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## The Life of Alfonso Theodore Davis

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Alonzo Theodore Davis was born on June 29, 1877 in Duck Creek, Missouri. His father was James G. Davis, and his mother was Tenna J. (Cole) Davis. Alonzo had two sisters, Nancy Jane and Catee Ida, and one brother, James E. Alonzo and his father moved to Oklahoma with his sister Nancy and her family during the 1889 land run.

Alonzo led an interesting life. He owned a combination Barber Shop/Saloon in Weatherford. Alonzo worked for the railroad both in laying track and leading several cattle drives to Fort Sill. On one of these cattle drives he was injured when a rope broke which led to him needing a glass eye. On another of his trips to Fort Sill he saw Geronimo in his cell. Alonzo told stories of the path of over a foot deep that Geronimo had worn in his cell from all the pacing he was doing while confined.

Alonzo was married briefly, but his wife did not like the rough and dusty plains so after less than a year she moved back east. He never mentioned her again, but always kept a picture of her in his house.

Alonzo was loved by the community, and was actually know by Uncle Lon to everyone not just his many nieces and nephews. He always carried pink mints in his pocket, and gave them to children in town as be nice pills. Children learned quickly to not ask for the candy, but to let Uncle Lon ask if they had been naughty and needed a nice pill. If the children asked for it directly they would not receive a candy.

Uncle Lon never owned a car. He always walked anywhere he needed to go. He walked to the post office every day and enjoyed discussing politics, solving the government's problems, and the events of the community with the Postmaster. He also never owned a TV, he preferred getting his news from the radio.

Uncle Lon liked baked goods. He always commented on his niece's homemade bread good or bad. Uncle Lon always brought Sorghum Cake to any family or community events.

Alonzo made and lost several fortunes in his eventful life, but his death was peaceful. Uncle Lon Davis passed away in his sleep on May 2, 1966 in Arapaho, Oklahoma when he was 88 years old.