

NECROLOGIES
JUNIUS TALCOTT FOOTE
1876-1946

Junius Talcott Foote, son of Horace Kossuth Foote (born at Arcadia, Louisiana in 1848 and died at Covington, Texas in 1926, a school teacher) and his wife, Missouri (Anderson) Foote, (born at Nacogdoches, Texas on September 12, 1855 and died at Covington, Texas on October 18, 1938).

He had the following brothers: (1) Horace Briley Foote, deceased, (2) Grover Houston Foote, Holdenville, Oklahoma, and the following sisters: (1) Gertrude E. (Foote) Johnson, deceased, Beaumont, Texas, (2) Cora Edna (Foote) Keys, Teague, Texas, (3) Ada Elma (Foote) Thomason, Mexia, Texas, and (4) Ellen Estelle (Foote) Griffin, Covington, Texas.

He was of English descent, being descended from Nathaniel Foote born at Colchester, England in 1593, and settled in Connecticut and died at Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1644.

His father, Horace Kossuth Foote, was (1) descended from Horace F. Foote, and (2) from Deacon Samuel Foote, and (3) from Obed Foote, and (4) from Moses Foote, and (5) from Nathaniel Foote, and (6) from Robert Foote.

Junius Talcott Foote married Mary Belle Sims on July 19, 1902 at Cotton Gin, Texas, and lived at Dublin, Texas, and Sherman, Texas, and Durant, Oklahoma. To this marriage came the following children: (1) Robert Junius Foote, (2) Joseph Horace Foote, deceased, (3) Jackson Weldon Foote, (4) Mary Bessie Foote, deceased, (5) Verna Francile Foote-Ehricht, and (6) William Mack Foote.

The said Junius Talcott Foote's education consisted of ten years of grammar school at Corsicana, Texas. He held the following positions: (1) President of the Durant Nursery Company, (2) President of the Durant Lions Club, (3) President of the Durant Chamber of Commerce, (4) Member of Board of Deacons of First Presbyterian Church U. S., Durant, (5) Charter member of U. S. Highway 70 Association. He had been associated in the Nursery business for over fifty years. He had headed the Durant Nursery Company since 1905 with the exception of time spent in Sherman, Texas from 1905 to 1907.

His maternal grandmother was Elizabeth (Briley) Anderson and his paternal grandfather, John W. Anderson. His paternal great-grand-father was Benjamin Anderson who died during the American Revolution. This information was derived from his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Ehricht, Dallas, Texas.

At the time of his death he lived at 1701 West Main Street in Durant, Oklahoma, and died on the 23rd day of December, 1946. Funeral services were conducted at the First Presbyterian Church U. S. on Christmas Day with the Pastor, Rev. Frank M. Taylor and Rev. Ebenezer Hotchkin officiating. Interment was in Highland Cemetery at Durant. Pall bearers were Frank Dyer, J. D. Steakley, Dr. J. T. Colwick, Geo. C. Pendleton, Ralph Ownby and H. A. Hewett.

He devoted his life to civic and religious work while building up his own business. He was formerly Mayor¹ of the City of Durant.

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¹*Queen of Three Valleys* (Story of Durant by Henry MacCreary, p. 129).

JAMES ARTHUR HARRIS

1870-1947

James Arthur Harris, born near Henry, Marshall County, Illinois, on July 26, 1870, was the son of George H. and his wife Emeline H. (Rowe) Harris.

In 1630 Thomas Harris, his first progenitor in America, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, came from England to the Colony of Massachusetts. The said Thomas Harris became the father of Thomas Harris by his wife Martha Lake. They had a son, Ebenezer Harris, born in 1662 in Massachusetts, who married Christobel Crary and removed to Plainfield, Connecticut, where he died. In the next direct line of descent was Nathan Harris, born in Plainfield, Connecticut, who married Susannah Rude. Their son, Daniel Harris, born in Plainfield, in 1759, was a Revolutionary soldier and in his latter years drew a half pension of \$44.00 per year from the United States Government. He married Lucy Fox and in 1788 removed from Plainfield, Connecticut to Becket, Massachusetts. Their son, Harvey Harris, born at Hecket on April 13, 1795 became a physician practicing his profession in his native town for some years until he moved to Etna, New York, where he continued in the practice many years. He later removed to Henry, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1870 when he was about 75 years old. The maiden name of his wife was Eliza Harned. They were the parents of George H. Harris, who was born at Etna, New York, September 27, 1844 and died at Nevada, Missouri, November 22, 1903. He was a boy of ten years when the family about 1854 removed to Henry, Illinois. There he married Emeline H. Rowe and they had five children: William H. who married Eva Fairbanks; James Arthur, whose name forms the caption of this article; Harriett A.; Charles E.; and Edith M., who is the wife of George W. Strawn.

