

TUSCANIA

Bailey, Joe Eldon
1893 TX – 1936 OK



weeks ago.
Joe E. Bailey, one of the survivors, is a son of Hodge Bailey, sheriff of Grady county.

*Joe Eldon Bailey – “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 17 Feb 1918 p 17 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/899764164/>*



Joe Eldon Bailey – 1907 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/45033927/person/6723391266/media/3e67f210-3ab5-44a6-bf08-741d8a7edae5?_phsrc=yGl480&_phstart=successSource



Bailey family ca. 1907 – girl at left unidentified, Joe Eldon Bailey, father Hodge Bailey, brother Elmer Wade Bailey, mother Mary Belle Wade Bailey - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/45033927/person/6723391266/media/28138799-9765-4959-86fc-bad99244798d?_phsrc=cPx3428&_phstart=successSource



J.H. Bailey, Uncle
George Mays,
Harvey Bailey,
Hugh Hale,
Hodge Bailey, Joe
Eldon Bailey

1897

Rush Springs, Indian Territory
(Oklahoma)

https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/45033927/person/6723391266/media/80f357c6-fdb5-4cfc-a08d-914c8eca5d3f?_phsrc=cPx3429&_phstart=successSource



Joe Eldon Bailey - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15722583/person/303111538/media/6f3e70db-5ae5-4b8a-9eb6-e9b2ad0e477e?_phsrc=yGl481&_phstart=successSource



At left is James Hodge Morrow Bailey, Jr. with his wife Mary Belle Wade. The boy in front is son Joseph Eldon Bailey. The baby is thought to be a girl that died soon after this photo was taken. The girl at right is thought to be a sister of Mary Belle Wade. Elmer was born in 1901, 8 years after Joseph Eldon, so this photo is dated about 1898. There was also another son born in 1907, but he, too, died in infancy.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
G. O. M. G. Form No. 688
Approved Aug. 12, 1918
Revised May 26, 1921

WORLD WAR DIV
JUN 9 1936

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE.
(PLEASE MARK OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment Date September 19, 1917
Discharge Date August 12, 1919

ORIGINAL

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
BAILEY, JOE E	Wagoner	Supply	9th U.S. Infantry	May 29, 1936
Name of Cemetery	Located in or near	City	State	Division
Rush Springs Cemetery	Rush Springs	Oklahoma	2nd Division	Oklahoma

To be shipped to Mrs. Jessie Bailey at Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma
(Name of consignee)

Whose post-office address is 709 F Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma

DO NOT WRITE HERE
JUN 8 - 1936
To A. G. O.
Ordered 1 JUL 1936
B/L 1450198
Shipped 8/8/36

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Mrs. Jessie Bailey Applicant.
Address 709 F Avenue Date 6/3/36
Lawton, Okla

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2375/images/40110_285347-02088?pld=1982767

BAILEY JOE ELDON C 1 291 856

Wag Cas Det Demob Grp K

Rush Springs Okla A 1 362 374

Sr 251 357 Died 5-29-36 T 407 809

Born 1/1/93 R

Enl 9/19/17 Dis 8/19/19 C 527 414

M. & R. Dte. Form No. 2.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1M-W3TX-J?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPZ6-23ZP&action=view>

JOE BAILEY, 43, OFFICER, DIES; RITES SUNDAY

Legionnaires And Auxiliary
Members Will Attend
In Body

BURIAL AT RUSH SPRINGS

Bailey Deputy Sheriff Here
Since 1933; Candidate
For Sheriff

Funeral services for Deputy Sheriff Eldon "Joe" Bailey, who died at 6:30 p. m. Friday in a Lawton hospital after an illness of several weeks, will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Centenary Methodist church.

43 Years Old

Mr. Bailey was 43 years old. He became critically ill only a few hours before his death. Efforts to aid him by blood transfusions late Friday proved futile.

