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Document Title: Obituary of Benjamin Franklin West, 1 Nov 1830 to 17 January 1925

Source: Helen Kelly Moody sent this obituary to Karen West Scott who sent it to me in 1998. Photo also provided by Elise Cooper to Gary Leonard.

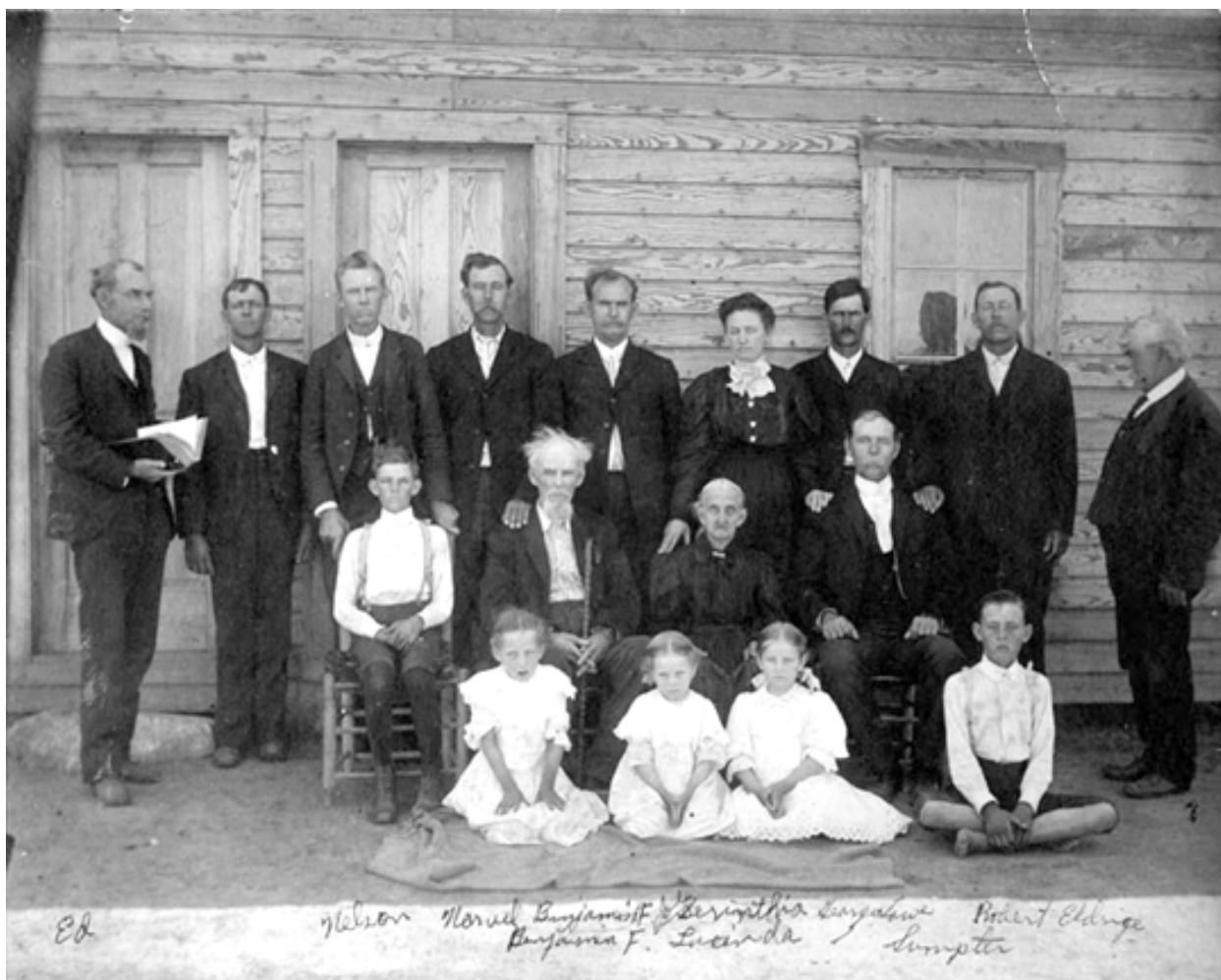


PHOTO: This is a photo of Benjamin Franklin West and his wife, Lucinda Gieger West, with some of their children and grandchildren. On the second row, 4th from the left is son, Joseph Samuel West (1865-1927), my great-grandfather. (William Nelson West>Shadrach Nelson West>Benjamin Franklin West>Joseph Samuel West>Zack Simeon West>)

The obituary is from an undated newspaper clipping. The newspaper is not identified.

Quoting:

“Benjamin Franklin West, 94 years, 2 months, 17 days of age, a Confederate soldier, was in the siege at Vicksburg, under Captain Bridges. He died Saturday, Jan. 17, at the home of his daughter, **Mrs. Serintha A. Lowe**, 305 Bell Ave., Lawton, Okla. He was born in Jasper county, Miss. On Nov. 1, 1830, and professed a hope in Christ at the age of 17. He joined the Missionary Baptist church, of which body he lived in a faithful member unto death. He leaves six sons and one daughter: They are: **Rev. S.E. West**, age 72, Duke, Okla., **W. S. West**, aged 70, Eldorado, Okla., **Rev. S.N. West**, aged 65, Lawton, Okla., **N.B. West**, aged 63, Mulberry Ark., **Rev. J.S. West**, aged 60, Bailey, Okla., **Mrs. S.A. Lowe**, aged 57, Lawton, Okla., **R.E. West**, aged 53, of Strong City, Okla.

“The following is written in loving remembrance of “Grandfather” West, by one who knew and loved him:

“He lived a life so good and true, At peace with God when he died; And from this earth his spirit fled, With Jesus to abide.

“And though he has gone from this earth forever, The memory of him will ever remain In the hearts of the ones who knew and loved him, Yet we feel that our loss is Heaven’s gain.

“For many long years he lived her with us, And taught us a lesson we cannot forget: For his life and his love was given to Jesus, So when death called him he had naught to regret.

“Just a little while and then we shall meet him, in that fair home beyond the blue sky. Just a little while and then we shall greet him, Never to leave him or tell him good-bye!

“--Mrs. Luther E. West

“(Sent in by G.W. Lowe, 305 Bell Avenue, Lawton, Okla.)”