

Smith Cousins Hold Reunion

Descendents of early-day settlers in Wewoka recently enjoyed their annual cousins' reunion on Sunday, July 3, in Wewoka.

Marshall Mattison Smith and Patty (Mayfield) Smith came to Wewoka in 1909 with some of their children and their families.

This July 3, there were 120 descendants and families of this couple in attendance.

The relatives gathered together for dinner at the Wewoka Trading Post.

For many years the event has been hosted by a cousin, Zane Smith, and Jim Chadick.

Lunch consisted of fried chicken and brisket furnished by Zane and Jim and pot-luck dishes brought by family members.

At the reunion there was plenty of time for reminiscing, telling family stories and enjoying old photos which were on display.

One ancestor even further back in this Smith line was Elijah Smith.

He served in the Revolutionary War from New Jersey.

In 1778, immediately after the founding of our nation, he and his wife Hannah Hunt moved to Washington County, Va.

In 1800, Elijah received

a land grant in Whitley County, Ky.

Some of Elijah and Hannah's descendants still live in the area today.

It is from Whitley County, that Marshall and Patty moved to Wewoka with some of their family over a century ago.

During the Civil War, Marshall Smith had served with three of his brothers in Co. E, 32nd Reg., Kentucky Volunteers Infantry of the Union Army.

Several of Marshall's brothers moved to Indian Territory and had established the Smith General Merchandise store in Wewoka, Holdenville and Tecumseh.

Represented at the Wewoka reunion this year were four family lines of the original family of 10 children of Marshall and Patty Smith.

The lines represented were John Speed III, Jacob (Jake), Susan, and Marshall Mattison, II.

The older children remained in the Whitley County, Ky. area around Corbin and did not move to Oklahoma with Marshall and Patty in the early 1900's.

At this year's family reunion a special feature was a golden wedding anniversary poster which was displayed naming 33 couples in the Smith line who have celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Information was provided on how the 33 couples were related in the Smith family.

One spouse of each couple is a direct descendant of Marshall and Patty.

They were married 45 years before Patty died in 1910 and both of them are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Wewoka.

She was the second person laid to rest at Oakwood.

Roy "Curly" and Dorothy Kibby will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in September of 2005.

Also in attendance on July 3 were four couples who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They are Jakie and Wanda Smith and Max and Virginia Smith, all of Wewoka, Jep and Joyce Smith of Center Point, Texas, and Robert and Mildred Smith of Ponca City.

Traveling the farthest distance for the reunion were Amber McCoy, of the Washington, D.C., area and Jim and Jan Rogers from Polebridge, Mont.

Also in attendance on July 3 were 20 members of Jim Chadick's family.

Their parents, Albert and Mamie (Hamp-

ton) Chadick moved to Wewoka from Calvin in the late 1920s and farmed north of Wewoka for many years.

Several cousins came from Roland and others nearby.