

Personal Notes

Many years ago, possibly the 1970's, this charming remembrance was memographed and handed out to family members at a family get-together. There is no date on this paper of when it actually took place. This is an excerpt pertaining to the above. Many thanks to Norene for taking the time to pass this wonderful information down to her family. This was written by: June Stokes, great-granddaughter of the Rev. Isaac Newton Franks.. "The following historical information was given to June Stokes, of Fort Towson, by her Aunt Norene (Davidson) Hunt. Mrs. Norene Hunt is Rev. Franks' granddaughter. June called her aunt for information concerning Ouida Roberts research on the early history of the Fort Towson First Baptist Church. She is compiling this into book form on the early history and organization of the church.. Norene Davidson Hunt resides in a nursing home in Ardmore. She is a retired teacher, who was born and raised in this county. Mrs. Hunt first taught school at Sunkist, near Boswell, then at the Sulphur State School for the Deaf when she retired. Mrs. Hunt was given this information from her mother, Abbie Nora Davidson, Rev. Isaac Franks' daughter.. Isaac and Elizabeth Franks' son Charlie married Daisy Fodge, whose mother was Granny Fodge. June Bokies Stokes remembers for years thinking Granny Fodge to be her own grandmother. After their mother's death in April of 1928, June and Joe just being seven days old, were taken to live with their grandmother, Abbie Davidson. Abbie Davidson being 55 years old knew she needed help with the twins, so while daughter Norene was away at school, Granny Fodge being "a specially good" life-long friend helped out with the rocking chair. They rocked us a million miles, Joe being Granny's favorite, they saved our lives and we made it with their love and those old rocking chairs. . Daisy Fodge was also the sister of Marvin Fodge who was the father of Frank Fodge, all of Ft. Towson. Frank Fodge now lives in Antlers, OK. Daisy and Charlie Franks had thirteen children, of which there were two sets of twins. One of the girls, from one set of twins named Nora, married a fellow by the name of Horace Eudy. (*the story of the Eudy's by Norene is posted on Horace Eudy's page and some of his descendants).. From the thirteen children born to Charlie and Daisy Franks eleven lived. Charlie Franks passed away years ago in Oklahoma City. Charlie and Daisy were laid to rest in a small cemetery in western Oklahoma where they made their home. (* Correction - Daisy is buried in Orland, California).. This story again has been passed on by Norene Davidson Hunt, who resides in a nursing home in Ardmore, Ok. She is the daughter of Abbie Franks Davidson and the granddaughter of Rev. Isaac Newton Franks. This was told to her by her mother and then passed down to her niece, June Stokes, who lives in Ft. Towson now.. This you could say is some of the earliest history of a "Circuit riding" minister who served the Ft. Towson Baptist Church in its earlier years, about 1902. (* please see Isaac Newton Franks) Told in full detail it involves the lives of a lot of old-timers in the past, history of its time and in this area in and around Ft. Towson."