

Spaulding Family

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MASS MEETING

A mass meeting of the citizens was called to meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the store of T. M. McCullough. The meeting was called to order by J. A. Lowry and J. A. Bennett was chosen chairman. The object of the meeting was stated as being for the purpose of nominating 6 candidates for school directors.

A motion was made by N. W. Herrington and seconded by B. S. Waldren. That we put the names of all men nominated on one ticket and the six securing the largest number of votes to be directors. Motion carried. The following names were selected.

J. C. Brady, W. A. Cain, F. M. Rogers, A. E. Moore, Ackinson Moore, J. O. Bennett, John Lemons, Peter Yoho, J. A. Lowry, R. L. Liddy, W. H. R. Lowry, E. M. Wright, B. F. Venator, O. D. Oliver, N. W. Herrington.

September 22, 1905

McCoy—Cunningham

On Tuesday our popular townsman, S. S. McCoy left for Muskogee taking with him Rev. J. A. Lowry, he went tither and came hither not however as he went, but with the flower of his heart, a partner to share his joys and sorrows. He was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Florence Cunningham, of Muskogee. S. S. has a host of friends his genial disposition winning at all time and they all rejoice with him in his new found happiness and the American is common with them wish that prosperity will be their for ever and aye.

Homer B. Spaulding

He was born 27 Feb 1862 in Lexington, TN and left at age 15 for Texas. Two years later he moved from Whitney to Sulphur Springs, TX. There he met and married Josephine, the daughter of S. B. Callahan of the Creek Nation.

Following his marriage in 1884, H. B. moved to Muskogee. The next year he went to work at the J. A. Patterson Mercantile Co. where he soon became a buyer for the company and later a manager.

About 1890 he left the company to go into business for himself. With \$2,000 of his savings, he purchased a ranch outside of Checotah on Cloud Creek that had been leased to the Patterson Mercantile Co. Within a few years, he is said to be grazing 20,000 head of cattle there.

About 1901 he reportedly drove the first automobile on Muskogee streets. Unfortunately, no documentation for this claim has been found. If true, this would mark him among the more progressive residents in Muskogee.

Spaulding was elected mayor of Muskogee in 1902. He

was the third person, but the fourth in office, to have served in this capacity. The following year he was elected the president of the Muskogee Commercial Club, the forerunner of the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce. He was its president for about four years.

About 1910 he built the steel Spaulding Bridge across the Arkansas River connecting Muskogee and Wagoner Counties. The piers of this bridge may yet be seen west of the US 69 Hwy bridge. The Spaulding Bridge was subsequently purchased and made into a toll-free public bridge.



Spaulding twice ran for the office of Sheriff in Muskogee County, but lost both times. He was a County Commissioner at the time of his death.

He was generous by nature throughout his life. One recipient was the First Methodist Church. Following the fire that burned the buildings of the Harrell Institute, his donations and fundraising resulted in the school being renamed the Spaulding College.

Homer B. Spaulding died 4 Sep 1918 and is buried in Greenhill Cemetery. Spaulding Park is named in his honor.



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Not-So-Common Genealogy Links

Canadian Genealogy

Canadian Genealogy & History <http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/cghl.html>

ArchivalNet-Library & Archives Canada http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201_e.html

Genealogy Methods & Hints

Robert Bickham's 26 Tips (to becoming a genealogist)

<http://www.a1webdesing.com/rebick/26tips.htm>

Genealogy Resources

Genealogy Gateway <http://gengateway.com>

The Genealogy Home Page <http://genhomepage.com>

Helm's Genealogy Toolbox <http://www.onlinegenealogy.com>

Sources2Go.com <http://www.sources2go.com/>

Family Chronicle <http://familychronicle.com/>

Genealogy Search Engine

TreEZy <http://www.treezy.com/>

Genealogy Software

Software For Genealogist <http://www.personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/software.html>

Cyndi's List- Software & Computers <http://www.cyndislist.com/software.html>

Genealogy Terms

Genealogy Dictionary <http://home.att.net/~dottsr/diction.html>

Heraldry

A Visual Introduction to Heraldry <http://renaissance.dm.net/heraldry/primer.html>

International Illustrated Glossary and other links <http://www.heraldica.org/topics/glossary/>

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Maps & Atlases

Historical Maps-Perry_Castaneda Library Map Collection <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/index.html>