He was born January 4, 1893, at St. Jo, Tex., and came to southwestern Oklahoma with his parents when he was only five years old. The family settled at Rush Springs in 1898.

The family moved to Chickasha in 1915, and his father, Hodge Bailey, served as sheriff of Grady county, 1916-20.

Railroad Agent

Joe Bailey was a special agent with the Rock Island railroad in Chickasha from about 1915 to Sept. 1, 1917, when he enlisted as a volunteer in the World war.

His organiza-



tion sailed for France on the army transport "Tuscania" the latter part of September, and the ship was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Irish channel, Oct 5, 1917.

Mr. Bailey was one of the survivors who were rescued the following day after spending the night in the icy water clinging to wreckage.

23 Months Overseas

He served 23 months overseas, most of which time he was on the front lines. He was gassed twice and won a citation for bravery with his discharge. He was in the 2nd Division, 9th Infantry in a machine gun company, and was returned to the United States in the summer of 1919.

In 1922 he was married to Miss Jessie McCowin at Rush Springs, and brought his bride to Comanche county where they settled on a farm north of Indianahoma.

Sheriff Fritz McCarty appointed Mr. Bailey a deputy sheriff in January, 1933. When Sheriff McCarty withdrew recently from the race for sheriff, Bailey filed as candidate for the office.

Survivors Listed

Survivors are his wife and one son, Jimmie, 13, of 707 Columbia avenue; his father, Hodge Bailey, and one brother, Elmer Bailey, both of Rush Springs. He is also survived by several cousins who live in Lawton, and other relatives.

live in Lawton, and other relatives.

Mr. Bailey had been a member of the Methodist church for many years and was well known for his consistent Christian life. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Oklahoma Peace Officers association.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. B. Thompson, pastor of the Centenary Methodist church, assisted by Rev. A. J. Becker, pastor of the Post Oak Mission near Indianahoma.

Serving as bearers will be Otis Waldron, Dan Hanna, Ed Smith, Charles Ozmun, Cary Millard and Clyde Taylor.

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Members of the American Legion and the Legion Auxillary will meet at the Legion hut at 1:30 p. m. Sunday to attend the services in a body. Emil Woesner, commander, announced Saturday.

Burial will be in the Rush

Spring cemetery by the side of his mother, Mrs. Belle Bailey, who died about 10 years ago. The Lawton Funeral home will be in charge. A firing squad and bugler from Fort Sill will attend the burial at Rush Springs.

Members of the family have the sympathy of their many hundreds of friends in the county and southwestern Oklahoma in their bereavement.

Life:

REGISTRATION LIST DIST. NO. 1
(Continued from page 3)

664 Joe Eldon Bailey, Chix

"Chickasha (OK) Star" Friday 13 Jul 1917 p 6

Joe E. Bailey, Hodge Bailey, father,
1208 S. Sixth street, Chickasha.

On board Tuscania – "Daily Ardmoreite" (Ardmore OK) Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

Oklahomans Rescued.
The following Oklahomans have
been reported as safe:
Frank J. Ackerson, Ochelata.
Ralph S. Adams, Ollton.
Olank Anderson, Vinson.
Clarence O. Anderson, Hobart.
Will E. Armstrong, Cement.
Arthur F. Austin, Catesby.
O. C. Atchley, Gould.
John F. Autrey, Frederick.
Silas J. Bumpass, Corinne.
Joe E. Bailey, Chickasha.
Mack Bailey, New Wilson.

"Wagoner (OK) Record-Democrat" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Eldon Bailey Safe

Following the receipt of the flash telling of the sinking of the American transport by a German submarine, great uneasiness was felt by Sheriff Bailey until he received an official wire announcing his son, Joe. E. Bailey was among the rescued. Eldon Bailey was a member of one of the battalions of American soldiers aboard the transport,

"Chickasha (OK) Star" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

Grady Sheriff's Son Landed Off Scotland

American Expeditionary Force.
Dear father and home folks:

Will write you a few lines. Am well and getting along fine. Was on the Tuscania when it was torpedoed. Was in a life boat about seven hours, landed on an island off the coast of Scotland. There is some of the best people in the world, there. We were all wet when we landed. The waves looked mountain high.

