

Grandpa Charley Made Adobe Bricks



My grandpa Charley (Charles Robert Reynolds, 1865-1950) gained a reputation for making adobe bricks. It is no wonder since the first substantial homes in the area were made of adobe. He must have learned the skill from his father, Warren Ford Reynolds.



This photo of the old family home was taken about 1911. It was built on the site of Grandpa's original 1892 adobe home, on a hill between 9th and 13th East on the Murray-Holladay Road. Shortie is on the porch and my father, Owen Ford is third from the left. This photo captures only part of the family. About five years later the family

gathered for a photo in front of their home on the occasion of the marriage of the oldest son, Charles Leonard Reynolds to Ada Jacklin.

CHARLES AND LOUISE REYNOLDS FAMILY

MARCH 1916



Leonard and Ada were married on March 15, 1916. This might very well be that day. The photo was probably taken during morning hours as there is a new skiff of snow. Everyone is dressed in their finest attire like they are ready to go to the temple. Later this same day Owen and Leonard will be photographed with their horses, the snow will be almost all gone and the shadows will be long with a setting sun. They will be seen wearing the same clothes and Owens shoes will be muddy from catching the horses.

In this photo, back row from left: Ada Jacklin, Leonard, Clyde, Will Baker, Mabel (about four months pregnant), Merle, Hazel; Front Row from left: Jay, Grandpa Charles, Lila, Grandma Louise, Owen and Vernetta. Note: Owen chooses to have his picture taken surrounded by all the woman folk! Note Vernetta's dress. She will be seen standing on the porch in the "horse" photo. This photo courtesy of Judy Kershaw

The original home would be added to at least twice as times wore on. These were horse and buggy days when the above photo was taken. The image of Leonard and Owen



below was probably taken the same day, but in the afternoon when most of the snow had melted.

HORSE TRADERS

March 15, 1916



Leonard is on the left holding "Molly" and Owen is holding "Dolly." Fourteen year old sister Vernetta looks on from the porch in the background. They are dressed in their fineries for a special occasion. Leonard married Ada Floy Jacklin on March 15, 1916 and this could very well be that day because another photo exists of the same day(morning) where the entire family including the Bakers are present. Dolly was a gift to Owen from his father and he used her on his paper route. Owen was twelve years old when this picture was taken. It is an interesting study with his Sunday dress, knicker pants, muddy shoes and fine tie.

Photo from Owen's album.

Ten years later -- a new roof line andgrand-kids!



The spot in the community that was known for holding family reunions, making reputations, saving souls, bearing testimony of “truth,” and Saturday night dances was the local ward house.



The South Cottonwood Ward house was a perfect example in this regard. It was built in 1856 and made of adobe. That portion of the old meeting house was still there when I was a boy and my grandmother Louise Reynolds stood and testified of her faith on the first Sunday of every month, without fail. As long as I live I will remember how touched and thankful I felt when as a boy of twelve I sat near the front of the chapel in a packed house and listened to the stalwarts of the community give true, heartfelt honor and praise to the memory of “that good man,” my grandpa Charley, who had lived all eighty-five years of his life within a quarter of a mile from where his father Warren Ford Reynolds and his wives created their homestead.

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