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1808-1908

Ed Cornett, who perhaps at the time of his death had lived longer in what is now Oklahoma than any other living person, died Tuesday, July 10, 1908 in Oklahoma City. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Garden.

A native of Manchester, Kentucky, Mr. Cornett was born December 6, 1808. He came to Indian Territory with his parents in 1880, and with his family settled east of Anadarko.

He worked on the Chisholm Trail and the name Cornett lives in Oklahoma history, in that the Cornett Hotel, an active hostelry at Silver City, was operated by his parents. As a youth he lived with his family at the hotel and saw the entire panorama of the passing of the Chisholm Trail and the cattle industry.

He made the run of April 22, 1889, with his family, helping to stake out two claims of one-quarter section each just east of El Reno on U. S. Highway 66. He was not of age to stake out his own claim but owing a fast saddle horse reached the first agreed upon land claim ahead of his father who then took over upon his arrival. With that land in possession he sped to the next quarter section to await there for his older sister to take charge.

He moved to Oklahoma City in 1910 and resided at the same home, 3001 N.W. 10th Street for over 50 years. In 1911 he married Lida Cleveland.

He helped open the Oklahoma City stock yards in 1910, serving as hog salesman for National Commission Company. In 1923 he started up his own local slaughter plant, known then and since as the Cornett Packing Company, which he later turned over to his two sons, the late Buster Cornett, and Jack, to operate. He did most of the buying for the plant until he retired in the '30s.

He was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church, Chamber of Commerce, Cowboy Hall of Fame, a charter member of Westside Lions Club, a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the old Cherokee Strip Cow Punchers' Association.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Charles M. Cassidy, 1815 S.W. 30, Mrs. Allie Brewer, 4513 N.W. 19; Mrs. A. A. Aker, 5715 N.W. 48; and Mrs. Pat Ash, 3704 N.W. 18. Also, a son Jack, 4933 N.W. 33. A sister, Mrs. W. P. Cornett, 4147 N.W. 18 and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Buster Cornett, 821 S.W. 45. He also leaves 16 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

—George H. Shirk

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