Love to all,

J. E. BAILEY.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 24 Mar 1918 p 19

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/448679547>

Wife:

MARRIAGE RECORD

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Grady County

IN COUNTY COURT

I, Joe E. Bailey, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to
 M. Joe E. Bailey, aged 29 years, whose residence is Rush Springs
 State of Oklahoma, and Miss Wesley McCann, aged 24 years,
 whose residence is Rush Springs State of Oklahoma, and for the purpose of procuring the same,
 do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and place of residence of said parties
 are truly and correctly set out above, that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into marriage
 relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 29 years of age, and reside at
Rush Springs, County of Grady, State of Oklahoma
 Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of March, 1922.

E. J. Reynolds, County Judge.
E. J. Reynolds, Court Clerk.
 By _____, Deputy.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Grady County

IN COUNTY COURT

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM AND SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Joe E. Bailey of Rush Springs
 County of Grady, State of Oklahoma, aged 29 years, and
 Miss Wesley McCann of Rush Springs, County of Grady,
 State of Oklahoma, aged 24 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, at Chickasha in said County, this 31 day of March, A. D. 1922.

E. J. Reynolds, County Judge.
E. J. Reynolds, Court Clerk.
 By _____, Deputy.

Recorded this 31st day of March, 1922.E. J. Reynolds

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Grady County, ss.

I, E. J. Spencer, Minister, Church of Christ
 of Rush Springs in Grady County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons
 named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1922,
 at Rush Springs in Grady County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of E. J. Reynolds
 of Rush Springs, Okla and E. J. Spencer of Rush Springs, Okla.

E. J. SpencerReturned and recorded this 3rd day of April, 1922.

E. J. Reynolds
 By Walter H. Halloway Deputy

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Floyd Brown, 21, Cogar, and Miss Annie Mitchel, 19, Minco.

J. B. Gattis 42 and Mrs. Nettie Westfall, 34, both of Chickasha.

J. Martinez, 59, and Selah Salasar, 56, both of Rush Springs.

Earl H. Williams, 21, and Miss Edythe E. White, 19, both of Chickasha.

Joe E. Bailey, 29, and Miss Jessie McCown, 24, both of Rush Springs.

M. P. Alford, 31, Rush Springs, and Mrs. Bertha Riley, 18, Fletcher.

"Chickasha (OK) Star" Friday 7 Apr 1922 p 1

Son:



Son Jimmy Eldon Bailey (1922-2008) – Lawton (OK) High School yearbook 1940 -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/43134_b193247-00010?pId=315508354

Wedding Bells Ring At Elgin

Three Couples Marry On Christmas Week

ELGIN, Dec. 27—(Special)—Miss Opal Asher and Jimmie Eldon Bailey were united in marriage Christmas Eve at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harrison, the Rev. W. W. Martin officiating.

The couple stood in front of a lighted Christmas tree while the ceremony was read. After the ceremony, gifts were distributed from the tree.

The bride wore a tailored dress of powder blue with navy accessories. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, the Rev. W. W. Martin, Mrs. W. W. Martin, Emma Lou Harrison, John Robert Harrison, Edwin Martin, Cleo Morris, and Miss Bernice Skinner of Elgin, Miss Katherine Burns of Grand Prairie, Texas, Harold Provine and Fred Lamb of Lawton.

Jimmie Bailey was graduated from Lawton high school with the class of 1939 and attended Cameron college 1940-1941. He is now employed at the North American Aviation Company at Dallas, Texas where the young couple will make their home. Mrs. Bailey is formerly of Grand Prairie, Texas.

"Lawton (OK) Constitution" Sunday 28 Dec 1941 p 7

Father:

SERVICES HELD FOR HODGE BAILEY SUN.

