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The Spottswood Family

Henry Spottswood

The Spottswood family of Cleveland County originated in Scotland. They can trace their ancestry back to Robert de Spotswoode, who lived in Scotland in 1260. One of Robert's descendants came to America and settled in the Virginia Colony before the American Revolutionary War. Alexander Spottswood of Virginia served as a delegate to the Continental Congress and later became a General under General Washington during the American Revolutionary War. After the war was over, Alexander married Elizabeth Washington, a niece of General Washington. For services rendered to the new Republic of America, General Spottswood was given a free grant of land in Kentucky. Here the young Alexander and his wife Elizabeth settled near Glasgow, Kentucky and their descendants still own the land.

Edward Spottswood's father migrated from Virginia to Pennsylvania. Here Edward William Spottswood was born. He graduated from Dickinson College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1876. While William Edward was getting his education, his family had moved to Epworth, Iowa. It was here in Epworth, that William Edward Spottswood married Alice Sarah Anson in 1877. To this union, two daughters and four sons were born. After living in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, the family moved to Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory in 1900. William Edward engaged in the business of constructing frame business buildings and homes. In 1902, he built a home at 622 East Gray Street in Norman, where the family lived for fifteen years.

Edward Franklin, the oldest son of William Edward and Alice Sarah Spottswood, became a superintendent of iron and steel construction; Hattie Mabel, the oldest daughter, married John F. Belknap a business property investor in Norman; Carrie Lillian married John W. Cummings

a J.C. Penny Store manager in Hamilton, Ohio; Harry William entered the postal service, serving as assistant postmaster of the Oklahoma city office until he retired. Charles Anson engaged in the bakery business in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Guy Robert Arther, the youngest of the children remained in Norman and is the only living member of the children of W.E. and Alice Spottswood who arrived in Norman, Oklahoma Territory in 1900.

Guy Robert Arther Spottswood married Inez Grigsby in 1916, in Norman, Oklahoma. Inez was the daughter of Jesse Draper Grigsby and Ella Bellamy Grigsby. Guy and Inez Spottswood had two children; Edward Guy, now of Evanston, Illinois and Inez, who married Robert Round and now resides in New Jersey.

As a young man, Guy Spottswood became associated with a Norman company, engaged in Light And Power, Ice Manufacturing, Cotton Ginning, Grain Elevators and retail coal business. Guy served as Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager of the company for many years.

Guy is probably as well known for the civic work he did as he is known for his success in business. He served two terms as Mayor of the city of Norman (1925-1929). He is today the oldest living mayor of Norman.

Guy is a 32 Degree Mason, a member of Masonic Lodge Number 38 in Norman. He has received a fifty year pin for fifty years membership in the Norman Lodge. He is a member of India Shrine, Guthrie Consistory.