

Hello, family and friends:

I started to write My Little Book just for the very young of my family many-years ago but after writing down THINGS, I slightly went further than I intended.

Here I just included parts of my life story, that might be interesting.

I was born in (place Hearn, Texas, 1920. My Parent William and Loreen Dailey. My Mother's Father - Peter Wilson Harriell, grandmother.

I was the 8th living child moving to Oklahoma.

Our family was moved to Oklahoma as share croppers to work on the farm, mainly. ^{Originally, my father named me Esther Beatrice his sister named Mae Willie, when I entered Langston University the person in the office decided Willie Mae Dailey better for the Degree.}

I did not know much about living until about age 5. By the time I

I knew we had moved about three times. By this time I had seen all my brothers and sisters, some who had been cared for by some

other family members and my second family member was teaching in a county school in a little school called Brown's Chapel.

It was she who made the impression on me that wanted to become a teacher some day.

Our family name was well known in each school, as I can remember for the boys played ball, my sisters could sing, my mother cook dishes for school and she knew how to make things for the 4-H club and things at church, and she could do a lot of singing in church, and helped sick people.

I remember my very first teacher. She was very much Indian.

Mrs. Adah McGee, Mrs. McGee came to our house riding on a horse as her husband walked beside her. That was my first year

she wanted my mom to see how good was in sounding the letters from that day on she had me help other kids.

That community grew very fast the same family names all

around by the time we moved away the school membership

had reached around 118 and more.

This community was named Huttonville, there were

many families and related married families building in the area.

This was in McIntosh County, and the township in Oklahoma Eufaula

families: Riddle, Long, McGee, Jones, Pierce (etc) were outstanding names to know.

~~I graduated in my~~

Finally, WPA came along, which was great help to our family.

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 It was fun to sit in our yard in Huttonville at night and listen to the Indians chant their song from distance even from the mountain they called "Ball Hill". They held celebration, they went into their WARRIOR DANCE, at times we were afraid to go to their picnics we were to that they go into violent action, at times.

The WPA came in a good time, It considered large families. Where cotton picking was failing from where it had been good for large families. That year there came a Pandemic among farm animals. The animals died all around the community. Farmers animals laid down and died wherever they were. day and night, you saw men crying for their loss.

My father lost the one riding horse. He had taken our family to help one of the big farmers he received some favors that helped our family because the farm began to fail the owner helped us move to a new location and dad

was helped by WPA to qualify for 2 farm animals and another friend led him to qualify for a good house where we enrolled in a better school system. Eufaula where the system included grades First through twelfth. That year our whole family was nearer to walk to school. The First Grade teacher, Mrs. Sarah Cooper adopted a young Indian girl. However she needed a companion in the home. Her husband Dr. Cooper was not such a good help because Mrs. Cooper was a kind of socialite to be away from home most week-ends. She saw me as an ideal companion. I became the person, in the same school, one block in the same house for 2 years. I was with them until graduation.

At time my principle's wife upon visiting at a small Ice-cream engaged my mother in conversation as to what I would do next. she informed my mother that she had a daughter living on a corner street next to the Langston University, and would help make connections for me, if interested. At this time I had gone to Tulsa with my Mothers sister Aunt Jessie Louis, where I was enrolled in Pre College classes and doing a small job.

At the year ending I took up the off to go to Langston University, and finished my

(got married)

Degree Elementary Ed. came home to be employed in McIntosh County Eufaula for three years. during World War II my husband served in the war. Upon his discharge, he decided to attend Howard University, found a good job.

decided to live in D.C. We decided to make this area our home. We both joined First Baptist Church, we in the 1950's my husband passed on

in 19... I continue work for the Lord, and until he calls me I have been blessed to be in the time of name change to the Greater First Baptist Church

from location to 13th and Fairmont St. N.W. I have lived to welcome Pastors.

Edward Thomas Sr., Rev. Dr. Winston Jr. for 20 years and many of many

of my years as a member. I came to D.C., joined First Baptist Church, applied for work in the Federal Government and was employed for nine years.

To Thank God for His work

III ③ until the Office of Chief Transportation was re-located from its site in Alexandria Va to Suitland. From Suitland many were put on waiting list during the year I applied to Arlington for teaching in the Elementary school system I was accepted and was hired among the first African American Teachers in Arlington. I spent 13 yrs in the Arlington School system. I retired from there. I came to my church, set up Church Day Nursery for approxly 3 yrs. I have church ministries. Have served into my time of 101+ years. I Thank God for my time for my family, fr friends I continue to help wherever I can.

Thank every who have been a part of my Success and Life

Sincerely, Willie M. Osborn

Mom
Grand mom
Great grandmom