

Charles **STANDLEY**

Charles Stanley, Jr.

My aunt Mrs. John

My maternal grandparents were married in Minnesota and my mother was born there in Ottertail County, near Deer Creek, in May 1883. She had an older sister, Florence, who was born in 1880. In the summer of 1896 John P. Monroe, his wife Viola E., and their two daughters, Florence, aged 16 and Mary Ann, aged 13 came to Norman, Cleveland County, territory of Oklahoma, from Minnesota with a short stop in Kansas and on a farm near Yukon, Oklahoma.

In 1897 my grandfather purchased six lots on Gray Street, facing north, just back of the ^{present day} Coronado Inn. He built a house on the corner of University Boulevard and Gray and lived there until he died in 1911. My grandfather was a member of The First Christian Church, active in civic affairs, ^{he} was a member of the school board and ^{also} operated a moving business.

Both my mother and aunt Florence attended the University and Florence became quite active in connection with University publications, making many contributions to the UMPIRE and MISTLETOE.

In 1903 Florence married Ray Graw, an engineering graduate of the University, who had been fullback and captain of the ¹⁹⁰¹ University football team.

My paternal grandparents were both born in Boliver Polk County, Missouri and were married there in March 1879. My father was born in Polk County in March 1880. There were five other children, all girls -- Elizabeth, Rosemary, Margaret, Mamie, and Ethel. In 1900 my grandmother Standley, who had been Margaret Jane Lytle, died in Fayetteville, Arkansas. In the fall of 1902 my grandfather, M. P. Standley, with his family consisting of a son, age 22 and five daughters came to Norman.

Two of the daughters, Mamie and Ethel, died in 1904. The other three are still living and are together in Espanola, New Mexico at the present time.

On June 23, 1906, Charles Standley and Mary Monroe were married at the home of the bride's parents by the Reverend W. T. Scott of the Baptist church. At that time Charles Standley was employed at the Post Office. Upon her marriage, the new Mrs. Standley terminated her employment as a milliner for the S. K. McCall Company. Their new home was on Gray Street just east of the Monroe residence. Charles Standley, Jr. was born October 12, 1907 and a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, February 23, 1910. Another daughter, Patricia Ann, was born in April, 1926.

and Marie Ware of Bartlesville, Oklahoma were married in 1928 and ^{are} ~~now~~

Charles Standley, Jr. ^{is} presently living in Norman, having returned at the time of his retirement in 1960. Margaret, now Mrs. J. D. Griffin, is living in Oklahoma City. Patricia, Mrs. B. D. White, the youngest child, is in California.

Charles Standley left the Post Office in 1918 and was associated with one of the local banks until 1935 when he established ^{his} own accounting business. He died in May 1967, his widow died in January 1968, having lived in Norman over 70 years.

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This is an outline of my family's history.

~~There are several things that I could give you more information concerning my grandparents if you desire.~~ I remember a few things about Norman in the early days which might be of interest. For example, at the house on Gray Street where my grandparents lived there was a cistern from which we obtained water, and a barn south of the house right on the alley.

My grandfather had a team of gray horses, one of which could be used as a buggy horse when necessary. At that time there was a volunteer fire department and when the fire alarm was sounded the first team arriving at the fire station would be used to pull the fire wagon to the proper spot. For this service the owner received a fee. My grandfather had responded to these calls so often that every time the fire whistle blew the team took off for the fire station.

A Mr. Moore lived on the corner where the Coronado Inn is now located and he had a popcorn machine, which among other things, had a steam whistle. I was always fascinated by his preparation for the day's work, especially testing of the whistle.

We were much more dependent on our own resources for entertainment in these days before TV, radio, and rapid transportation. There was a north-bound passenger train that went through Norman about 6:30 in the evening. In the summer we would ride to town in a buggy, as I remember, for no other purpose than to watch the train go through.

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Just going to Oklahoma City was no small undertaking. The first time I remember attending a State Fair we drove to Moore in a surrey and caught the Interurban there, then rode a streetcar from the downtown terminal to the fairgrounds and reversed the procedure to get home. This made going to the fair a very long day.