Funeral services for Hodge Bailey, 81, were held Sunday afternoon in the Church of Christ with Rev. John Malone in charge. The obituary was read by Raymond Murray.

Bailey died at his home Thursday afternoon almost two weeks after he was shot by Irvin Stringfellow following a roadside argument at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 12.

Pallbearers were Grover Spears, DeArthur Wilson, Cliff Hutton of Hennessey, Howard Dryden of Chickasha, Wiley True, Chickasha and Stan Wright.

Hodge Bailey was born June 7, 1871 in Georgia and died Sept. 25, 1952 at the age of 81 years 3 months and 3 days.

At a young age he moved to Texas and married Belle Wade Sept. 24, 1891 to which union four children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Bailey died in 1924 and Eldon Bailey the oldest son died in 1936.

He farmed for one year in Montague county, Texas, and moved to Cook county where he worked for W. W. (Bill) Grant on the old Ellis ranch.

Three years later he moved to Rush Creek near old Beef Creek. A year later he moved to Cheyenne, Okla., where he worked for Calburn and Stake.

Bailey returned to Grady county in 1897 and received an Indian allotment, which was then known as the Dalton boys' hide-out.

Except for four years he lived in Chickasha as sheriff; he lived on the same place since 1901.

He is survived by his wife, one son of Oklahoma City, and one grandson.

Obituary of father Hodge Bailey – "Rush Springs (OK) Gazette" Thursday 2 Oct 1952 p 1

Shots Wound Hodge Bailey

Hodge Bailey, 81, third sheriff of Grady county, was wounded three times about 9 a.m. today in an altercation about one-half mile west of Rush Springs.

E. H. Stringfellow, 36, Rush Springs, surrendered to Constable Haskell Tuck after the shooting.

He is being held in county jail pending investigation of the incident and determination of the seriousness of Bailey's wounds.

The former sheriff was wounded in the right elbow, left hip and right thigh.

The shooting reportedly followed a roadside argument between the two men.

Undersheriff Benton Bozarth said a .25 caliber automatic was allegedly used in the altercation. Stringfellow was brought to Chickasha by Deputy Sheriffs DeArthur Wilson and Bob Stidham.

Bailey was sheriff of Grady county during World War 1.

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" Friday 12 Feb 1952 p 1

Hodge Bailey Dies; Charges Prepared

A murder charge was being prepared today in the county attorney's office against Irvis Stringfellow, 36, Rush Springs, in connection with the death of pioneer Hodge Bailey, 81-year-old former county sheriff.

He died late Thursday afternoon in his home in Rush Springs.

The third sheriff of Grady county was wounded three times during a roadside argument about 9 a.m. Sept. 12 one-half mile west of Rush Springs.

Stringfellow had previously pleaded innocent to an assault with intent to kill when arraigned before Justice of the Peace H. W. Cabeen on Sept. 16. He was re-

leased on \$2,000 bond after waiving preliminary hearing.

After the alleged shooting, Stringfellow surrendered to Constable Haskell Tuck in Rush Springs.

He was arrested today in Rush Springs by Deputy Sheriff DeArthur Wilson and returned to county jail.

Bailey was born June 7, 1871, in Georgia. He lived in Arkansas and Hunt county Texas for four years before residing at St. Joseph, Texas.

He farmed for one year in Montague county, Texas, and moved to Cook county where he worked for W. W. (Bill) Grant on the old Ellis ranch.

Three years later he moved to Rush Creek near old Beef creek. A year later he moved to Cheyenne, Ok., where he worked for Calburn and Stake.

Bailey returned to Grady county in 1897 and received an Indian allotment, which was then known as the Dalton boys' hold out.

Except for four years he lived in Chickasha as sheriff, he lived on the same place since 1901.

He is survived by his wife, one son of Oklahoma City, and one grandson.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Callaway-Mullican Funeral home, Rush Springs.