James Arthur Harris was a boy when death deprived him of his mother's care. At the age of thirteen years he came to Indian Territory, residing for the following five years beginning with 1883 with his uncle, James R. Harris, at Atoka, in the Choctaw Nation. His education was acquired in the local schools and his experience as a clerk in a general store, being there engaged for three years or more, both as a mercantile clerk and as a buyer of railroad ties. He later, about 1891, took a commercial course in a business college at Omaha, Nebraska, and for three years thereafter was in the abstract business.

In 1893 he engaged in the mercantile business at Wagoner, Creek Nation, Indian Territory, where one year later his brother, William H. Harris, joined him as a partner, and they successfully conducted the store, and engaged in the cattle business which later, in 1904, was merged into the real estate business and after this time the firm of Harris Brothers was numbered among the most active and successful in business in that part of Indian Territory. They also engaged in oil production, the style of the firm then being Harris Brothers & Strawn, George W. Strawn, a brother-in-law, being associated with them. The restrictions as to Indian lands in the Creek Nation, including Freedman lands, were removed in part by Act of Congress, and also by the Secretary of the Interior. James A. Harris, during all these years was a Republican, and devoted his attention to his business affairs.

In 1900, after the City of Wagoner had been organized under the municipal laws of Arkansas, extended over the Indian Territory by Act of Congress on March 29, 1900, James Arthur Harris called a non-partisan meeting together to nominate candidates for municipal offices on a non-partisan ticket, which was comprised of both Democrats and Republicans.¹

Working in his party's ranks and its organization, he was popular not only among his own party but also the Democrats. In the Republican National Convention in 1908 held at Chicago when Wm. H. Taft was nominated for President, he was one of the Delegates at Large.² He had been a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention for the proposed State of Oklahoma, which convened in November 1906, and the Constitution being ratified by the people September 17, 1907.³

The Republican Territorial Convention for the Indian Territory was held at Purcell in 1900 and W. M. Mellette was elected as National Committeeman, and W. H. Darrough of Wyandotte as Chairman, and at the Convention held in 1904 Mellette was re-elected as National Committeeman and Darrough as Chairman.

In 1908-9 James Arthur Harris was Treasurer⁴ of the Republican State Committee and in 1910 its Chairman.⁵ From 1912 to 1916 he was a member of the Republican National Committee⁶ and 1920-21 a member of the State Republican Committee and 1920-24 again a member of the National Committee⁷ and in 1920 took a leading part in carrying the State for Harding and electing a Republican United States Senator.

On December 25, 1937 he and Miss Allene G. Reed were married and she survives him. He was a Methodist and a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite, McAlester Consistory.

He died at Wagoner, Oklahoma, on Wednesday, April 16, 1947, where he was interred. He was still active in business at Wagoner until near the time of his death.⁸ He was loyal to his party and faithful to his friends, whether Republicans or Democrats.

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JOHN B. HARRISON

1861-1947

John B. Harrison, son of William Garrett Harrison and his wife, Mary Lucretia (Buntin) Harrison, was born April 10, 1861, in Anderson County, Kentucky, and died on April 12, 1947, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Buntin) Harrison and

¹ *Wagoner Record*, March 29, 1900.

² *Muskogee Times Democrat*, June 15, 1908.

³ *Journal of Constitutional Convention of Oklahoma*.

⁴ *The Weekly Chieftain*, Vinita, Aug. 14, 1908.

⁵ Fred Barde Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society Library, and Oklahoma Almanac and Industrial Record (1908).

⁶ *Men of Affairs in Oklahoma* (1916).

⁷ *Who's Who in America*, Vol. XVII (1932-33); *Directory of the State of Oklahoma* (1945).

⁸ *Oklahoma City Times*, April 16, 1947, P. 13; *Who's Who in Oklahoma*, (Boren & Boren, Guthrie) 1935.

his maternal grandparents were Henry Harrison and Perlina (Oliver) Buntin.

He attended the common schools in Anderson County, Kentucky, and high school at Gainesville and Whitesboro, Texas, and an Academy at Paris, Texas.

He worked on cattle ranches in West Texas and taught school and was admitted to the Bar in Greer County when its court was operating under the Texas jurisdiction, and was County Judge of Wheeler, Texas, and in 1891 removed to Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory and settled at

Cheyenne and was County Attorney of Roger Mills County from 1894 to 1898 and a member of the Oklahoma Territory Council from 1901-2, and Delegate to the Constitutional Convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Oklahoma from District 45, and served on the following committees:—

1. Executive Department,
2. Municipal Corporations,
3. Revenue and Taxation,
4. Crimes and Punishment (Chairman),
5. Judicial Apportionment,
6. Manufactures and Commerce,
7. Ordinances,
8. Election Ordinances and Amendments.

