

THE MOVE TO OKLAHOMA FOR J. D. SHUFFORD

In the spring of 1912, Mr. J. D. Shufford of Amarillo hired my father to go to the Panhandle of Oklahoma and take charge of his ranch there. A history of this ranch is presented elsewhere.

Our household goods were loaded in a box car and four horses were stalled in one end of the car. The horses came from Clovis, they were some of the same ones that had come from Waggoner's. They were shipped to Texline, Texas. We, in turn, rode the passenger train to Texline. Mr. Riley Hughes greeted my father as he stepped from the train. They became lifelong friends. Another man that welcomed him was Mr. Pool, the railroad station agent. Also there to meet us was a Mr. Swanson, a business man from Texline. He was a friend of Mr. Shufford. Mr. Swanson took us to the ranch in a model T Ford.

As we drove through different pastures on the way to the ranch, we noticed at times a white streak along the north side of the east-west fences -- it looked like a snow bank -- it was the bones of the cattle that had died the winter before.