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" Friday 26 Sep 1952 p 1

Mother:

ANOTHER PIONEER HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Hodge Bailey, wife of Hodge Bailey, who lives near Acme, died at her home last Saturday night November 1st, at 11:00 o'clock, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Bailey, nee Miss Belle Wade, was born in Franklin county, Arkansas, on May 15, 1873, and died November 1, 1924, at the age of 51 years, 6 months and 14 day. She was married to Hodge Bailey on September 24, 1891. To this union four children were born, three boys and one girl, two of which died in infancy. She Besides being a loving mother to her own children, she also raised two orphan girls, both now living, Mrs. C. W. Jolley of Acme, and little Thelma who was living with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. Bailey gave her heart to God and was a conccrated christian all the way through. She was bed-fast six months before death, but was kind and patient in her last hours, and when the death angel called to carry her home she said she was ready to go.

She was laid to rest in the Rush Springs Cemetery Sunday afternoon, November, 2, with Rev. C. W. Young conducting the funeral service. Besides a number of relatives, she leaves a large number of friends to mourn her death.

"Thou art gone our dearest
Mother,
Left us here on earth to roam,
On this earth there is no other
That can fill thy place at
home."

A Friend.

Obituary of mother Mary Belle Wade Bailey – "Rush Springs (OK) Gazette" Friday 7 Nov 1924 p 1

Stepmother:



Stepmother Letha Edith Hood Bailey with husband Hodge Bailey– Oct 1943 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75604953/person/132101589823/media/4dae4118-7c0b-4880-a763-96d1de05ef6e>

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014	
View record	
Name	Letha E. Bailey
Social Security Number	443-46-7565
Birth Date	17 Feb 1900
Issue year	1962
Issue State	Oklahoma
Death Date	Nov 1990

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75604953/person/132101589823/facts>

Siblings:



Brother Elmer Wade Bailey (1901-1976) & wife Essie Edna Wiley Bailey -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75604953/person/132101590112/media/942227fc-1b92-4eca-bba3-69f6999d357b>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Joe Eldon Bailey

Name variations: Joseph Eldon Bailey, Eldon Bailey

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade - private

Serial number: 251,357

Entered service from: Chickasha, Grady OK

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Joe E. Bailey

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Hodge Bailey, 1208 S. 6th St., Chickasha OK

Returned from war on: "Princess Matoika" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Joe E. Bailey

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Hodge Bailey, Chickasha OK (wagoneer, Supply Co., 9th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Joe Eldon Bailey - b. 1 Jan 1893 St. Joseph TX; res: 208 S. 6th, Chickasha, Grandy OK. Single. Farming for self at Lindsay OK. Medium height, stout build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 19 Sep 1917

Discharged 19 Aug 1919

Address: Rush Springs OK

Rank/unit: wagoner, Cas Det Demob Grp

Headstone application: wagoner, Supply Co., 9th Infantry, from Oklahoma. Wife Mrs. Jessie Bailey, Lawton, Comanche Co. OK

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Jan 1893 St. Joseph, Montague TX

Died: 29 May 1936 Lawton, Comanche OK (at his home in Lawton)

Find A Grave record: 16732538 -presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Rush Springs, Grady OK

Cemetery: Rush Springs

Tombstone: veteran tombstone - Oklahoma Wagoner 9 inf 2 Div

Father: Hodge Bailey (James Hodge Morrow Bailey, Jr.), 7 Jun (or 14 Jun) 1871 GA – 25 Sep 1952 Rush Springs, Grady OK.

Son of James Hodge Morrow Bailey Sr. who fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War, 15th Mississippi Infantry, and was taken prisoner 27 Jul 1864 in GA. His mother was Elizabeth Pamille Crossley (F: 16732524).

