

QUESTIONNAIRE ON BIOGRAPHY OF MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Members of the Oklahoma Historical Society are requested to fill in this questionnaire and furnish the information requested so that it may be placed in the archives of the Society.)

Name:

Fred Severs Clinton (M.D.)

Address:

230 East Woodward Boulevard, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Date of birth:

April 15, 1874

Place:

Okmulgee, Indian Territory

Date of settlement and place of location in Oklahoma:

With parents on Half Circle S ranch on Duck Creek, Indian Territory about 1875.

With parents at Red Fork, Indian Territory, 1884.

After marriage, Tulsa, Indian Territory, 1897.

Full name, as near as possible, of father and mother:

Charles Clinton, father. Louise Atkins Clinton, mother.

Give names of other ancestors as near as you can on both maternal and paternal lines, specifying anything of prominence relating to such ancestors, and their native state:

Father: Charles Clinton

b. on farm in Georgia, 1847, and died February 24, 1888. Buried at Red Fork, Indian Territory, and later removed to Tulsa.

He established the Half Circle S ranch which was known finally as the Last Chance Ranch. He was the first in the Creek Nation to introduce and develop pure bred cattle and hogs. He was among the first, if not the first to introduce pure bred cattle, and later barb-wire fences, and to abolish roping, sixshooters, and rushing cattle to market. He marketed the largest and best range cattle ever shipped from Indian Territory.

He was a college graduate and student of geology, and sensed a great mineral wealth, both coal and oil, along the 96th Meridian.

Mother: Louise Atkins Clinton

b. Texas. Came to Indian Territory at an early age with her parents. She was a product of an early Mission School, Tullahassee Indian Mission School, and was taught by two missionaries, Mrs. A.E.W. Robertson and her daughter, Miss Alice Robertson, the latter the first Congresswoman from Oklahoma and the second one elected in the United States.

Father and Mother of Fred S. Clinton were married at Okmulgee, Indian Territory, by the Rev. Samuel Checote, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, July 27th, 1873. Mrs. Louise Clinton continued to teach her country Indian School until moving to the ranch after the birth of her son Fred.

After moving to Red Fork in 1883-4, she rode horse-back and collected money from the cowboys to build the first church and school, which was the forerunner of the schools in the Tulsa District of the Indian Territory, later Oklahoma. The final money to complete the buildings was furnished by Charles and Louise Clinton.

Clinton High School, 2224 West 41st Street, occupies the ground where the Charles and Louise Clinton family home stood.

Celia Clinton School is located at the southwest corner of 21st Street and Quannah Street. Celia Clinton was the older daughter of Lee and Sue Merrill Clinton.

McBirney School is located at 1012 West 36th Place.

These three schools are located on the original Charles and Louise Clinton family estate.

Louise Clinton died June 28, 1920, and is buried in Tulsa.

Charles and Louise Clinton had four children: Fred, Lee, Vera (Mrs. J. H. McBirney, graduate of Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga.) and Paul, all living in Tulsa.

Maternal grandparents:

James and Mary Jane (Christman) Atkins

Distinguished in Revolutionary history. See "Oklahoma, A History of the State and its People" by Joseph B. Thoburn and Muriel H. Wright, Volume IV, Page 559.

Give data as to education, where procured and how:

Native Schools in Creek Nation; Saint Francis Institute, Osage, Kansas; Drury College, Springfield, Missouri; Gen City Business College, Quincy, Illinois; Young Harris College, Georgia; Kansas City College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences, Ph. G. 1896; University Medical College, Kansas City, Missouri, M. D. 1897.

Business or vocation, places located, etc.:

Physician and Surgeon, located at Red Fork and Tulsa.

Give name of wife (or husband) and if married more than once, give names:

Wife, Jane Heard Clinton

If wife (or husband) deceased, give date of demise:

Wife living

Give names of children and the present address of those who are living:

No children

Give any other facts and circumstances that would be relevant or important to be incorporated in a condensed biography for the purpose of preserving your name in the history of Oklahoma, such as religious, fraternal and club affiliations, military service, etc.:

Dr. Clinton was Chairman of the Committee to reorganize the Indian Territory Medical Association to conform to the requirements of the American Medical Association. He afterwards served as Secretary-Treasurer, for several years, then Vice President and President.

When the Indian Territory Medical Association was merged with the Oklahoma Territory Medical Association to form the Oklahoma State Medical Association, he was elected delegate to the American Association meeting at Boston and made the first written Report of such mission.

First representative of the American National Red Cross in the Indian Territory, 1905. Organized a branch in 1906 and after statehood, 1907, under authority of the Executive Committee of the National Red Cross, led in the reorganization to conform to the National Charter and Oklahoma's admission to Statehood.

Organized and secured the Charter for the first hospital and training school for nurses in Tulsa, 1906.

Served as President of the Tulsa Hospital Association until 1915.

