a job as section hand for the Santa fee rail road they lived in the old section house, After some time at this, some one was stealing railroad ties up near moore, Dad was promoted to detective & was sent out to look for the stolen ties, While in the vicinity of Moore he saw a storm coming up. He saw some folks standing in front of a dougout so he asked them if he could come in till the storm was over, they welcomed him in & they went into the dougout, there was man & wife & a few small children. all living in the dougout, While inside dad looked up at the ceiling & saw the missing rail road ties supporting the dirt roof. After the storm he returned to Norman resigned his job as detective & moved out on the farm. They lived for a while but on old 77 near little river, then in 1895 bought a 10acre tract from Mr Kingkade 1/2 mile east of oddfellow cemetery on Rock creek Road. lived here a few years then rented the 1/4 section north of cemetery then owned by mr Abbot, Then moved to the Fahlman place the 1/4 section containing the cemetery, Then in the later part of their life they moved to 308 E. Johnson where they spent the remainder of their lives

Sincerely Ed Smalley  
 Edwin W. Smalley May 1971

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THE JAMES F. SMALLEY FAMILY

*Edwin W. Smalley*

James Freeman Smalley, the son of James K. Smalley, was born July 12, 1866, in Xenia, Kansas. He grew up on his father's farm and was well trained to be a farmer. He went to the local school for his formal education.

After James F. Smalley was grown he left home and set out for himself. He moved westward and took what ever job he could find, often as a helper on a farm or found a job in a near by town.

He was living in Macksville, Kansas, when he met Rachel Lula Linton. She was born December 22, 1867, in Fayetteville, Tennessee, and had moved with her family to western Kansas. A romance soon developed and James Freeman Smalley and Rachel Lula Linton were married April 7, 1887, in Macksville, Kansas.

James and Rachel Smalley moved to a farm near Dodge City, Kansas. Since trees were scarce in the prairie, the Smalleys, like all of the settlers in the area, built a sod house and lived in it over two years.

The Smalleys had two children born to them while they were living in the sod house in Kansas, Joseph Willem, April 7, 1888, and Mamie Gertrude, March 26, 1890.

When the United States Government opened the "Pott Country" (a six mile strip of land that touched the east side of Cleveland County) to white settlers September 22, 1891, James F. Smalley, his wife and two small children made "the run."

Mr. Smalley staked a claim near the town of Chandler. The family needed supplies so the family drove to Norman, O.T., and bought the supplies and returned to their claim only to find a "claim jumper" had moved in and