He was Supreme Court Commissioner from August, 1911, under Act of March 25, 1911, his term ending on the 1st day of February, 1915. The opinions of said Commissioner are reported in the Supreme Court Reports, Vols. 30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 44, and 46. Under S. P. Freeling, as Attorney General, beginning with February 1, 1915, until January, 1918, he served as Assistant Attorney General and being elected as a member of the Supreme Court served from 1918 to 1928, after which time he practiced law in Oklahoma City, until he retired in 1936.

He was united in marriage to Henrietta Wallach on April 30, 1891, at Mangum, Oklahoma and to this union came the following children:

(1) L. D. Harrison, present address 630 East Monroe, Kirkwood, Missouri, who served in World War I as First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, in France, and who married Frances Arcularius on July 25, 1931, at Joplin, Missouri. They are the parents of twin daughters, Theresa Louise and Marchia Ann Harrison. (2) Bland Harrison, died at the age of six years. (3) V Roy Harrison, a daughter, single, whose address is 133 N. E. 14th St., Oklahoma City. (4) Oma Harrison who married Anthony Oscar Workman at Oklahoma City on June 30, 1921, whose present address is 625 N. W. 15th St., Oklahoma City. They are the parents of three sons, John Perry Workman (b. June 21, 1924), who served as Private, U. S. Army, in World War I; Tom Edward Workman (b. December 25, 1927), who served as Private, First Class, in World War II and is now serving in Japan; Roy Dickson Workman (b. December 15, 1929), a student in Classen High School, Oklahoma City. (5) Lou B. Harrison, present address 51 Seventh Ave., South, New York City, N. Y., who is now Director of Field Service, National Staff, Camp Fire Girls, Inc., who married Stanley Clifford Paine on December 18, 1926, at Oklahoma City. (6) John Burford Harrison, present address 1701 N. W. 18th St., Oklahoma City, who married Maxine Elizabeth Brockman on July 31, 1937, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

John B. Harrison, the subject of this sketch, was a member of the

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Christian Church, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the "Oklahoma Hall of Fame" and affiliated with the Democratic Party.¹

BERT E. NUSSBAUM

1875-1947

Muskogee County Bar Association:

Your committee appointed by the president to draft resolutions in memory of Bert E. Nussbaum, respectfully submit the following memorial and biographical sketch.

Mr. Bert Nussbaum was born on February 16, 1875, at La Porte, Indiana, and departed this life on January 3, 1947, at Muskogee, Oklahoma. He received his elementary education in the boys' department of Notre Dame University, at South Bend, near La Porte. He graduated from high school at Plymouth, Indiana, and attended the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he received his law degree. After a year of travel in Europe he began practice in Chicago in 1889. In 1907, the year of statehood, he came to Muskogee, where he was actively engaged in his profession and in civic and charitable affairs until his death. In 1921 he was married to Mrs. Olive L. Murray, who, with three daughters, Miss Barbara Murray and Mrs. Richard L. Disney, Jr., both of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Arnold Parr of Tulsa, and two grandchildren—little Terry Ellen Disney and another new-born babe—, and a brother, Samuel N. Nussbaum, of Chicago, survive him.

Bert E. Nussbaum was a member of the board of directors of the Muskogee General Hospital, and president of the Muskogee County Bar Association at the time of his death. He had been president of the Muskogee Law Library Association for twenty-four years, 1916 to 1940, and was formerly a member of the city library board, also a member of the selective service advisory board, and of the tire rationing panel, and of the war price and rationing board.

Mr. Nussbaum was a careful lawyer, thorough in his work, reliable, prompt and faithful to his clients. Gentle in manners, and kind and courteous to all, he was loved and respected by all, and especially the members of the bar who knew him best.

The members of the Muskogee Bar, together with the many friends made by the Nussbaums during their long residence and useful activities, offer these expressions of appreciation, sympathy and condolence, upon the loss of a good citizen and loyal friend, and move that these resolutions be adopted and spread upon the records of the association, and of the district court for Muskogee county, and the Oklahoma Bar Journal, and the Oklahoma Historical Society, and a copy to be furnished to the bereaved widow and children.

HOMER BAUGHMAN, Chairman
 GEORGE W. LEOPOLD
 HOWELL PARKS

¹ *Standard History of Oklahoma* (1916) by J. B. Thoburn, p. 923; *Who Is Who in Oklahoma* (Boren & Boren, Guthrie) 1935; *Who's Who in America*, Vol. 23, p. 897.