

# Olive Hill Cemetery Association Inc.

## Newsletter

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### ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 26, 2003, 10 a.m.

Since 1933 when OHCA incorporated, an annual meeting has been held on the legally designated Memorial Day.

According to our by-laws, a quorum for the transaction of business consists of the number of members present. We hope a lot of you can attend this year as we enjoy the visiting as well as the meeting and remember, guests are welcome.

Our historian has been hard at work this year as you will see from the interesting pictures in this issue. Donna also continues to raise special funds to mark some of the old unmarked graves. You'll see two new granite stones on Lot #36 memorializing two Barber infants buried in 1911 and 1912.

Also in this issue is a story by Kathryn Lay Hollingsworth. So, enjoy the newsletter and start making your plans now to join us Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. — see ya there!

David Lay, OHCA Chairman

### NEW OHCA CARETAKER ON BOARD

Most of you who knew our long-time caretaker, Bob Brooks, also know by now that he passed away last year. We are still missing Bob but are very happy to report that a former caretaker, Charles Johnson, who *thought* he had retired, is back taking care of Olive Hill again and doing an excellent job of it. Charles Freeland is working with him, and depending on which day you see them, one is Charles, the other Chuck — but you never know which!

If you ever have any emergency and can not reach either telephone number listed on the plaque by the gate, you may call Charles at 677-0481. You will notice the little details of trimming, planting and mulching that were missing during the between-Bob-and-Charles time are back. It's nice to welcome back another person who cares for Olive Hill the way we do.

Otherwise there is little business to report. We had no burials during this past year and no ice storms that tore up any more of our trees. The Dorothy Tree and the Baby Garden survived their first year in good shape and we're busy getting things ready for Memorial Day. Please come.

Fran Morris, OHCA Secretary-Treasurer

### MORE FASCINATING GEMS OF HISTORY

Once again, I thank OHCA for the privilege of serving as your historian. Among the many fascinating facts and figures I found this year was this picture, taken about 1907 that shows lots of familiarly named people who attended Scott School at that time. If you have any pictures or stories to share, please contact me at [olivhill@flash.net](mailto:olivhill@flash.net) or 419 Longworth, Duncanville, Texas 75116.

Donna Hocking, OHCA Historian



Olive Hill Families of Scott School, Yukon —  
Nickel, Bailey, McCallon, Crawley, Jensen, Starry, Towe

*Back Row:* Maud Williams, Frankie Williams, Mable Nickel, Luttie Towe, Sarah Bailey, Dennis Towe, Fred Bailey, George Nickel, McKinley Starry, Miss Summers, Teacher