In 1915 organized, chartered and built the Oklahoma Hospital in Tulsa. This entirely modern hospital with an approved training school for nurses pioneered in Oklahoma in fire protection to patients and nurses. Was President and Chief Surgeon for over ten years.

Organized the Oklahoma State Hospital Association at Muskogee in 1919. Was elected President annually until 1926, and in 1927 was elected Honorary Life President at Miami.

Joined with Dr. B. A. Wilkes of St. Louis, Missouri, to organize the Midwest Hospital Association embracing Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and adjoining states. In 1926 and 1928 was elected Vice President and unanimously elected President at Kansas City in 1929 and 1930.

Was Chairman of Committee on Hospitals of Oklahoma State Medical Association for many years from 1919.

One of the organizers of the National Hospital Day, and served as Oklahoma State Chairman from 1919 to 1924. Regional Director of Hospital Day from 1924 to 1929 by authority of the National Committee of the American Hospital Association.

In 1925-26 served as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the American College of Surgeons for Oklahoma.

One of the organizers of "Hospital News" a standard publication for local use of hospitals for community news. Was editor Oklahoma Hospital News.

For many years was member of the Editorial Board of Hospital Management.

During World War I was member of the District Board No. 2 of the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and was surgeon of the Student's Army Training Camp, Kendall College Unit, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also served as Medical Director of the Emergency Hospital during influenza epidemic of 1918.

Surgeon for the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railway for 23 years.

Surgeon for A. T. & Santa Fe Railroad over 36 years.

Surgeon for M. K.&T. Railway over 36 years.

Division Surgeon for the Midland Valley Railway over 36 years.

Chief Surgeon over 25 years for Tulsa Street Railway and United Service Company.

Chief Surgeon for Sand Springs Railway for over 15 years.

Chief Surgeon or Surgeon for several other transportation companies.

Member U. S. Pension Board for 25 years, first 15 years Secretary, last ten years President.

Surgeon United States Compensation Commission over 20 years.

An organizer, director and secretary of the Tulsa Street Railway Company.

Charter member, 1900, and a director of the Tulsa Commercial Club, which was succeeded by the present Chamber of Commerce in 1915.

Member of the Committee to guarantee bonus to the M. K. & T. Railway and aids to secure other railroads.

June 25, 1901, Drs. J. C. W. Eland and Fred S. Clinton drilled the first oil and gas well, adjoining Red Fork, Indian Territory on the North, in what is now Tulsa County, Oklahoma. This is the first oil well in the Indian Territory to have national publicity. Tulsa had a population of 1,390 in 1900; it now has 160,000, Chamber of Commerce estimate, and is the Oil Capital of the world and home of the International Petroleum Exposition.

President of the A. T. and Santa Fe Railway Medical and Surgical Society, 1925-6. Delegate from that society to the American Association of Railway Surgeons in 1925.

Vice President of the American Association of Railway Surgeons 1926-7, and in October, 1927 was elected President. First Member Emeritus of the Association.

Built the first all fire-proof office building in Tulsa.

Chairman of the Committee on Contract and Industrial Practice, Oklahoma State Medical Association, 1926-28.

Fellow, American College of Surgeons

Honorary Member Tulsa County Medical Society

Honorary Member Oklahoma State Medical Association

Honorary Member of Hyeckka Club

Life Member and many years a director of Oklahoma Historical Society

Honorary Member Tulsa Lodge No. 71, A.F. & A.M.

Charter member, Association of Pioneers

Honorary Pioneer in oil industry and member of International Petroleum Exposition and Congress, Tulsa

Honorary member of Oklahoma Memorial Association, sponsor of Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Member of Board of Stewards, Boston Avenue Methodist Church. Also member of Building Committee.

Member Philbrook Art Center

Charter member of the Tulsa Civic Association

Author of the following addresses and papers:

History of Five Civilized Tribes

Interesting Tulsa History

Abdominal Gunshot Injury; Report of two cases Penetration and Perforation successfully operated upon 1904.

Case Records

Phases of Pellagra

Clinical Report of Operation on Puerperal Suppurative Mastitis

Some Phases of Industrial Surgery

Traumatic Rupture of the Spleen

Splenectomy and Recovery

Clinical Report of Operation on Fracture of Patella

Gastric Ulcer Perforation followed by operation twelve hours later and recovery

Clinical Report of Mastitis

Clinical Report of two cases of Traumatic Asphyxia

Case Report Acute Ascending Paralysis

Case Report Hydrophobia

The Hospital and its relationship to the Newspaper

Some essential phases of the Hospital

Address to the Graduating Class of the Muskogee Hospital School for Nurses

Trail Blazers in Medicine

The Railway Surgeon as a Practical Pioneer of Industrial or Traumatic Surgery

The Chief Surgeon from a Local Surgeon's Viewpoint

What National Associations Say About Publicity for Hospitals

The State Hospital Association and Its Function

A Patient or a Case

and numerous other addresses and papers.