Joe was the son of Hodge's 1st wife, Belle Wade. "Seminole (OK) Producer" 3 Mar 1939 p 12 – age 66, of Rush Springs, former Grady Co. sheriff, was arrested by the OK patrol & placed under \$500 bond, charged with drunken driving after colliding with a truck. In 1943 served on the Acme school board. – He died 2 weeks after being shot 3 times (elbow, hip, thigh) in a roadside argument ½ mile west of Rush Springs OK with Irvis H. Stringfellow. – Buried in Rush Springs Cemetery, Rush Springs, Grady OK.

Find A Grave: 21871797

Mother: Mary Belle Wade Bailey, 15 May 1873 Franklin Co. AR – 1 Nov 1924 Acme, Grady OK. Obituary: "Rush Springs (OK) Gazette" 7 Nov 1924 p 1 – Mrs. Hodge Bailey, who lives near Acme, died at her home 1 Nov 1924 after a lingering illness. She was born Belle Wade in Franklin Co. AR on 15 May 1873. She died at age 51 years, 6 months, 14 days. She married Hodge Bailey 214 Sep 1891. The couple had 4 children, 3 boys & 1 girl, two of whom died in infancy [Thelma Sain, age 6, was living with her in 1920 census]. She also raised two orphan girls, Mrs. C.H. Jolley of Acme and "little Thelma," who was living with her. Mr. & Mrs. Bailey moved from TX to Indian Territory in 1895 & resided in & around Rush Springs since. She was bedridden 6 months before her death. Burial in Rush Springs Cemetery, Rush Springs, Grady OK.

Find A Grave: 16732551

Parents' marriage: Hodge Bailey & Mary Belle Wade married 24 Sep 1891 Montague Co. TX

Stepmother: Letha Edith Hood Bailey, 17 Feb 1900 TX – 15 Nov 1990 Rush Springs, Grady OK,

In the 1900 census of Justice Precinct 3, Bosque Co. TX, Edith Hood (2 months, b. Feb 1900 TX) lived with her parents, Charles L. Hood (21 TX) & Flora A. (20 MO).

Buried in Rush Springs Cemetery, Rush Springs, Grady OK.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 21871800.

Stepmother's marriage: Hodge Bailey married Edith Hood 15 Jan 1926 Grady Co. OK.

Hodge was age 54, a resident of Acme OK – Edith was age 26, resident of Marlow, Stephens OK.

Spouse: Jessie Beulah McCown Bailey Harrison, 3 Apr 1900 Rush Springs, Grady OK – 16 Apr 1973 Lawton, Comanche OK.

In the 1900 census for Township 3, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Jessie (age 1, b. Apr 1899 OK) lived with her parents James A. McCown (26 TX, Sep 1878, farmer) & Rachel (23 TX, Apr 1877).

After Joe's death, she married 4 Mar 1940 in Comanche Co. OK to J. Mack (Jonathan Mack) Harrison (1898-1987, F: 49510029)

Obituary: "Lawton (OK) Constitution" 16 Apr 1973 p 16 – Jesse Beulah Harrison, 73, burial in Elgin Cemetery. Died 16 Apr 1973 Lawton OK. Born 3 Apr 1900 Rush Springs OK. Married J.E. Bailey in Rush Springs; he died 1936. Lived in Lawton until 1940 when she married Mack Harrison on 1 Mar 1940. Survived by her husband, son Jimmy E. Bailey (Arlington TX), stepson John Robert Harrison (Irving TX) & stepdaughter Mrs. Emma Lou Provine (Midwest City OK).

Buried in Old Elgin Cemetery, Elgin, Comanche OK.

Spouse Find A Grave: 49510010

Marriage: OK, County Marriages – Joe E. Bailey, age 29, resident of Rush Springs OK, married Jessie McCown, age 24, resident of Rush Springs OK, on 31 Mar 1922 in Grady Co. OK by the Church of Christ minister.