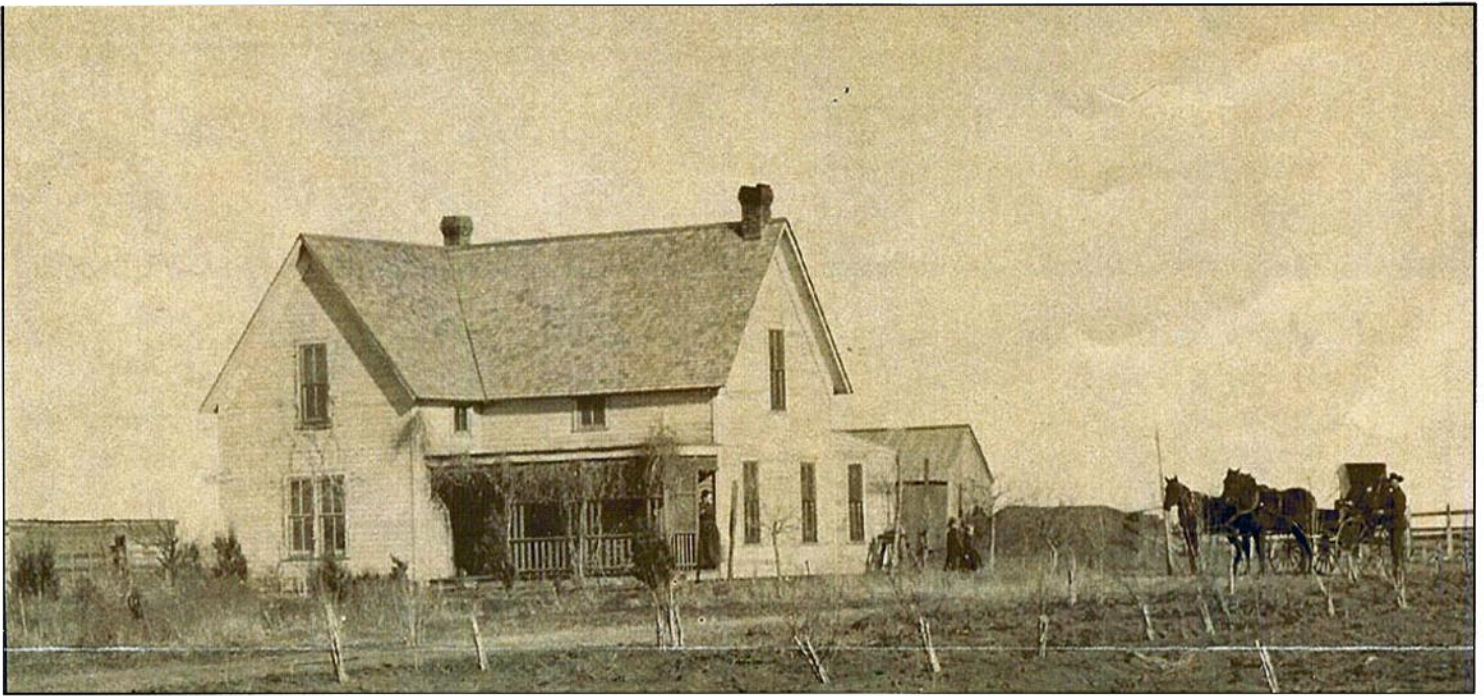
*Second Row:* Bessie Stingley, Berta Bailey, Bessie Starry, Edith Crawley, Laura Bostwick, Larry Williams, Loren Towe, Horace Williams

*Third Row:* Ruta Starry, Pearl Williams, Inez McCallon

*Fourth Row:* Carrie Starry, Opal McCallon, Nita Towe, Sylvia Bailey, Frances Jensen, Nellie Crawley

*Seated:* Earl Williams, Glen Towe, Rene Raines, Isaac Cooper, Larry Williams, Irving Jensen





## THE BAILEY HOMEPLACE

Rufus Bailey (youngest child of Olive Hand Bailey) bought the quarter section of land at the corner of what is now 108<sup>th</sup> and County Line Road and built this house.

When it was ready for occupancy in 1894, his wife and six children came from Topeka, Kansas, to Oklahoma by train. Three more children were born here.

In January of 1923, with Rufus past 70 years of age, he and Libbie moved away from the farm into a "city" house in Britton. Later, their youngest son Fred and his family occupied the house while they were building a new home a mile east at what is now 108<sup>th</sup> and Council Road. Fred farmed the entire half section until he retired in 1964.



He sold the house (not the land) in the late forties, and it was moved to the location at 900 N. Ann Arbor in Oklahoma City. Now, driving north on County Line we can still recognize the place the old "home place" once stood, on the highest point of the rise of land from the road.

When the house was moved, it was remodeled with the second story raised so that the bedroom walls no longer sloped, and the entire exterior was covered with brick.

My mother, who was born in that house, drove me down to see it (about 1960) and at the time the entire block of North Ann Arbor was filled with neat rows of nice homes, set back from the street to display deep grassy lawns.

We located the house forty years later; it was the only house still standing. The rest of the block, including the front lawn areas, were filled with mobile homes and a few businesses.

The house has not been moved again, but now sits just east of Ann Arbor, on a narrow new street called Andrews. Seems to us a rather sad place for it to end up, but it is nice to see the house still in use. Grandpa used good lumber!

*Kathryn Hollingsworth  
Great-Granddaughter of Olive Hand Bailey*