

Small Hotel

W. H. Small came to Okla. from Texas in 1919. For three or four years he worked at the Y. M. C. A. at Fourth and Elgin Street.

In 1925 W. H. Small built Small Hotel at 615 East Archer St. The hotel became the most complete Negro hotel in the South West. It contained 77 rooms - 50 rooms with connecting bathy fans and telephones.

Mr. & Mrs. Small
operated their
hotel for 41
years. ~~In 1966~~
~~the~~ The hotel
was demolished
in 1966 because
of the free way
which took part
of Archer Street.
Mrs. Small and three
of her employees

A Pioneer foot
patrolman in
the early 30's
was Hardy Weaver
whose beat was
from ~~Quinn~~ ^{Pike} to
Cameron. The
duty of the
foot patrolman
was to see
that doors of
all business
places were
secure and
to keep order
on their beat.

March 4
1947

b. 1897

O. Candow, Okla.

1922 came to Tulsa
died 1947 - 79 yrs
age

Home of Lucy Mackey

Built 1918

destroyed in riot
- 1921

Uncle Sam's Lister -
in law -

Club woman - came to
work - Christian Scientist

rebuild it 6 yrs. later -

Died 1940 - 52 yrs. age
12

Sam Mackey his
Real Estate Man - home
also

In the early 20's Lenian
Berry secured what is
now Lincoln Park. He
bought 157 swimming
pool & recreation facilities
in North Tulsa. Later
the city purchased it &
it was renamed Lincoln
Park. He secured & operated
the 157 bus line for
negroes - Ran from N. Tulsa
to 2nd Street.

He owned an airplane.

Lavada Ward - girlfriend

Weaver
would 80 on Dec. 16
have been died in 77
16th of April 1977
80

Dr. John Hope Franklin 97
5805 S. Blackstone Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60637

In the mid 1920's, Mr. Hosea Oscar Vaden in partnership with Mr. Morris H. Heeley pioneered one of the largest and most respected businesses in north Tulsa. Located at 112 N. Greenwood, the huge complex housed the Heeley-Vaden Pool Hall which served as a high spot for recreation in the community. With many pool and billiard tables, a snack and magazine counter, the Pool Hall was a well-known attraction.

The upper level of the complex contained the luxurious Earnestine Rooms which was also owned and operated by the partners. The successful Dixie Cleaners and the original Flamingo Night Spot were very popular in the community.

After the death of Mr. Heeley, Roxie Vaden, wife of Hosea, emerged to assist in the management of one of the brightest achievements for Blacks in Tulsa.

The Heeley-Vaden complex maintained a reputation of high standards over its 43 year operation.

Mr. Arley Huff - The first portable ice cream
vender in North Tulsa.

Mr. Huff's initial vending machine was a white in-
sulated box, mounted on casters and filled with dry
ice; there was a handle attached for pushing from which
hung eight tinkling bells! What a joyous and welcome
sound for the young and not so young. In addition
to the attraction of the tinkling bells, Mr. Huff further
promoted his business by giving a song and dance
routine on any busy, convenient corner. His favorite
dancing song bore the catching title of "The Devil Was
Born Without a Thorn"! He was a happy and kind
man who, it was speculated, gave away more 'strawberry
popicles' than he sold.

Mr. Huff died at the age of 95 - no one knew ^{his age} for sure,
an active, robust gentleman, still selling ice cream by
pushcart after a total of nearly thirty years. The only
concession that ~~could be said that~~ he made to his age,
was that he limited his hours to after sunset; this he
rationalized by the fact that his "modern refrigerated
box" did not keep his stuff as frozen as his dry
ice box, if the sun was too hot!

YOUR GOOD WILL DURING THE PAST YEARS
IS WARMLY APPRECIATED—AND MY LITTLE DO-
NATIONS, AIDS AND GIFTS TO YOU HAVE COME
FROM A SINCERE DESIRE TO AID THE GREAT CAUSE
YOUR FORCES REPRESENT.



Mrs. Lulu T. Williams



SMALL HOTEL

W.H. SMALL CAME TO OKLAHOMA FROM TEXAS IN 1919. FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS HE WAS EMPLOYED AT THE Y.M.C.A. AT 4TH & ELGIN. IN 1925 W.H. SMALL BUILT THE SMALL HOTEL AT 615 EAST ARCHER. THE HOTEL BECAME THE MOST COMPLETE NEGRO HOTEL IN THE SOUTH-WEST. IT CONTAINED 77 ROOMS, 50 ROOMS WITH CONNECTING BATHS, FANS AND TELEPHONES. MR. AND MRS. SMALL OPERATED THEIR HOTEL FOR 41 YEARS. THE HOTEL WAS DEMOLISHED IN 1966 FOR THE FREE-WAY WHICH TOOK THAT PART OF ARCHER. THE PHOTO TO THE RIGHT IS MRS. SMALL, THIRD FROM LEFT AND THREE OF HER EMPLOYEES.

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ATTORNEY P.A. CHAPPELLE A GRADUATE OF HAMPTON, RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY. IN 1914 HE MOVED TO SAPULPA AND IN 1920 HE OPENED A LAW OFFICE IN TULSA WITH FRANKLIN AND SPEARS. HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE THAT WENT TO NEW YORK AND THE EASTERN SEABOARD SOLICITING FUNDS FOLLOWING THE RACE RIOT OF 1921. HIS LAW FIRM SUED THE CITY OF TULSA FOR \$2,000,000.00 DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF THE RACE RIOT. THIS SUIT WAS LATER SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

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M.F. NEAL, A SUCCESSFUL TULSA BLACK BUSINESSMAN CAME TO TULSA FROM OKMULGEE IN 1921. HE OPENED A JEWELRY STORE AT PINE AND GREENWOOD AND IN A FEW MONTHS MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION NEAR THE DREAMLAND THEATER. IN 1923 HE MOVED TO DR. PAINE'S BUILDING WHICH HE LATER PURCHASED. MR. NEAL WAS A CERTIFIED REGISTERED WATCHMAKER. THIS ACHIEVEMENT WAS GIVEN HIM BY THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS. HE DIED IN 1954.

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ATTORNEY EDWARD L. GOODWIN SR. (1902-'8)
JAMES H. GOODWIN (1874-1958)
from an early photo

THE GOODWIN FAMILY CAME TO OKLAHOMA IN 1912 FROM THEIR NATIVE WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI. THE SENIOR MR. GOODWIN WAS A CIVIC LEADER, FINANCIER AND BUSINESS MAN. HIS GREATEST PERSONAL SATISFACTION CAME FROM HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANIZATION OF NORTH TULSA'S FIRST "COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH" PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDED A PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC AND A HOSPITAL. HE FINANCED NUMEROUS PRIVATE BUSINESSES IN AN ERA IN WHICH LOANS TO NON-CAUCASIANS WERE VERY HARD TO GET.

EDWARD L. GOODWIN, OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF THE OKLAHOMA EAGLE SINCE 1934, WAS THE FIRST BLACK SOCIAL WORK ADMINISTRATOR IN TULSA. ONE OF TWO FIRST BLACK GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA SCHOOL OF LAW, HE HAS FUNDED AND PROMOTED NUMEROUS BUSINESSES.