Children:

- James E. (Jimmie/Jimmy) Eldon Bailey, 7 Nov 1922 Rush Springs, Grady 1923 OK – 8 Jun 2008 Arlington, Tarrant TX. Age 7 in 1930 census, In 1940 census, he was living with stepfather John M. ("Mack") Harrison & mother Jessie B. Harrison in Elgin, Comanche OK. Listed as Jimmie E. Bailey, age 17, b. OK, John Harrison's stepson. In 1935, Jessie & Jimmie indicated they had lived in Lawton, Comanche Co. OK. – Married 24 Dec 1941 in Comanche Co. OK to Opal Jewell Asher (1923-2005, F: 14577863). Buried in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 28858627

Siblings: his mother had 4 children – 3 boys & 1 girl – two of whom died in infancy.

- Girl Bailey, ca. 1897/1898. Shown in family photograph above. Elmer Wade Bailey. 4 Jan 1901 Rush Springs, Grady OK – 27 Nov 1976 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.

- Married Essie Edna Bailey (1903-1987, F: 118814869) in 1922. Marriage: "Chickasha Star" 10 Nov 1922 p 2 – Elmer Bailey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hodge Bailey, married Miss Essie Wiley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Wiley, both of Acme. The groom was raised here; the bride came here 5 to 6 years ago. She attended Acme schools until the past 2 years at Ardmore OK. Would have finished her high school at Rush Springs this term except Elmer intervened. Obituary: "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 28 Nov 1976 p 77 – d. age 75 on 27 Nov 1976. Burial in Resthaven. Born in Rush Springs OK, moving to Oklahoma City in 1942 from Chickasha. Survived by wife Essie, stepmother Mrs. Edith Bailey of Rush Springs. Buried in Resthaven Gardens Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK, F: 118814943

- Boy Bailey, b. 1907 (according to family stories on Ancestry.com)

Notes:

While Joe Eldon is at war, his father, Hodge Bailey (the sheriff of Grady County OK), along with the county attorney Oscar Simpson and the mayor O. Coffman of Chickasha OK, are charged by a grand jury with accepting payments as "protection" for gambling houses. Sheriff Bailey is first suspended, having been charged with the others with neglect of duty & maladministration of office. The three then resign. ("Tuttle [OK] Times" 6 Sep 1918 p 1; "Verden (OK) News" 19 Sep 1919 p 1 – grand jury of Aug 1918)

Pre-war:

"Rush Springs Herald" 2 May 1912 p 8 – Eldon Bailey home from Chickasha Business College.

"Chickasha Daily Express" 11 Apr 1917 p 6 – Eldon Bailey, son of Sheriff Bailey, is now located near Channing TX, after spending several weeks in NM.

Wartime:

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" 7 Feb 1918 p1

A Chickasha boy "may have found a grave in the briney deep." Sheriff Bailey got a suitcase from his son Eldon a few days ago, sent prior to his sailing to France. Eldon was drafted on the first call, and had been in NJ several weeks about to sail. The sheriff believes him to be on board but will be relieved to know he is not.

"Chickasha Daily Express" 13 Feb 1918 p 2

The rumor on the streets that Eldon, son of Sheriff Hodge Bailey, died as a result of exposure has no truth.

"Chickasha Star" 15 Feb 1918 p 1

Great uneasiness was felt by Sheriff Bailey until the official wire announced son Joe E. Bailey was rescued. Same page, different story – The War Department notice received 109

Feb said he was safe, but has not received news directly from his son. The only Grady County boy lost was Raymond Hurst of Pocasset, originally reported safe

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 17 Feb 1918 p 17 - photo - his father Hodge is the sheriff of Grady Co. OK

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 24 Mar 1918 p 19 – "Grady Sheriff's Son Landed Off Scotland"

Letter home to father signed J.E. Bailey, "Am well and getting along fine." Was in lifeboat 7 hours, landed on Islay, "There is some of the best people in the world there" - waves looked high as mountains, landed all wet.

"Chickasha (OK) Star" 26 Apr 1918 p 1

Sheriff Bailey got a photo of American soldiers at the burial of 44 of their comrades. The sheriff's son Eldon is shown clearly in the foreground. The photo notation says the troops are standing on a cliff overlooking the sea & their comrades are being interred at the foot of the cliffs 300 feet below. The women of Mull [actually the name of the peninsula but described as the place of interment] worked all night to make a US flag.

"Chickasha Star" 7 Jun 1918 p 6

Sheriff Hodge Bailey got a letter from Eldon, written in France. He was driving an 8-mule team & feeling perfectly at home. He had not heard from any home folks since he entrained from Camp Travis in TX. He was in a lifeboat 7 hours before landing in Scotland, where he was cared for by the local citizens & Red Cross. He sent a clipping from a Scottish newspaper about his group; Eldon is shown in the foreground of a photo.

Post-war:

"Chickasha Star" 17 Jun 1921 p 6 – Eldon Bailey visited his home from his ranch west of Lawton.

"Chickasha Star" 12 May 1922 p 6 – Eldon Bailey & wife of Indianahoma visited his parents Mr. & Mrs. Hodge Bailey & her parents, Mr. & Mrs. McCown.

"Chickasha Star" 21 Jul 1922 p 1 – Paul & Eldon Bailey drove to Indianahoma last Wednesday to look after Eldon's cattle there.

"Rush Springs Landmark" 24 Feb 1922 p 5 – Hodge Bailey & son Joe E. were visitors in Chickasha.

"Chickasha Star" 21 Apr 1922 p 8 – Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Bailey moved last week to their lease near Indianahoma OK.

"Rush Springs Record" 16 Apr 1923 p 4 – among the ex-servicemen members of Sam Newberry Post No. 80 of Rush Springs is Eldon Bailey.

Obituary:

"Oklahoma News" (Oklahoma City OK) 1 Jun 1936 p 14 – "Peace Officer Buried at Rush Springs" - The funeral for Eldon Joe Bailey, Comanche County deputy sheriff and son of former Grady County sheriff Hodge Bailey, was held in Lawton OK on 31 May. The body was sent to Rush Springs for burial. He died 29 May 1936 at his home here (Lawton).

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 cannot locate

1910 Cross, Grady OK

Hodge Bailey, 38 GA, father b. GA, mother b. SC, married 19 years, farmer, on farm Belle, 38 GA, states where parents b. unknown, house wife, at home, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are alive

Eldon, 17 TX, farmer, on farm

Elmer, 9 OK

Elizabeth Bailey, 69 SC, parents b. SC, widow, married 40 years, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are alive, retired [mother]

1920 Cross, Grady OK

J. Hodge Bailey, 48 GA, father b. AL, mother b. SC, farmer

Mary B., 47 AR, parents b. GA [wife]

Joe E., 27 TX, farmer, at home [son]

Elmer W., 19 OK [son]

Elizabeth P. Bailey, 80 SC, father b. NC, mother b. SC, widow [mother]

Thelma H. Sain, 6 OK, father b. TX, mother b. AR [niece]

1930 Indianahoma, Comanche OK

Josep [sic] E. Bailey, 37 TX, father b. GA, mother b. AR, age 29 at 1st marriage, farmer, general farm, WWI veteran

Jessie B., 30 OK, parents b. TX, age 22 at 1st marriage

James E., 7 OK

[In this census, his father Hodge is married to Edith.]

1940: Elgin, Comanche OK – Joe Eldon Bailey is dead; his wife has remarried

John M. Harrison, 43 OK, mail carrier, rural route

Jessie B. Harrison, 40 OK [wife]

John R. Harrison, 18 OK [son] [absent]

Jimmie E. Bailey, 17 OK [stepson]

Emma Lou Bailey Harrison, 16 OK

In 1935, Jessie [Harrison] & son Jimmie Bailey were living in Lawton, Comanche OK – John, John R. & Emma Lou Harrison resided in Elgin OK.